



## Editorial

Dear Readers,

Human potential knows no limits, boundaries, classes, ethnicities and languages... It is endowed by God to all. All one need is self-belief, platform and opportunity to explore the world of possibilities that can bring enormous changes. TCF alumna Sidra Saleem has reaffirmed our faith in the power of human potential and how it is just waiting to be tapped as she secures admission to Dow Medical College on open merit. An ambitious and brilliant student, Sidra has crossed many a hurdle and made us all proud.

We can sweeten the year ending with more good news as almost 92% students pass matriculation in 2011 with 52% securing A+ or A grades. This is a reflection of collective efforts of our students and teachers. We wish our graduated class all the best in future endeavours.

Success stories that come forth from TCF schools are accumulation of hard work of many. From staff, volunteers and supporters in Pakistan to chapters and support groups abroad, everybody has given something to further the cause of education. TCF thanks everyone and hopes to continue making inroads across Pakistan next year and years after that.

Happy New Year

Wishing you all the best.

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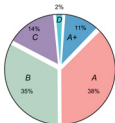


### TCF Alumna Makes it to Dow Medical College on Merit

TCF alumna Sidra Saleem has secured admission in Dow Medical College, a constituent college of Dow University of Health Sciences, on open merit. Sidra had been a brilliant student at TCF with dreams of becoming a doctor. With her admission to a medical college, she has made herself, her family and TCF proud.

### Cheers for Our Students: Astounding Matric Results

Hard work of TCF faculty and students materialised this year when Matric results were announced. Almost 92% TCF students passed the exams with more than 52% securing A+ or A grades. TCF wishes them all the luck in their future endeavours.



### TCF Student Shines at UK School Games

Mohammad Yousuf is a grade X student at TCF secondary School - Al Armeen Campus in Juma Himayati Goth. He participated as a volunteer in the UK School Games (UKSG) which is an annual multi-sport event designed to replicate the feel of major events such as the Olympic games. At the end of the event, he won the 'Most Active Volunteer' award. His participation in UKSG has proven his dedication and increased his confidence.

### TCF Invited as a Clinton Global Initiative Member

The Citizens Foundation was invited to become a member of Clinton Global Initiative (CGI). The mission of CGI is to inspire, connect and empower a community of global leaders to forge solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. CGI brings together heads of state, CEOs of major corporations, leading foundations, Nobel laureates, effective NGOs, and prominent



members of the media. CGI held its annual meeting in New York in September 2011 where TCF was one of the three speakers on education. On behalf of the Foundation, TCF Director Mr Ahsan Saleem gave a talk on the organisation's activities and scope and committed to enrolling an additional 10,000 out of school children in the academic year 2012. CGI helps its members to maximise their efforts to alleviate poverty, create a cleaner environment and increase access to health care and education.

### TCF at WISE Summit in Qatar

In November, TCF Chairman and Director, Mr Mushtaq Chhagra, was invited as a guest speaker to attend the 3rd World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) - an initiative of the Qatar Foundation. Last year, TCF was chosen from hundreds of applicants as one of the six laureates to receive the prestigious award for its contribution in the education sector.

### SAFA Awards TCF Fifth Time in a Row

For the fifth consecutive time, South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) has acknowledged TCF accounts via TCF Annual Report. SAFA reviewed TCF Annual Report 2010 and awarded it with 'Certificate of Merit' in Non Governmental Organisations category. 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 its evaluation exercise on published annual reports that are submitted to it from member South Asian countries which are: Pakistan, India, Nepal and Bangladesh.

### Golf for Education

TCF annual Golf Tournament at Karachi Golf Club (KGC) took off for the eighth year in a row - December 17-18. The event hosted 60 teams and a total of 250 players. Iftikhar Hussain's team won the team event with 102 points. Marina Khan won in the ladies category; Master Mubariz Ahmed aced the juniors match while Group Captain Muntazir Rizvi won the veterans category. The entire proceeds of the Tournament went to the TCF nationwide education programme.



TCF Area Managers' Conference 2011

TCF Area Managers' Conference 2011 was held for the first time from October 27 – 29 at Beach Luxury Hotel in Karachi. It was attended by TCF Chairman, Directors, CEO & President, Vice Presidents, Heads of Departments, and 26 Area Managers along with four Regional Managers. The conference was organised with an aim to discuss pertinent issues and



Participants of Area Managers Conference

cultivate open dialogue between the Board of Directors and the Area and Regional Managers of TCF in order to improve the standards of operations.

#### **Mentoring Programme Concludes Phase VIII**

Rahbar, a TCF mentoring programme for students of grade VIII concluded its eighth phase in December in which 23 secondary schools participated across the country with 1200 students and 400 volunteers. For the first time Rahbar Programme was successfully conducted in Dharki and Khushab at one school each. The next phase of Rahbar starts in January for which registrations are now open on our website: [www.tcf.org.pk](http://www.tcf.org.pk)

#### **TCF Organises Career Counselling Sessions**

Graduating from school means entering a new world of possibilities. TCF arranged career counselling sessions for students who took board exams for grade X. This is the first time formal counselling sessions were organised by TCF. The sessions took place across 42 TCF school units in four regions where 825 students were guided and mentored by 224 volunteer counselors from all walks of life.

#### **Principals Academy**

The third Principals Academy began in October covering a



Principals' Academy session in progress

range of modules for Principals' professional development. The Academy comprised essential modules on leadership, management and TCF policies. Most importantly, the Academy sessions begin with a module regarding the Vision, Mission and Values of TCF in order to ensure alignment of principals practices to the larger vision of the organisation. Principals Academy will be conducted in 18 different venues for 412 principals who are a part of the consistently growing TCF faculty.

#### **TCF Attends International Conference in Romania**

This year, Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking International Consortium (RWCT IC) arranged an international conference in Cluj, Romania. The conference had representatives from 22 countries, including four members from TCF education department. The conference trained trainers to focus on creative motivational learning in training sessions and proved to be most effective in many ways. TCF training department is to employ new learning in its upcoming training programmes. Making international connections with eminent contributors to the field of education was an added outcome of this opportunity.



Members from different countries participated in the conference

#### **TCF Zakat Drive for Sending More Children to School**

Like previous years, TCF launched a successful Zakat Campaign before and during Ramadan. With generous help and support from media, corporations, banks, vendors and food outlets, TCF managed to raise considerable awareness and funds for its education programme and scale of operations. TCF wishes to thank everybody who contributed and helped during the campaign.

#### **TCS Express Speeds Up Zakat Drive**

TCS, a Pakistan based courier service, collaborated with TCF during the Zakat campaign. TCS has been kind to accept the cheques that people all over Pakistan dropped at their express centres and deliver them safely to TCF office.

#### **SCB and TCF – Seeing is Believing Initiative**

'Seeing is Believing' is a Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) initiative that aims to identify eye impairments in children and provide them with required eye care services (surgeries, spectacles and low vision devices). SCB has conducted the programme at TCF schools in previous years as well. This year,

the programme commenced in September at TCF School in Korangi where 162 TCF students were screened for eye impairments.



SCB wishes to further the project in TCF Schools in slum areas of Karachi, Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan and Rawalpindi.

#### Faysal Bank Supports Flood Affected TCF Schools

Faysal Bank has lent its hand to TCF this year in building and supporting two TCF schools in flood affected areas of Khushab and Mianwali. The campuses are secondary schools and will be made operational in April 2012. Faysal Bank has been a steady TCF supporter and continues to further the Cause.

#### TCF Canada Round Up

##### Support Groups

TCF Canada continued its work to support TCF schools by establishing more support groups. Lubna and Saad Sami and Najma and Asif Khan arranged gatherings in Ottawa and Oakesville respectively. TCF Vice President addressed the gatherings and shared with them TCF activities and efforts. More volunteers have joined TCF movement and committed to providing funding for TCF operations across Pakistan.

#### Scotia Toronto Waterfront Marathon

The Scotia Toronto Waterfront Marathon (STWM) has, over the years, developed into the 3rd largest marathon in North America after New York and Chicago. An estimated 27,000 runners took part in the marathon this year. TCF team was led



by Lubna Sami who ran 21km and other team members ran 5km each. The team raised funds for TCF through sponsor-

ships.

#### News from Friends of TCF (FTCF)

##### 'Charity of the Year' Award for FTCF

Times Education Supplement (TES) awarded Friends of TCF 'Charity of the Year'. A formal announcement was made at the Times Education Supplement School Awards (TESSA) gala lunch held at Park Lane Hilton where teachers, head teachers and the highest performing students from across the UK were present as guests. Representing Friends of TCF UK, trustee Bilal Raja accepted the TESSA awards and made a short speech about the work of TCF and thanked everyone at TES for their immense support and fundraising efforts.

##### Book-reading Event

FTCF organised a sold-out book reading event that featured Professor Anatol Lieven with his new book 'Pakistan: A hard country'. The event was moderated by renowned BBC journalist Mishal Husain. Panel members also included respected Dawn columnist Irfan Husain. The success of the event can be gauged from the fact that people paid to stand to be able to listen. All the proceeds from the event went to TCF.

##### Supporting Laughter

FTCF annual comedy event 'The Laugh's On Us' returned this year for the 7th year running and was another great success. Acts included Mickey Sharma, Adnan Aziz and others. FTCF look forward to holding the event again next year, bigger and better.

##### FTCF Exhibits at Mica Gallery

FTCF welcomed its supporters and new friends to the 'Brit-Pak' Exhibition held at Mica Gallery on 17 November. The event introduced the guests to the positive effects of the primary and secondary schools that are disseminating quality education to the children in Pakistan.

#### Supporters of TCF Organise Fundraisers

##### Hi-tea for a Reason

Supporters of The Citizens Foundation (STCF) held its annual Hi-tea and charity auction on November 23 to raise funds for TCF education programme. The auction items included calligraphy pieces in oil, coffee tables, paintings, miniature art, antique furniture, consoles, carpets, vouchers for make-overs and a return ticket to Dubai.

##### Zikre Khuroo: a Journey of Music and Love

STCF organised an intellectually stimulating event 'Zikre Khuroo: a journey of music and love' in October 21. Honouring the work of Amir Khuroo - a notable poet and a prolific and seminal musician, the musical evening was hosted by Zia Mohyeddin who enchanted the audience with his mesmerising performance of Khuroo's prose and poetry. The stage was also shared by eminent singers and musicians including Mehnaz Begum, Salamat Ali Khan, Ustad Mubarak Ali Khan, Ustad Naeles Ahmad, Ustad Bashir Khan, Ustad Naseeruddin Sami and Ustad Salamat Hussain. Veteran classical dancer Naheed Siddiqui performed to the genius of Khuroo's while NAPA alumni also contributed to the performance.

### TCF USA Round up

Across USA various activities, events, meetings, and gala were held to raise support, awareness and funds for TCF school operations.

### Scholastic Ships Books

Scholastic, leading US children's books publisher, shipped two forty foot containers of beautiful children's books to Pakistan for TCF school libraries.

### TCF-USA Gala

First ever TCF-USA Gala was held at the Frontenac Hilton in St. Louis on September 10. The event was attended by 350 people where Mr Zia Mohiyuddin presented his tribute to Faiz Ahmad Faiz and a talk was also given on TCF mission and achievements. The St. Louis team decided to donate the proceeds of the evening to fund an endowment for the operation of a TCF school.



TCF USA fund raiser with Zia Mohiyuddin

### Austin Support Group

The team of Farri Khan, Omer Dossani, Imran Baqai and Ashraf Tariq hosted a gathering of 120 members of the Austin community on September 11. TCF support group in Austin has been very active for a couple of years and TCF continues to enjoy the strong support of the alumni of University of Texas at Austin.

### Sixth Annual Celebration at Indianapolis

Indianapolis supporters of TCF held their 6th annual celebration on Saturday, October 8 with a record number of people in attendance. The supporters built a school unit 'Campus of Hope' in Mansehra after earthquake struck the region in 2005 and have supported the school since then. The group has also adopted a school in Moro, Sindh after the floods ravaged the region in 2010.

### Michigan APPNA Event

The newly formed TCF Michigan Support Group, Michigan APPNA and leading healthcare provider Ciena teamed up to organise a gala on October 14 to introduce TCF mission and cause to Pakistani community. The event featured a nationally renowned comedy group 'Allah Made Me Funny' and Pakistani pop star Mohammed Ali Shekhi.

### More Support Groups Formed

Three Support Groups were formed in Central Florida (Orlando), Southern Florida and Tampa Bay. Another support group was launched in the North Carolina Research Triangle area (Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill).

### TCF in the Middle East

Supporters of TCF conquered Mount Kilimanjaro

As a part of the UAE Chapter's fifth annual trek, supporters of TCF conquered Mount Kilimanjaro to raise awareness for TCF. A team of six ardent trekkers from Dubai embarked upon a seven-day hike to scale Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania - the



TCF supporters on Kilimanjaro Trek

highest freestanding mountain in the world that can be climbed without technical equipment.

### Suhoor in Ramadan

In the holy month of Ramadan, Mr Furqan Athar, a committed TCF supporter, organised a Suhoor at his residence in Dubai. The objective was to introduce TCF programme to new people within the community, including Abu Dhabi. TCF documentary was presented over dinner followed by an enthusiastic Q&A session.

### Reaching out in Qatar

Mr Rashid Muhammad, a staunch TCF supporter, organised a meeting at the Millennium Hotel in Doha to introduce TCF to the local community. Mr Mushtaq Chhappra addressed the gathering where Dr Ishrat Husain, Dean and Director of the Institute of Business Administration, Karachi also spoke.

### TCF Highlights

102,000 students (almost 50% female enrollment)  
730 school units in 83 towns and cities across Pakistan and AR  
5,400 trained female teachers  
KPMG audited and PCP certified  
Member of Clinton Global Initiative (CGI)



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## THE CITIZENS FOUNDATION

### Help educate Pakistan

Take Pakistan's destiny in your own hands. Educate Pakistan. Donate to support education in rural areas & urban slums of the country.

Thousands of less privileged children study in hundreds of TCF Campuses all across Pakistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir. Your donation will educate many more.

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