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From the Desk of Danial Noorani



Dear Rida,

Wishing you and your family a blessed Ramadan!

Over the 22 years that I have been involved with TCF, I have witnessed the transformative impact of education on the children we have supported. It is so heartening to see thousands of underprivileged students overcome their circumstances and become a source of positive growth in their families and communities. All of my friends and supporters who have visited the schools in person, or have received updates of the schools they have supported, have

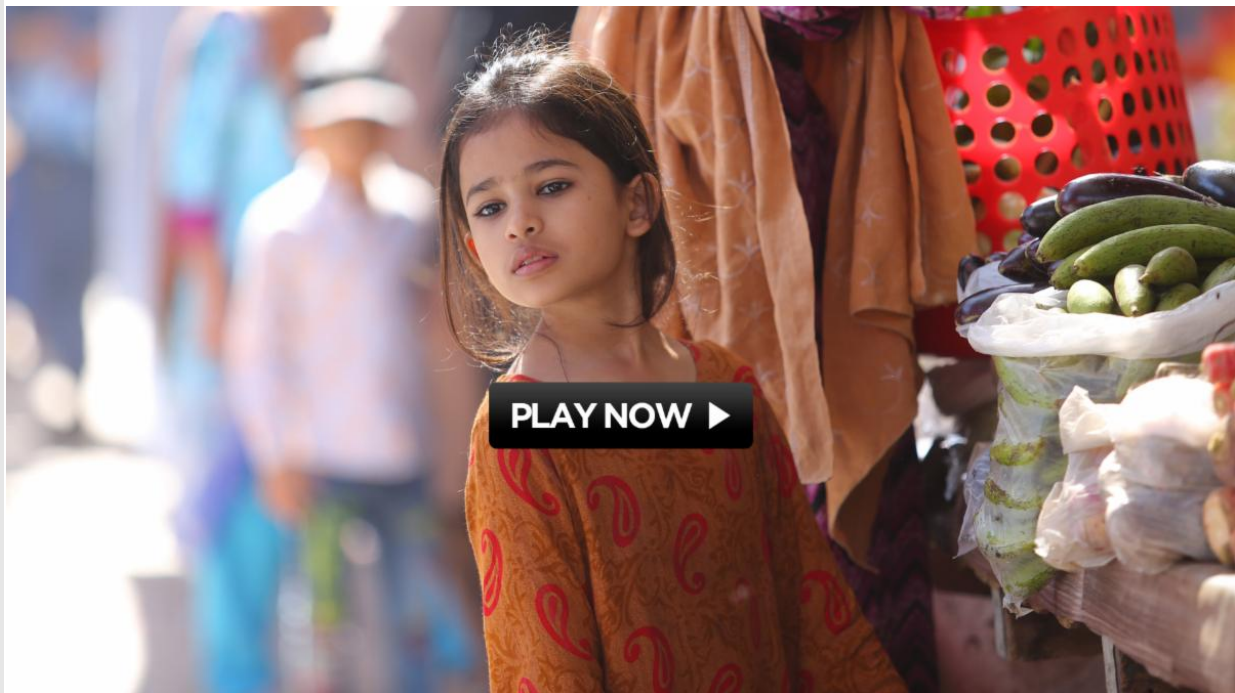
expressed the same sense of satisfaction and happiness in seeing the development of these children.

Because of your generosity, today TCF is educating **280,000 children in 1,833 school units** in some of Pakistan's most disadvantaged rural areas and urban slums. Despite this progress, the road to education for all is an uphill climb. Currently, there are over 22 million out-of-school children in Pakistan. The recent floods and the economic downturn with its runaway inflation have made education inaccessible for millions more as schooling becomes unaffordable for struggling families.

Your **Zakat** and donations this Ramadan, can help TCF to continue saving the future of more vulnerable children. **Just \$144 puts a child through school for a year (\$12 a month)**. As we enter the **last ten blessed nights of Ramadan**, please share your blessings to create a lasting impact, a quality education is the only way out of poverty for these children.

With gratitude,

Danial Noorani
Founder, TCF-USA



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[Click here to check out our NEW Scheduled Giving feature!](#) This Ramadan, you have the option to spread your Zakat and donations to TCF on each of the last ten blessed nights of

Ramadan! This will help ensure that you do not miss out on Laylatul Qadr (Night of Power) & the countless blessings and rewards it brings.

With TCF, your Zakat is in safe hands

- TCF's Zakat distribution practices are certified to be compliant with Islamic guidelines.
- TCF spends Zakat to educate underprivileged children who qualify as Zakat recipients.
- TCF ensures that Zakat collected is spent within the same year.

"Education is the passport to the future." Click below to hear a special message from Dr. Omar Suleiman.



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TCF's Stories Of Change



Aqsa Parvaiz
A First Generation Doctor

Aqsa was born in a slum in Karachi. Aqsa's father, a daily-wage laborer, worried that his family would never escape the vicious cycle of poverty. However, through enrolling at a nearby TCF school, Aqsa managed to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to overcome the obstacles of her circumstances. Today, she is a first-generation doctor and is an agent of positive change for her family, community, and country.



Abdul Wahid
Future Physicist

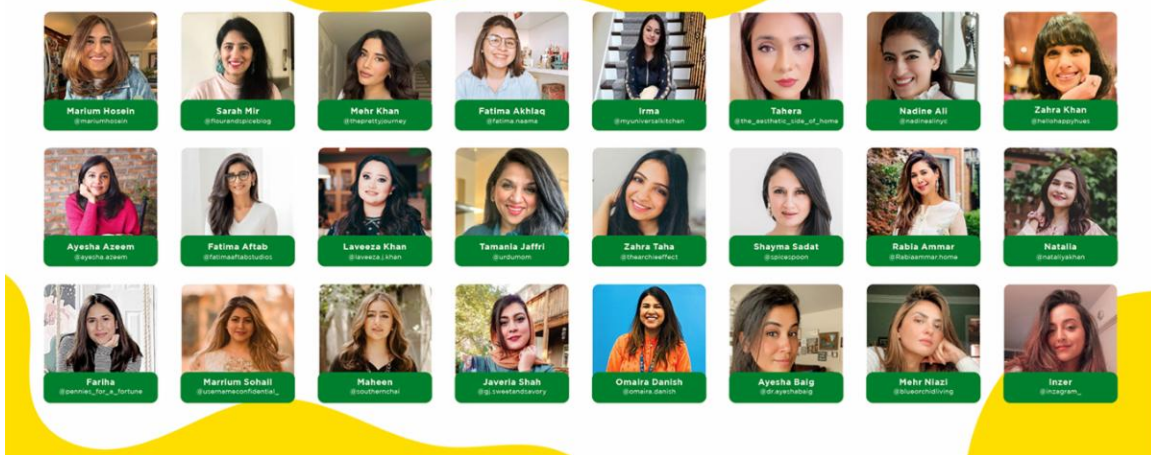
In Abdul Wahid's village, sending children to school was not seen as worthwhile. Growing up, he was told that "A farmer's son will become a farmer" and his father was advised to pull him out of school. Despite the pressure to conform to this belief, Abdul Wahid's father enrolled him in a TCF school where he excelled in science subjects. Today, he is pursuing a BSc. in Physics from the prestigious Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS).



Hina Shaukat
Senior Bank Officer

Hina grew up in a low-income community in Karachi, where it was normal for girls to drop out of school by Grade 10. But with her mother's support and a quality education from a nearby TCF school, Hina persevered. She went on to graduate from the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi with a bachelor's degree in Computer Science and now works as a Senior Officer at a bank in Karachi, supporting her family.

**TCF Ramadan Challenge with our
North American Social Media Partners**



This Ramadan, eighteen incredible social media influencers combined efforts to raise awareness for educating underprivileged children in Pakistan. In an extensive and heartfelt social media campaign, they are helping to spread TCF's message of empowerment and opportunity through education. It is only through such collaboration and collective action that the mission to educate vulnerable children in Pakistan can be realized!

Check out [their fundraising campaign](#) and show them your support.

[Watch our amazing team of Social Media Partners in Action.](#)

World Bank Praises TCF's School Leadership Model



The World Bank praised TCF's four-step school leadership program as one of the most effective low-cost training systems. The program recognizes the important role of the principal in giving direction to the school and aims to mentor aspiring principals by taking them through the on-ground realities of running a school. The World Bank noted the holistic approach taken by TCF's program and lauded it as a model approach for other developing countries to adopt as well.

[Read the full story](#)



TCF's Global Community Conference (GCC) was held in January 2023 in Karachi. The Conference allowed different TCF chapters to collaborate on TCF's vision of making quality education accessible to all. With over 175 attendees, the GCC highlighted the passion and commitment of TCF volunteers while detailing plans for further growth! In addition to incredible stories of change from our alumni, the following projects received a spotlight during the GCC:

Project Ta-aluq

To encourage a more holistic understanding of our beneficiaries, TCF conducted surveys of over 123,000 student's families across Pakistan, recording aspects of student lives such as family finances, after school labor hours, length of commute to school. This information was shared with the management of schools so faculty would be better equipped to cater to the needs of their students. This information will also serve as benchmark to compare progress over time.

The Early Years Program

The program involves an emphasis on learning through play, redesigning physical spaces to encourage learning through movement, and encouraging physical health as a gateway to mental progress. Backed by research on the efficacy of using a familiar language during early years, TCF translated books in native languages and trained its staff to teach proficiently in native languages.

Dastak Teacher Training

The Dastak Teacher Training program aims to empower female teachers by providing low-cost quality training that encompasses lesson planning, classroom management, teaching delivery and overall development. The GCC outlined a plan for expanding Dastak to TCF schools as well as other low-cost private and charitable schools across Pakistan by aiming to train more than 20,000 teachers over the next three years.

Events Roundup



The first quarter of 2023 at TCF-USA was filled with activities, annual galas and fundraisers, followed by Iftar dinners and Suhoor nights during Ramadan. These events are a true reflection of the unwavering commitment of the Pakistani American diaspora to educate underprivileged children in Pakistan.

Bright Beginnings

The year started with the Kansas Chapter's TCF Baithak, organized to increase awareness for the cause of education in the community, followed by a fundraiser hosted by the Sacramento chapter. The students from the University of Washington Seattle chapter organized a vibrant Pakistani Street Food Night for the community.

Ramadan Festivities From Iftar Galas to Suhoor Gatherings

Ramadan began with the New York Young Professional Chapter's annual Iftar gala, which exceeded its fundraising goal. The youth of the LAYP chapter hosted a beautiful Suhoor night, while chapters in Kansas, Houston, and Chicago brought their communities together to celebrate the blessings of Ramadan. The Dallas Chapter's annual Iftar was also attended by esteemed Dr. Omar Suleiman as a keynote speaker.

Expanding Horizons

The TCF family is growing! With new chapters in Columbus OH, Colorado, Orlando, Santa Clarita and Fresno – the total number of chapters across the USA is now 49. The Santa Clarita and Fresno chapters recently organized information sessions for the cause in their communities. The Orlando chapter set up a booth at the APPNA Spring Convention 2023, and the Colorado chapter recently held its first annual gala – all successful and vibrant events displaying our community's generosity and giving spirit.

Coming soon...

UW Chapter's Eid-al-Fitr Banquet | Saturday, May 6, 2023

Bay Area Museum Visit | Sunday, May 7, 2023

Chicago Chapter's Next Gen Picnic | Sunday, June 4, 2023

Want to Maximize Your Impact this Ramadan?



This Ramadan, you can **DOUBLE** your impact and help bring **TWICE** as many flood-affected children back to school!

Remember to **claim matching from your employer for all your donations**. Search [here](#) to see if your employer matches gifts to TCF-USA.

Did you know that 260+ USA-based organizations already do!

During this blessed month, 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. Giving securities may also allow you to avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation of the asset.

If you have any questions, please contact our Planned Giving Manager, Manita Swati via email at: manita.swati@tcfusa.org.

As you think of sharing your blessing this Ramadan, consider helping a vulnerable child get quality education. The easiest way to accomplish this is to set up a **monthly recurring gift**. For **\$24/month**, you can keep **2 children** in school, learning, and on a path to a better future.

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