

The Citizens Foundation (TCF) builds purpose-built schools to provide quality education to the less privileged.

- 102,000 students
- Approximately 50% female enrollment
- 730 school units
- Serving 83 towns and cities across 51 districts



THE CITIZENS FOUNDATION

Newsletter Summer 2011



Editorial

"Those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah are similar (in reward) to a seed of grain that produces seven ears of grain each ear containing a hundred seeds. Thus Allah multiplies (the reward) of whomever He wishes. Indeed, Allah is Infinite and All Knowing"

Al-Quran 2:26

Dear Reader

As you know, Holy Ramadan brings with it His unlimited gifts. It's a special period for deep, inner reflection, of being thankful for His innumerable Bounties and seeking His Forgiveness. There is an Arabic greeting, "Kullu aam wa antum bi-khair." It means: May you be well throughout the year. As we all continue to seek Almighty's Grace, let us share His blessings with those among us who dwell in the less privileged strata of our society. TCF is your partner as we all strive to remove barriers of class and privilege and as we continue to empower young minds and help make citizens of Pakistan Agents of Positive Change. We dedicate this issue to the spirit of giving. With the onset of Ramadan, as you distribute your charity and Zakat, TCF turns to you for your contribution in educating deserving children. Page # 2 carries details of the different ways through which you can donate your Zakat to TCF.

Over the years, friends like you, supporters, donors and well wishers have come together to strengthen TCF Movement. Some of you have donated while others have volunteered their energy and time. They have compassionately taken the Cause forward. This issue highlights this spirit of volunteerism on page 3 & 4.

We await your feedback. We eagerly welcome your ideas and queries at:
info@thecitizensfoundation.org

Wishing you a peaceful Ramadan

TCF Newsletter Team

Global Chapters Conference

TCF Hosted Global Chapters' Conference on May 13, 14 & 15 at the Arabian Sea Country Club, Karachi. The picturesque surrounding set up a serene ambience for the three day long conference. TCF Founding Directors, CEO, Vice Presidents, Supporters of The Citizens Foundation (STCF), Heads and Representatives of TCF Canada, TCF UAE, Friends of TCF (FTCF, UK), TCF USA and TCF Head Office Team participated. The main objective of this Global Chapters' Conference was to bring together the national and international team members that take TCF cause forward and brainstorm for the future.

The agenda of the conference included exploring TCF Vision, Mission statement, priorities as well as new developments within TCF. International chapters shared their accomplishments, strategies and challenges.



...during a busy GCC Session

Students' Corner

TCF Student representing Pakistan in UK School Games

Mohammad Yousuf is a grade X student at TCF Secondary School – Al Ameen Campus in Juma Himayati Goth. He has been selected to travel to UK (1-4 September) to take part in the UK School Games (UKSG). It is an annual multi-sport event designed to replicate the feel of major events such as the Olympic Games. Yousuf is one of the two students chosen from across Pakistan. They are to volunteer throughout the games thus gaining international volunteer experience as well as developing leadership skills. Yousuf's selection happened as a result of TCF getting involved in 'International Inspiration'; a physical education (PE) program started by the British Government, aligned with London 2012 Olympics. In March eight TCF staff members attended this session. To find out more about 'International Inspiration' please visit: <http://www.thecitizensfoundation.org/partnerships.aspx>

TCF Students take part in WWF activities



Students visiting Creek Villages, Thatta

World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) has collaborated with TCF in Ketti Bandar area, Sindh to create awareness among students. From exposure visit to Creek villages of Thatta to Nature Study Camp at Keenjhar lake, TCF students have been involved in interesting field trips since last year. Over this period, students have been led to observe flora, fauna and plants and have been made aware of the environmental

problems of the area. They have been involved in collection of minerals as well. In March this year, Water Conservation Week was celebrated and a cricket tournament was held at WWF's Site office where WWF manager Mr. Ghulam Rasool Khatri, lead the activity and shared his views with TCF students regarding environmental issues.

Recognition for TCF TCF receives International accolades

Fourth time in a row!

It is for the fourth consecutive time that South Asian Federation of Accounts (SAFA) has acknowledged TCF accounts via TCF Annual Report. SAFA reviewed TCF Annual Report 2009 and has adjudged TCF as the recipient of "Certificate of Merit of the Best Presented Accounts Award 2009". Previously TCF Annual Reports 2008, 2009 and 2006 have earned SAFA recognition. TCF Annual Report 2010 has also been sent for SAFA's review and later this year Annual Report 2011 will also be sent forward. SAFA is an Apex Body of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) and a Regional Grouping of International Federation of Accountants (IFAC). SAFA carries out this exercise every year among the member South Asian countries namely Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Teachers' Corner

Seventh TCF Awards

Since 2004, TCF Awards are held every year to acknowledge and honor TCF Faculty. This year the Seventh TCF Award ceremonies took place across seven different cities including Islamabad, Khushab, Qasbah Gujrat, Faisalabad, Lahore, Karachi and Petaro. The largest ceremony was held in Karachi on January 23 at a sports stadium! It welcomed 2,100 teachers and principals. Three stages were set up to distribute awards to the faculty. Highlights of the evening were Zia Mohyeddin mesmerizing the audience by reading out selected prose and TV Personality Zubaida Tariq sharing her household tips and anecdotes. During the Awards ceremonies at the seven cities, apart from bestowing awards on faculty, 22 silver medals were awarded to those TCF students who secured A+ grade in Board examinations.

26 outstanding principals

TCF Monitoring and Evaluation Team have brought out a newsletter showcasing 26 outstanding TCF principals on the basis of their performance. Monitoring and Evaluation team traveled across Pakistan to interview principals, teachers, students and non teaching staff. Tests were conducted to check students' progress and classroom-teaching-practices were monitored. Assessment of principals was also done on the basis of the school records that the team checked and the time spent with teachers, students and support staff during team members' full day stay at different campuses. To view the list of the top 26 principals, log on to the "updates" section of TCF website: www.thecitizensfoundation.org

Thumbs up for Volunteers

TCF Summer Camp 2011

Summer Camp 2011 was conducted this month (4-22 July) simultaneously at multiple TCF schools in Karachi and Lahore and for the first time in Rawalpindi at Dhoke Chaudhrian Campus. 500 young, enthusiastic volunteers carried out different activities with more than 4,000 TCF students across 61 schools in these three cities. Prior to the camp, on June 24 and 25, a training and orientation program was conducted for the volunteers. These youngsters who led summer camps were from Pakistan's leading schools, colleges and universities who devoted five days a week for three weeks to carry out this program successfully.



Volunteers & students at Summer Camp, Goth Dhani Bux

Volunteer-driven Mentoring Program (Rahbar) concludes Seventh Phase

In 2008 TCF successfully launched 'Rahbar', a completely volunteer-driven mentoring program. 'Rahbar' is aimed at the development of teenagers (studying in TCF secondary schools) to become responsible members of their communities. In June, this program completed its seventh successful cycle. It was held across 15 different campuses in Karachi, involved 600 students of grade VIII and 200 volunteer-mentors. This was the first time that Rahbar session was held in a TCF School – Dhoke Chaudhrian Campus in Rawalpindi. It involved 20 students and ten Rahbar mentors. In Lahore, the program was conducted in six campuses and involved 210 students and more than 50 mentors.



...during a busy Rahbar Session in Minhala, Punjab

SCB volunteers engage TCF students in Book-Reading-Activity

On May 20, some members from Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) volunteered for an interesting, interactive 'Book-Reading-Activity' at TCF Primary School in Penghali, Punjab. SCB team narrated stories, read from books and involved



SCB Volunteers with students at Phengali, Punjab



TCF students at Regatta 2011

Tackling more Frontiers

Adult women's literacy program (Aagahi) concludes Ninth Phase

Aagahi is a collaborative Adult Literacy Program initiated by TCF & National Foods Limited (NFL). For the past seven years Aagahi is being conducted at various TCF campuses across Pakistan & selected TCF teachers specially trained to teach adults, have taught basic Mathematics & Urdu to 5,600 women to date. Partnered with Literate Pakistan Foundation, the main objective of Aagahi is to spread literacy among the mothers of TCF students. Aagahi's Ninth phase was conducted from February till May 2011. Around 81 centres were established in TCF schools and surrounding communities where 1,261 women successfully completed the program. In this phase, English alphabets and small English words were introduced for the first time in the curriculum.



A busy Aagahi session

Supporters of TCF

Supporting all the way

Machar Colony Students' Rowing Debut

In January, Supporters of TCF (STCF) partnered with Karachi Boat Club (KBC) to organize KBC Inter School Rowing Competition popularly known as Regatta. Apart from the 16-members-TCF team (from TCF secondary school in Machar Colony), 250 participants from 15 of the city's top schools took part in Regatta. The President of the Association of School Rowing in Asia Arif Ikram said that the KBC and TCF took this initiative to promote a healthy lifestyle in deserving young athletes who can take up rowing as a professional career.

Funfair for a Cause

As part of its commitment to create opportunities for urban youth and improve young lives through education, STCF's iLMaTHON Funfair-for-a-Cause, was organized in March at Karachi's popular indoor entertainment centre Arena. It was an extremely well attended event where children and adults of all ages took part in activities including interesting games, lucky dip, tambola, ice-skating, bowling, paint-ball and rock climbing. This fair aimed at raising funds to educate 1,000 TCF students.

TCF Canada

Calgary became the second city in Canada to host a Gala this year. Mr. Ayaz Channa and his team worked hard to put together this charity event in June. At the occasion, gracious TCF supporter Mr. Burhan M. Khan announced that he will donate funds to establish a Secondary TCF school. Overall, the funds raised at the Gala went towards supporting the education of 150 TCF students.



Some volunteers with TCF Canada team

Middle East Roundup

Marcus Evans CSR Conference in Dubai & other events TCF UAE took part in the international Marcus Evans CSR Conference held in Dubai in April. At this event, TCF Vice President Dr. Ahson Rabbani was invited as a speaker. Some fun events happened in Dubai to pull fresh crowd of supporters & raise funds. Ms. Abeer Khalid and Mr. Usman Mahmood organized a bowling competition at the Dubai Bowling Centre. Ms. Khalid followed this with an exciting ice-skating event at Dubai Mall which was interestingly attended by a large number of new supporters. Mr. Furqan Athar and Mr. Hadi Anwar organized a clothing exhibition to raise funds & awareness for the Cause.

Update for major donors, corner meetings & News of Ladies Group

TCF founder-directors met with major, long-term TCF supporters in UAE to apprise them of the Foundation's future

development plans. TCF UAE also held numerous meetings in Dubai and Abu Dhabi to introduce TCF to new supporters. TCF UAE Ladies Group continued to shine. Mrs. Sameena Ahmad played an active role in organizing TCF-UAE Ladies Group which meets regularly to promote TCF cause & raise funds.

Conquering Kilimanjaro & Everest Base Camp

Supporters and members of the UAE chapter have an adventurous streak and a unique way of raising funds and awareness for the Cause. A few of them are all set to conquer Mountain Kilimanjaro this summer as part of the chapter's special trek to raise awareness. We wish them the best of luck!

Another adventurous TCF supporter Mr. Mahmoud Malik, along with a friend, successfully completed a trek to the Everest Base Camp.

TCF UAE welcomes Ericsson UAE onboard

Continuing its focus on expanding corporate relationships, TCF UAE this year has been successful in garnering pledge of support from Ericsson UAE and its staff.



News from Friends of TCF (FTCF)

2011 marks the 10th anniversary of FTFC. Samie Kayani, a Vodafone Foundation intern has helped FTFC launch its "10 years of the Friends of The Citizens Foundation" campaign and design a special logo.

FTCF & British Pakistan Foundation Partnership

British Pakistan Foundation (BPF) & FTFC have partnered to support 20 TCF schools that were damaged during the torrent floods of Pakistan in 2010. This will directly benefit 3,070 students and overall the neighbouring communities. BPF is dedicated to creating a sustainable impact on the socio-economic development of Pakistan by using entrepreneurial approaches to solve poverty related problems.

TCF-USA Report

The team has been able to take BVS Alumni onboard the growing supporters' platform. BVS Alumni has pledged to donate funds to build a TCF Primary School in Karachi. Numerous meetings and fundraisers made this six month period a very happening phase for TCF USA.

During February and March, different fundraisers were held

in Seattle, San Francisco, Cleveland and Los Angeles. Supporters and friends of TCF-USA attended these events in large numbers. TCF Movement is catching pace in the region. Every fundraiser & event is a step towards creating more awareness and new supporters are being welcomed onboard.

In April, cities including Dallas Fort Worth, Houston and Chicago hosted big fundraisers.

Events were also held in May and June in Washington and New Jersey respectively. Kudos to TCF USA team for meticulously planning and carrying out these events for the Cause.

Your Zakat educates deserving children


With the onset of Ramadan, TCF has launched a nationwide Zakat campaign. Every year, your Zakat largely supports TCF education program. The Foundation turns to you for your Zakat to support education in rural areas & urban slums of the country. 102,000 deserving children study in 730 school units all across Pakistan and your Zakat will help continue educating them and many more.

TCF awaits your Zakat through:

- Cheques or Bank Drafts
- Online via credit cards

Kindly mail your cheques titled "The Citizens Foundation" on this address: Plot # 20, Sector # 14, Korangi Industrial Zone, Karachi, Pakistan.

To donate online, log on to:
www.thecitizensfoundation.org

You can also drop your cheques at any  Express center near your vicinity.

Deposits or direct bank transfers can be made to TCF Zakat account:

Title of Account: **The Citizens Foundation.**
Bank Al Habib Ltd. Shara-e-Faisal Branch, Karachi.
Account number: **1003-0081-0521 19-01-6**

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