



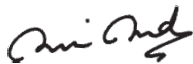
Editorial

Dear Readers,

At the end of 2004, I am proud to say that this has been a year of tremendous achievement and success for TCF. With activities of our local and foreign support chapters gaining rapid momentum, awareness for TCF is increasing and every day more people are joining the TCF family.

Many independent agencies are now reviewing TCF and commending its contribution. JCR VIS has assigned TCF, governance rating of GR-8, denoting a high level of integrity and transparency and State Bank of Pakistan has published a worthy account of TCF in its quarterly report. Newslines, a media firm has also prepared a poignant documentary on TCF and its schools and many journalists have been lauding our efforts.

We are grateful to all well-wishers who recognize our efforts and support us in our commitment. It is only because of this wonderful family of friends, that we have been able to achieve so much today.



TCF Highlights Dec. 2004

131 Primary School Units

49 Secondary School Units

Over 22,000 Students

Network in 21 Locations

Over 2000 Jobs created

TCF Teacher Awards 2004

For the first time ever, TCF organized an award ceremony for its valuable academic staff. Held in August in Karachi and Lahore, this was a way for TCF to show appreciation for all those dedicated teachers and principals who work hard year-round to materialize TCF's dream of providing quality education. They are the ones in direct contact with the students, they interact with them everyday and consequently are in the best position to bring about a positive change in their lives.

Awards were given out for: Long Service, Excellent Result & 100% Attendance.

A major highlight of this function was the surprise appearance of Zia Mohyeddin, who delighted the audience with his recital of popular Urdu poetry and prose.



TCF Awards 2004 ceremony in Lahore

Gulf News Visits TCF

Friday Magazine of Gulf News did an elaborate feature on TCF in its November 05, 2004 issue. Malavika Kamaraju, Magazine Editor visited Pakistan and toured many TCF schools. The eight page article is a very worthy account of TCF and its endeavors. Friday Magazine is the Gulf region's most widely sold weekend magazine with a circulation in excess of 70,000.

We are very grateful to TCF-UAE for arranging this opportunity. The article, which is available on our website, received great response from all over.



Friday Magazine Article

TCF ArtFest 2004

In October 2004, an art competition was organized by a group of young and very enthusiastic volunteers. This little bandwagon of good Samaritans were students of a local Dental College, who not only organized the entire event, but also raised funds for it.

The objective behind TCF Artfest 2004 was to build awareness of TCF amongst school children and gather the support of young volunteers. The exhibition of paintings was held at the Arts Council where over 200 paintings from 20 different schools of Karachi were exhibited.

Aqeel Bilgrami, principal of the Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture, renowned art teacher Aftab Zafar and Arshad Abdulla, judged the paintings and selected ten best entries.

Summer School 2004

Summer School 2004, a pilot project, was a four-week program from June 14th to July 12th 2004. It took place in 2 TCF school campuses in Bhattaiabad and Mauripur. Over 200 students from classes seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth attended the school with immense enthusiasm. The program was conducted



TCF children hard at work

by a group of 30 dedicated volunteers teaching interesting courses such as English Conversation, Computers, Carpentry, Ceramics, Wall Painting, Professional Cooking, Beadwork and Waxwork.



Enthusiastic participants of Summer School 2004

Unilever Art Competition

TCF students have once again demonstrated that given a chance, they can compete with and outshine students from the most prestigious institutions of this country.



Ameen's award winning entry

Ameen from TCF School, HUBCO IPGD Campus, Baluchistan won 3rd prize in the 2004 Unilever International Art Competition. His entry was an imaginative creation of clay, hair and x-ray sheets.

Shell Training

100 TCF drivers from Karachi, went through an elaborate "Defensive Driving" training program. The training program included medical examination of all drivers as well. With an increasing chaos in local traffic, this was a much-needed training and we received a positive feedback from the attendees.

We are very grateful to Shell Pakistan for conducting such a useful workshop.

TCF 2004 Board results

Every year, the number of students graduating from TCF schools is increasing. From 63 students last year, the numbers have risen to 108 students appearing for their Matriculation Exams. Of those who appeared, more than 21% secured A & A+ grades.

TCF's star student from Sindh, who secured the highest marks is Farzana Qurban from TCF Secondary School - Shirin Sultan Dossa Campus - VI, Yousaf Goth-III - Karachi. She secured an enviable 80.5%(A+).



Teacher Training 2004

Teacher training is at the very heart of our education program as it is only through a team of motivated and well trained teachers can our goal of disseminating quality education be achieved. TCF has a full fledged training staff and a proper training centre in Karachi with another being planned in Punjab. Every TCF teacher undergoes a comprehensive pre-service training program after which there are refresher courses every summer.

This year more than 46 workshops were conducted all over Pakistan. The theme of this years training was “Staff Development,” in which a variety of interesting new courses were introduced such as:

- Lateral & Creative Thinking
- Moral & Character Development
- Leadership Skills
- Oral and Written Assessment Skills
- Teacher Evaluation Techniques
- Pre Primary Training for KG Teachers



Teacher Training Centre in Karachi



Teacher Training in progress

We received an overwhelming response from our principals and teachers who enthusiastically participated in the training programs.

Change of Director

After serving TCF for the past nine years, Founding Director Mr. Haamid N. Jaffer retired from the Board and Mr. Ishaque Noor of TCF-UAE has been appointed as a Director. Mr. Jaffer however, continues to guide and help TCF as Program Coordinator STCF Pakistan.



(L-R) Haamid Jaffer, Ateed Riaz, Ahsan Saleem, MushtaqChhapra & Ishaque Noor

TCF on NBC News

NBC news recently published an article on TCF titled “An Alternative to religious schools in Pakistan.” The author Naveen Naqvi toured TCF schools and has given an account of how TCF is bringing about a positive change.

The article is available on the TCF website www.thecitizensfoundation.org



STCF - Night of Mystic Music

In November, STCF Karachi collaborated with the Consulate General of Italy, in presenting a "Night of Mystic Music." Italian Maestro Luigi Cinque and his jazz band came together with Pakistan's leading band "Fuzon" to thrill audiences with their individual and combined musical masterpieces. Against the backdrop of the historical structure of the Karachi Parsi Insitute, Karachi's corporate heavyweights enjoyed a blend of Italian and Pakistani music at this black-tie dinner affair and enthusiastically expressed their support to TCF's cause.



A treat for music enthusiasts

Thanks to STCF Lahore, the event was also held in Lahore at the Open air theatre as part of the World Music Festival. A very enthusiastic crowd of about 500 people witnessed the performance. The ambiance was beautiful and

the night cold, but the die hard music lovers of Lahore sat till midnight to enjoy the performances by the two groups.

STCF - Piano Recital

In August, in collaboration with TCF USA, STCF Karachi hosted a recital by visiting American music icons, Karen Noorani, Gloria Grilk and William Kronenburg. They performed on various instruments such as the violin, piano and viola. The audiences greatly enjoyed the performances which were held in Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad.



American artists perform at the STCF - Piano Recital

STCF - Ilmathon 2005

Date: January 30, 2005
Assembly point: Area 51, DHA
Time: 7:30 AM



ilmathon  2005
 turn strides into schools

STCF - Promotional Activities

During the summer STCF again implemented "International Donor Months," thereby encouraging many supporters to talk about TCF in any of their travels abroad and to accept donations that come their way. Furthermore, STCF Karachi held a promotional booth in July at The Forum mall, whereby visitors to the mall had an opportunity to learn about TCF and its activities.

Many stopped to view the ongoing presentation on TCF and buy the promotional products on display, while parents encouraged their children to avail the chance of face painting.



Dubai Donor Conference

The Citizens Foundation-UAE held its Annual Supporters Conference on September 29, 2004, at the Zabeel Ballroom, Intercontinental Hotel in Dubai. Mr. Ahsan Saleem briefed and updated the 270 prominent dignitaries and officials on the rapid growth and expansion of TCF.

After this, free-lance writer Ms. Lucy Munro and photographer Mr. Soheil Semaan delivered a moving presentation on their recent visit to TCF schools all across Pakistan. Mr. Ateed Riaz, CEO, Mr. Mushtaq Chhapra, Director and Mr. Haamid Jaffer flew in especially from Pakistan to attend the event.

The conference attracted considerable media attention in the UAE. Major newspapers such as the *Gulf News* and *Khaleej Times*, and magazines such as the *Tabloid*, *Ahlan*, and *Tele Life* featured the event in their pages.

The TCF Abu Dhabi volunteers' group is currently in the process of organizing a similar event in Abu Dhabi.



TCF Directors with Lucy & Soheil

TCF USA - Fund Raiser

The Citizens Foundation, USA broke new ground with a Fund Raiser, "Building Peace & Opportunity through Education" at the Marriott Santa Clara on September 17 2004. Setting a goal of \$ 65,000, (the equivalent of the cost to build a primary school in Pakistan), the group rallied the 200 attendees and supporters to successfully reach the target.

Among prominent South Asian attendees were members of the SF Pakistan Association, The Indus Entrepreneurs, India Community Center, American India Foundation and the Organization of Pakistani Entrepreneurs. Pakistani-Americans in large numbers listened intently to Ahsan Saleem, Chairman of TCF, as he presented the success story and future plans of TCF. Following Mr. Saleem's speech, Danial Noorani, President of TCF USA, recapped the progress of TCF USA. He spoke of its recent approval of tax-exempt status and the formation of support groups in Chicago, the SF Bay Area and New York. He informed that other support groups in Boston, D.C., and Houston were also being set up. A major highlight of the evening was a letter from Lee Hamilton, former ranking Congressman and Chairman of the "9/11" Commission. Amjad Noorani, the Bay Area Group's coordinator, read excerpts from this letter where TCF is applauded for its "efforts on behalf of the children of Pakistan to help alleviate poverty, combat feelings of hopelessness and expand the reach of opportunity".

TCF gets Registered in UAE

TCF-UAE was granted official registration at the Dubai Humanitarian City this past summer. The Dubai office, which oversees all of UAE, is now operational with the induction of Ms. Uzma Jafrani as its first Liaison Officer.

Emirates International School Awards Program

Emirates International School organized a Charity Day garage sale on November 26, 2004 as part of its Awards Program. The program provides social and community service education to EIS students. Based on TCF's record and credibility, EIS, one of the UAE's most prominent schools, selected TCF as the sole beneficiary of the funds raised at the event. The Charity Day, which attracted over 2,000 visitors, proved an outstanding success.



Emirates International School Day





Friends of The Citizens Foundation (FTCF)

Football Tournament

FTCF held a football tournament on 11th September at Wembley Goals Soccer Centre. Due to its massive success, this tournament will take place again on September 10 next year. Congratulations to the winners!

Runners up - Akwan FC

Winners - Peterborough Theatre FC

Art & High Tea

300 guests attended an afternoon of Fine Art & High Tea hosted by FTCF in the stunning ballroom at The Dorchester Hotel on 3rd October 2004. Guests were invited to view pieces of fine art specifically commissioned for FTCF by two unique artists – Saira Wasim and Hasnat Mehmood both of whom are at the forefront of avant-garde art practice. TCF's Founding Directors updated guests on progress within the schools and Joanna Pitman freelance Journalist for the Times gave a vivid description of her visit to the schools. The presentation was brought to an end by Lucy Monroe, a free-lance journalist, who gave a moving account of the difference TCF is making in the lives of the Pakistani children.



FTCF fund raiser

Acclaimed Movie Raises Money for Charity

FTCF were proud to show Pakistan's first and highly commended digital film "*Raat Chali Hai Jhoom Ke*" (*The Long Night*) in Glasgow, Newcastle and London. Over 400 people attended these viewings, which have received critical acclaim at various film festivals around the world.



Football tournament at Wembley

Newcastle Events

Newcastle has now become the second largest city outside of London to contribute to FTCF fundraising efforts. Thanks to Amna Ahsanuddin who has been at the forefront of these efforts, a number of interesting events were held here this year. An event was held at the restaurant 'Komal' completely gratis and a film show was held at Tyneside Cinema. In October, a dinner was held for the Founding Directors' visit which over a hundred people attended and in November a Chand Raat Mela was organised which attracted over 200 women.

FTCF would like to thank the following for their efforts:
Khalid Sharif- for hosting an event in Nottingham
Nasser Malik- for hosting an event in Bradford
Nadeem Bhatti- for hosting showing the film event in Glasgow
Amna Ahsanuddin & Dr. Rumaisa Bashir plus friends and family

Special thanks to Ismat Choudhry, Sameena and Shamsa Bashey for their constant support and numerous fundraising activities through out the year that have helped raise so much money for TCF.

