



THE CITIZENS FOUNDATION, USA



From the Desk of Sohaib Anwer



Dear Rida,

Being a father to two young boys, who mean the world to me, is one of the biggest blessings of my life. But having been a volunteer for TCF for more than 10 years, gives me a kind of joy that is hard to put in words. I feel enormously blessed that through TCF I have an opportunity to contribute towards improving the lives of other children as well.

Living here in the United States, it is easy to forget how blessed we are, and quite frequently we take certain things for granted in our lives, things like easy access to education for our kids. The fact of the matter is that access to education is far from easy or even an option for many kids in Pakistan. By conservative estimates, about 23 million children in Pakistan (which is roughly half of all the children of school going age in Pakistan) are not going to school. This alarming fact makes Pakistan home to the 2nd largest population of out-of-school children in the WORLD!

Rather than despair about it, TCF-USA and its hundreds of volunteers have decided to support the movement that is providing Quality Education to the underprivileged children in Pakistan, to address this problem. The good news is that **through TCF, you can also help educate a underprivileged child in Pakistan with Quality Education, for as little as \$12/month.** The donation that you give will not only change the life of just one child; it has the power to transform the lives of everyone in that child's family.

I invite you to become a part of this movement by supporting TCF.

Sincerely,

Sohaib Anwer
Director, TCF-USA

Sohaib Anwer, a dedicated board member since October 2022, has been actively involved with TCF-USA Houston Chapter for over a decade and serves as its Chapter Lead. With a strong background in engineering, project management, and a passion for social impact, Mr. Anwer has played a pivotal role in the success of the Houston Chapter that supports over 20 TCF schools.



Pledge to educate a child

Look out for a TCF-USA Event Near You!

- Austin Chapter Gala| Sunday, September 24, 2023
- Philadelphia Chapter Gala | Saturday, September 16, 2023
- Orlando Chapter Gala| Saturday, September 16, 2023
- Los Angeles Chapter Gala | Sunday, September 17, 2023
- Houston Chapter Gala | Saturday, September 23, 2023
- Seattle Chapter Fundraiser | Friday, October 13, 2023
- Georgia Chapter Gala | Saturday, October 14, 2023
- Portland Chapter Gala | Saturday, October 14, 2023
- Washington DC Gala | Saturday, October 21, 2023
- Houston Chapter Cricket Tournament | Saturday, October 21, 2023
- Westchester Chapter Gala | Saturday, October 21, 2023
- Boston Chapter Gala | Saturday, October 28, 2023
- New Jersey Chapter Gala | Saturday, October 28, 2023
- Pittsburgh Chapter Fundraiser | Friday, November 10, 2023
- Wichita Chapter Event | Saturday, November 11, 2023

For updated information, visit: <https://www.tcfusa.org/upcoming-events/>

One Year Later - Rebuilding Lives After Devastating Floods

One year ago, Pakistan was hit by one of the worst floods in history - uprooting the lives of millions.

In the immediate aftermath of the disaster,



TCF sprang into action with your support, launching a massive flood relief effort. We **aided 20,000 affected families through cash distribution** (providing each with approximately \$210) and distributed **over 5.7 million meals**. We **revitalized all 100 of our damaged schools**, ensuring that children from affected communities could return to their classrooms.



Disasters may fade from headlines, but their impact lingers. For the flood affected communities, their journey back to normalcy continues long after the cameras have stopped rolling. Today, nearly 10.5 million Pakistanis still endure acute food shortages due to destroyed crops (Center for Disaster Philanthropy). Communities struggle to rebuild homes, schools, and infrastructure. Children are particularly affected. Missed school time can equate to a year of lost learning.

Supported by the **Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP)**, TCF is ensuring that flood-affected students have the **remedial learning tools** to recover. We're also expanding our reach by **identifying four flood-ravaged areas to build new schools and fortifying existing ones** in flood-prone areas with more resilient structures. Last year, our supporters threw a lifeline to these communities through our Flood Relief Appeal. Today, TCF is urging you to **continue bolstering our efforts to rehabilitate flood-affected regions through education** and empowerment. Together, we can secure a better future for all.

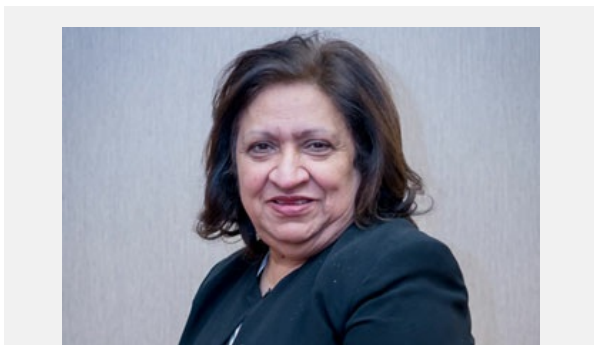
Stride Towards a Brighter Future: TCF-USA's Run for Education



Over the Independence Day weekend, TCF-USA organized its inaugural Run for Education – a nationwide event uniting individuals and communities in the shared mission of offering quality education to Pakistan's most vulnerable children. The event was a massive success, garnering over 200 sign-ups from people across the nation as they marched in solidarity for the cause of education. The Run not only raised awareness for TCF's mission, but it also raised funds that will be used to uplift underprivileged children and their families in Pakistan.

Watch the video [here](#) to catch a glimpse of passion and energy that fueled this year's Run.

TCF-USA Directors Honored with Pakistan's Civil Awards



We are delighted to announce the exceptional recognition received by two esteemed members of the TCF-USA family: Shimmi Kidwai and Dr. Adil Najam.

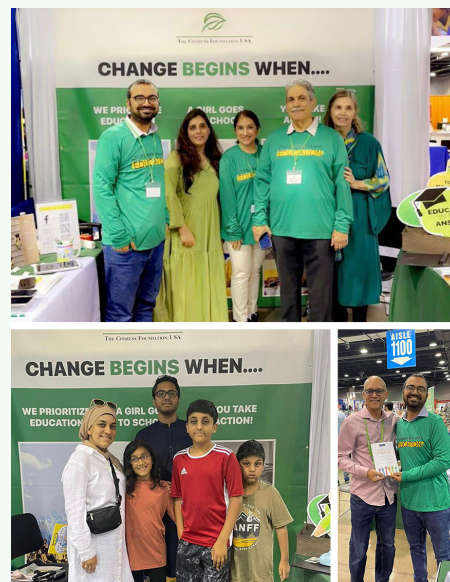
Director, TCF-USA Board, Shimmi Kidwai has been honored with the Tamgha-e-Khidmat by the President of Pakistan. This prestigious award celebrates her outstanding contributions to the social sector, reflecting decades of dedicated service to underprivileged communities. Shimmi's impact extends beyond her role at TCF-USA, encompassing a wide range of social causes.

Director, TCF-USA Board, Dr. Adil Najam, has been awarded the Hilal-e-Imtiaz a testament to his wide-ranging contributions in public policy, sustainable development, and climate change. This award complements his prior recognition with the Sitara-i-Imtiaz in 2010. Dr. Adil Najam's leadership extends to his role as the President of WWF International, further amplifying his impact on global sustainability.

We congratulate Shimmi Kidwai and Dr. Adil Najam on these remarkable achievements. Their dedication embodies the spirit of TCF-USA's mission, and we are proud to have them as guiding forces within TCF-USA.

TCF-USA at ISNA Convention

TCF-USA was a proud sponsor at the 60th Annual Convention of Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) held in Chicago on the Labor Day weekend. With an estimated attendance of 10,000, this was a great opportunity to share TCF's mission to educate with the attendees. Our special thanks to our volunteers, TCF-USA team members, and TCF alumnus Nadeem Hussain for dedicating their time to championing the cause at our booth.



Educating Children through the Power of Social Media



Earlier this year, TCF-USA joined forces with 18 North American social media influencers and embarked on a mission to educate 350 underprivileged children in Pakistan as part of the TCF Ramadan Challenge. Together, TCF-USA and its partners not only achieved but exceeded our goals!

These collaborative endeavors will empower deserving Pakistani children by providing them with quality education and essential skills, thereby paving the way for a more promising future for both themselves and their communities.

See them in action here during our Ramadan Challenge.



Our fundraising events have been a mainstay of our efforts from the beginning of this year. Ramadan at TCF-USA was in particular celebrated with heartwarming gatherings for Iftar dinners and Suhoor nights to magnify the sense of community during this deeply spiritual time. The newly formed chapters also hosted their inaugural events, shedding light on the pressing education crisis in Pakistan.

A vibrant and exciting Fall season is now in full swing from August to December, with a line-up of diverse events for all active TCF-USA Chapters. As the season commenced, Indianapolis, Fresno, and Santa Clarita Chapters organized book launch symposiums to engage with the community. The Run for Education was organized by several chapters where TCF supporters and community members participated—followed by successful galas hosted by the North Jersey, Chicago, North East Ohio and Columbus Ohio Chapters. As the year unfolds, there is a series of back-to-back events promising to help TCF bring change through education. [To learn about upcoming events, click here.](#)



This back to school season, consider helping a vulnerable child return to school and receive quality education all

Do you want to **DOUBLE** your impact and help bring **TWICE** as many children back to school?

Our Planned Giving program empowers our supporters to create a lasting impact on the lives of children, today and for generations to come. Through Planned Gifting, you

year long.

The easiest way to accomplish this is to set up a **monthly recurring gift**. For **\$12/month**, you can keep one **child** in school, learning, and on a path to a better future.

Remember to **claim matching from your employer for all your donations**. Search **here** to see if your employer matches gifts to TCF-USA. 260+ USA-based organizations already do!

can shape your future contributions while also making a tax-efficient donation through a bequest, stocks, life insurance, IRAs and more. For details, please reach out to our Planned Giving Manager, Manita Swati: manita.swati@tcfusa.org

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