

HELPING
UNDERPRIVILEGED
CHILDREN LIVE
THEIR DREAMS!

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We wish you a blessed Ramadan!

We entered 2021 with the hope that with the availability of vaccines we were nearing the end of the pandemic. However, the battle is far from over. Last year, only through your support we were able to sustain the TCF movement and help the communities we serve survive the crisis.

This Ramadan, as economic repercussions of the pandemic become more pronounced and education remains disrupted, we once again look towards your support to keep dreams of our children alive.

Thank you for being part of the TCF family.

TCF-USA Team

Will I ever live my
dreams?



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Give Zakat for Education

From the Desk of Amjad Noorani

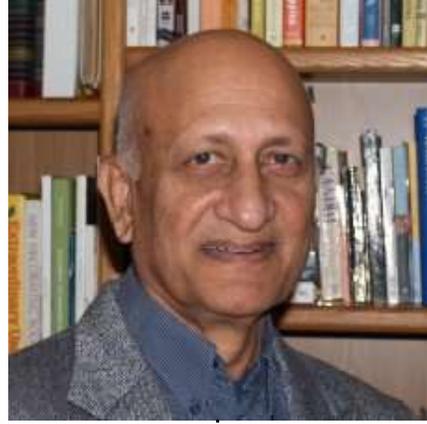
Dear TCF Supporter,

We can all be *Agents of Change* ... this Ramadan

Improving ones family's socioeconomic conditions is a human aspiration. I believe that the underprivileged can move from poverty to prosperity with opportunity for quality learning, sound education policies and, timely action compassionately led by us, the elite and fortunate in the diaspora.

What inspires me to associate with TCF is its focus on

creating agents of change through innovative programs of quality education, especially for girls. TCF has a unique front-line of female teachers and principals who reach out to mothers and the community and build lasting relationships to ensure that they send their children to school, especially the daughters. In a post COVID-19 world, this outreach proves to be of significant value as TCF sets out to retain all existing students and to expand access for those who are dropping out of other schools.



TCF's strategically planned programs speak for themselves, such as the early education initiative and quality learning in K-10 schools; the Alumni Development Program and TCF College—which facilitate school graduates to enter top tier universities; and *Dastak* [Opportunity Knocks] online Teacher Training Program designed to train 20,300 teachers from low-cost private schools to enhance teacher capacity and improve their pedagogical skills—and to economically empower the women trainees.

My dear friends—this Ramadan, do consider giving to TCF to provide underprivileged children a chance to pursue their dreams for a better future.

See www.agentsofchange.website for thoughtful insights in the book (globally available in May) on Pakistan's problematic K-12 education landscape and the people leading the change.

Amjad Noorani
Board Member
The Citizens Foundation, USA

Tune into TCF Telethon on April 25th!

A promotional graphic for the TCF North America Telethon. The top part features the text "TCF North America TELETHON" in white on a green background, followed by the slogan "Let's Keep our Children's Dreams Alive" in a handwritten font. Below this are five circular portraits of the event's hosts: Iqrar ul Hassan, Bushra Ansari, Sania Saeed, Sidra Iqbal, and Ayesha Omar. To the right of the portraits is a video player showing a woman in a green top with a play button overlay. At the bottom, a yellow box indicates the event is on "Sunday April 25th 2021". A black box with "LIVE ON" and the "ARY NEWS" logo is next to it. To the right, three boxes list the broadcast times: "12 pm to 4 pm CST", "1 pm to 5pm EST", and "10 am to 2pm PST".



Give Zakat for Education

Education Crisis Intensifies in Pakistan!
Nearly 1 million additional children are expected to drop out of schools due to financial hardship

This adds to an already staggering figure of 22.4 million out-of-school children in Pakistan.

Without education, these children from underprivileged families are likely to remain trapped in generational poverty. Being the largest network of schools for the underprivileged children in Pakistan, TCF has accelerated its efforts to bring the most vulnerable children back to schools and give them a chance to live a better future despite the growing challenges.

[Read our blog about TCF's efforts to mitigate this crisis](#)



Retaining TCF Students



Expanding Access



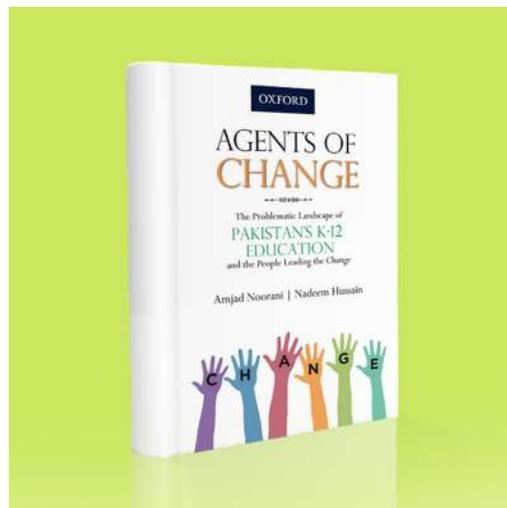
Re-enrolling School Dropouts



TCF Implements 21st Century Early Years Education Model

Research shows that early years are when children can build cognitive and socio-emotional skills that set the stage for later success.

Last year, TCF launched 21st Century Early Education Model in 504 of its primary schools in Sindh from nursery through Grade 2. Developed by graduates of the Vanderbilt and Harvard schools of education, this learning model helps build strong language and communications skills in students along with skills like independent thinking, collaboration and self-regulation of emotions and



Veteran Leader and TCF Alumnus Launch a Book on Pakistan's Education System

Agents of Change, a the book co-authored by TCF-USA's director, Amjad Noorani and TCF alumnus Nadeem Hussain, a World Bank consultant, was launched at the OUP Karachi Literature Festival on March 28, 2021.

"Agents of Change is a compilation of thought-provoking insights, opinions, personal stories and suggested actions for change in the K-12 education system in Pakistan. It validates how good schooling can alleviate poverty and advance societal development through equitable opportunity

behaviors - all of which are critical to succeed in current times and cannot be taught through textbooks.

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for quality education," states Noorani describing the book on www.agentsofchange.website.

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Zakat for Lasting Social Change! Hear What Imam Suhaib Webb Has to Say



Education transforms lives! For greatest impact in relieving poverty, please consider giving Zakat and other charity for education of the underprivileged children. Listen to respected religious scholar Imam Suhaib Webb's message on charity for education.

Still have questions about zakat? [Click here](#)

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TCF-USA Holds First Ever Hybrid Event in Houston



TCF-USA Houston Spring Fundraiser and Movie Night was held on Saturday, March 27, 2021, both at a physical venue, the Moon Struck Drive-In Cinema, and aired online on digital media.

With all safety protocols in place, almost 265 people attended the event physically and enjoyed watching Pakistani Blockbuster comedy Actor in Law in a relaxed, open air environment with family and friends.



The fundraiser was moderated by Abdullah Jafari, TCF-USA director, and Sabrina Siddiqui, political reporter/analyst at the Wall Street Journal and CNN. Riaz Kamlani, TCF EVP Outcomes also joined the discussion to share TCF's efforts to continue providing quality education to underprivileged students during the pandemic. The event was appreciated by all attendees and **community raised funds to keep dreams of 1000+ students alive!**

Check Out Our Exciting Event Line-up!

Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 1pm EST
[TCF-USA NYYP Virtual Ramadan Fundraiser](#)

May 1, 2021 at 12 pm PST
[TCF-USA Bakersfield Annual Fundraiser](#)

Stay tuned
for more
details

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Fundraise for Education this Ramadan!

What better time to share your blessings than the month of Ramadan. In these challenging times of COVID-19 pandemic, the underprivileged children need your support more than ever to continue their education. Start your own Ramadan fundraiser and share it with family and friends.



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