Dear Supporter,

"Hope is being able to see that there is a light despite all of the darkness"
— Desmond Tutu

This year has called upon so many to hope despite the darkness that the flooding has caused in Pakistan. This hope has shone brighter than ever through the generosity of your support to provide immediate relief to some 71,000 families in flood-affected TCF communities. Thank you!

The waters have receded but the displacement, loss of family income, and damage to the education infrastructure are driving children out of school. This is not an acceptable outcome. Today, with a belief that Learning Must Not Stop, TCF is rebuilding our flood-affected schools, and our faculty is leaving no stone unturned to bringing flood-affected children back to school.

We are hearing from our communities the stories of resilience of our children. The story of TCF student Rabia, covered later in this newsletter, particularly tugged at me. This Season of Giving, help TCF bring flood-affected children like Rabia back to their classrooms and give them their childhood back.

Thank you again for believing in education, and being part of the power of hope.
When floods tore through the village of Soomro Goth, Sindh, Rabia's father safely led them out of their mud brick house before it collapsed. As the flood waters receded and the family found their home and crops completely destroyed, Rabia thought that she might never return to school.

Her eyes lit up when a few days later TCF school principal, Ms. Raheela visited her home and comforted her father. "There are no words that can make up for your loss. But in this difficult time, I want to help you find hope of better days through Rabia's education."

Today, Rabia makes her way to school every morning. She still has her education to hold on to and that fills her with hope.

Read the full story.
Recovery After the Floods - Is the Crisis Really Over?

The catastrophic floods in Pakistan this August destroyed lives and livelihoods, affecting over 33 million people. With flood waters receding, the level of destruction and its enormous toll on economy and education are gradually becoming apparent.

"Initial calculations suggest that learning losses from the floods could exceed those due to COVID if not carefully remediated. In some parts of the country, the scale of flood-induced damage to school infrastructure is so severe that Learning Poverty may rise by 5 percentage points from schooling deprivation alone" - World Bank - November 2022

"Many of the hardest-hit districts are amongst the most vulnerable districts in Pakistan, where children already suffer from high malnutrition, poor access to water and sanitation, low school enrollment, and other deprivations." - UNICEF - November 2022

TCF's network of schools, spread across remote communities of Pakistan, provides direct access and deep local knowledge to mobilize relief most efficiently. TCF was prompt to launch a 3-tier relief effort in the affected areas. In the first phase, over 5.7 million meals were delivered to 71,650+ flood-affected families with the support of TCF staff and alumni.

In the following two phases, TCF aims to help rehabilitate 9,000 homes and reconstruct its schools affected by the floods. We are currently conducting a needs assessment in 100 high-need communities to identify the most deserving families. Moreover, TCF's engineering teams have been working diligently to repair its 100+ schools that were impacted by the floods. Additionally, TCF is taking following steps to ensure learning continues and children do not have yet another disrupted school year:
NEWSWEEK Features Story of TCF Alumna, Shaheen 'I was married at 11-years-old"

Shaheen started school at 6 and was married off at 11. The story of her unshaken will to continue her education against all odds was featured in Newsweek on November 05, 2022, based on an interview of the alumna by Newsweek 'My Turn' senior editor Jenny Haward.

“I realized life was going to change (after marriage), but I was determined to continue my education. Each time my school began a new academic year, I was told it would be my last. That would have been true if I wasn't supported by my TCF school principal Ms. Farzana, who convinced my parents each time to let me stay a little longer.”

Read the full story here

TCF-USA Board Spotlight!

We welcome the three recent additions to the TCF-USA Board of Directors! Their talent, skills and experience will surely help bring fresh views and insights to the organization.

Masooma Bhaiwala, Boston
Ms. Masooma Bhaiwala became a member of TCF-USA board in 2021. She also co-founded TCF-USA Boston Chapter in 2007. Ms. Bhaiwala is currently the Vice President of the Discrete GPU SOCs (DGS) within the Accelerated Computing Systems and Graphics (AXG) Group at Intel Corporation.

Salman Zafar, Seattle
Mr. Salman Zafar became part of the board in May 2022. He has been associated with TCF-USA Seattle chapter since its inception and has been leading the Chapter for 5 years. Currently, he is a Partner Director of Engineering at Microsoft. He has 20 years of experience in tech and cloud computing industry.

Sohaib Anwer, Houston
Mr. Sohaib Anwer became a part of the board in October 2022. He has been associated with the TCF-USA Houston Chapter since 2013 and is serving as the Chapter Leader. Mr. Sohaib is a registered Professional Engineer (PE) and a Project Management Professional (PMP).

To learn more about them, please visit https://www.tcfusa.org/our-people/
We celebrated Volunteers Week during the first week of December to acknowledge the hardwork and selfless contributions of our 200+ volunteers.

It is a matter of pride for us that much of the TCF-USA family is based upon compassionate individuals who offer their services voluntarily to run the everyday operations of chapters and for conducting fundraising, networking and outreach events. It is truly a labor of love for these amazing volunteers who enable hundreds of underprivileged children achieve their dreams through power of education.

TCF-USA Family Grows!

Now we are an even stronger team of 45 Chapters. We look forward to a dynamic journey with our new Chapters and their communities. Together we’ll strive for the future of underprivileged children of Pakistan.

Welcome aboard!

TCF-USA Colorado Chapter

TCF-USA Orlando Chapter

TCF-USA Columbus Ohio Chapter

TCF-USA Oklahoma Chapter

Events Roundup
This year was bustling with activity. The TCF-USA family held over 75 successful events throughout the year.

The last quarter was packed with annual galas and fundraisers dedicated to support TCF’s flood relief efforts and ensure continuity of education for vulnerable children. Washington DC, Seattle, Boston, Austin, Georgia, Philadelphia, Wichita, St. Louis, South Florida, New York Young Professionals and New Jersey chapters hosted over 2570 guests from their communities and each event was a true spectacle of generosity.

Several outreach and fun activities were also held. The Houston Chapter participated in an Islamic Art Festival and held a cricket match as a healthy outdoor networking activity for its community. The Chicago Chapter collaborated for a concert of Naseebo Lal and the Bakersfield Chapter held a donor appreciation event.

Coming soon...

- TCF-USA Kansas Chapter’s TCF Baithak - Saturday, January 21, 2023
- Sacramento Chapter’s Educate.Empower.Elevate - Sunday, January 22, 2023
- TCF-USA Colorado Chapter’s Educate. Empower. Elevate – Sunday, February 26, 2023
- TCF-USA Orlando Chapter’s Fundraiser – Saturday, March 4, 2023

Want to Maximize Your Impact this Year-End?

Before the year ends, you can DOUBLE your impact and help bring TWICE as many flood-affected children back to school!

Remember to claim matching for all your donations.

During this season of giving, consider a gift of Stocks or Bonds to make an impact in the lives of underprivileged children in Pakistan! Please note that the market value of a gift of securities may be tax-deductible.

Recent flood crisis is forcing vulnerable children out of school. As we step into the New Year, the easiest way to keep these children in school is to make a monthly recurring gift. For $24 a month, you can keep 2
Donations made this year before December 31, 2022.

Search here to see if your employer matches gifts to TCF-USA. Did you know that 260+ USA-based organizations already do!

Giving securities may also allow you to avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation of the asset.

Have questions? Contact our Planned Giving Manager, Manita Swati at manita.swati@tcfusa.org.

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