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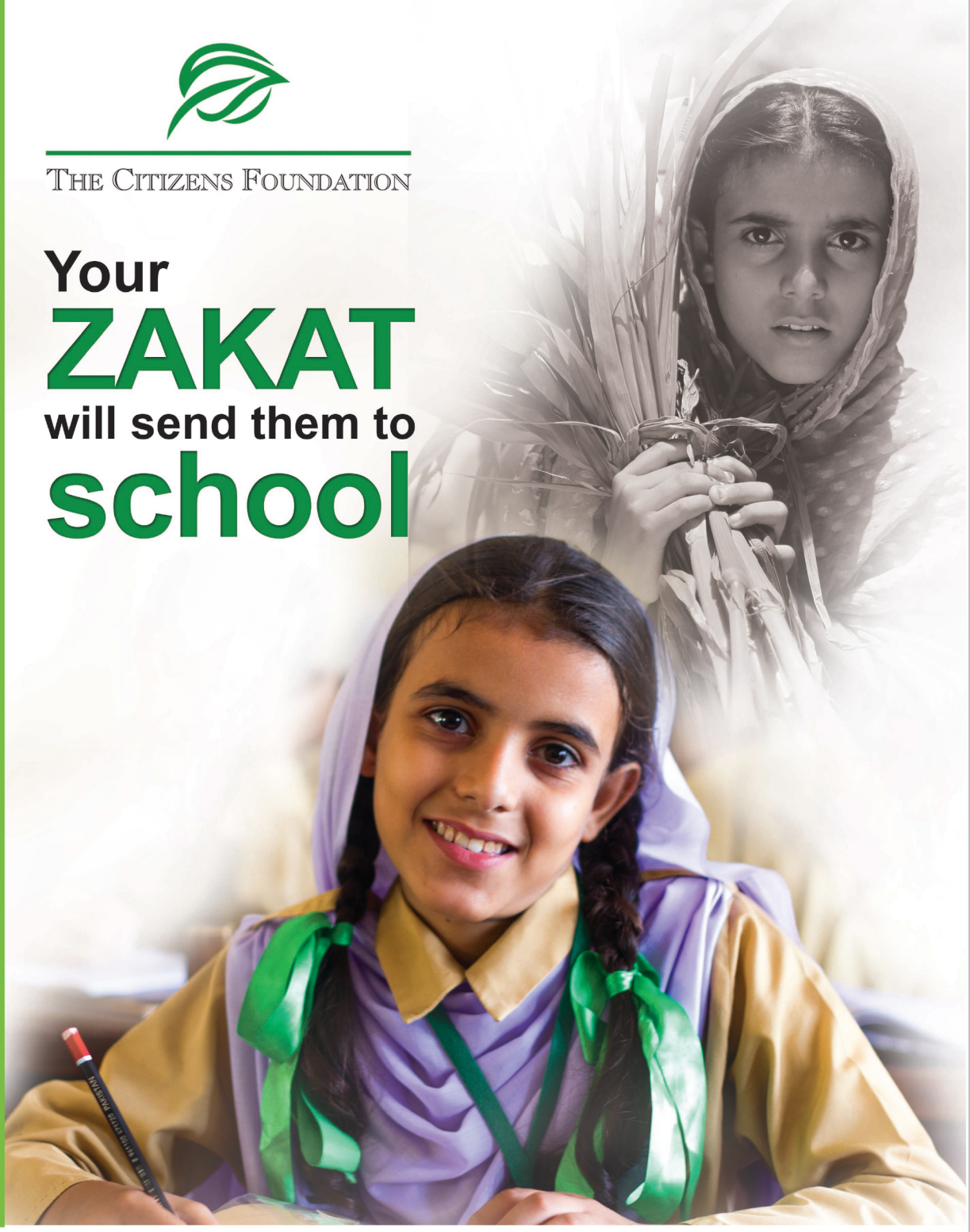

Dear Reader,

TCF is off to a great start for the year 2013, gaining international recognition while our young achievers made Pakistan proud by marking their place at globally acclaimed universities. This issue covers such milestones where they have raised the bar, not only for their community's future achievers but for every student in this country.

Ramadan is synonymous with endurance and benevolence. Zakat is one of the best means to restore your faith in sharing wealth amongst the deprived and that too for a cause such as education. Zakat through education will empower children and help them break out of the vicious cycle of poverty.

This quarter's issue covers a lot of fun filled and interesting events that would not have been possible without our devoted supporters, staff and volunteers across the globe.

Wishing you a blessed Ramadan

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Young Achievers

Setting a Benchmark

An industrious student, Nadeem joined TCF School in grade IV and became the highest scorer in his Matriculation amongst the regional TCF schools. Through further hard work and dedication, Nadeem Hussain gained admission at the prestigious Institute of Business Administration (IBA) through their "National Talent Hunt Program". He is now in the third year of his degree and has been selected for "Study of the United States Institute for Student Leaders on Comparative Public Policy – 2013 Program" to take place in Massachusetts, USA this summer. He is one of the 17th Pakistani student to be selected for this honor.

The Go-Getter

The soft-spoken Ammara is a true TCF alumni. She is the first amongst her four siblings to pursue higher education. Ammara completed both her Matriculation and Intermediate education from TCF institutes. After attaining stellar grades in both, she gained admission in the highly recognized Lahore Medical and Dental College for a "Doctor of Pharmacy" degree. We are confident Ammara will soar to great heights and be an asset to her community.

TCF students receive the gift of solar light

Recently, Karachi Electric Supply Company (KESC) distributed solar lights among students at TCF School in Qayyumabad. In order to counter load shedding and power-cut issues, KESC gifted each child with a solar light gadget. Mr. Tabish Gauhar, CEO of KESC was present at a small ceremony along with Mr. Mushtaq Chhapra, Chairperson TCF and Mr. Riaz Kamlani, VP TCF, where solar light packs were gifted to TCF students.

TCF and KESC have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

According to this MOU, KESC is supplying free electricity at 320 TCF school units.

TCF Students win Academic Olympiad 2013

An Academic Olympiad was recently organized by Teach for Pakistan, initiative of The Aman Foundation. Students from 12 schools, all over Karachi were brought to compete and were quizzed on math, science and english at the Amantech Institute in Korangi. A team of TCF students from Adamjee Campus Secondary School, Korangi were amongst the participants who stood out as winners!

My Bright Smile Global Art Contest 2013

Colgate conducted a global art competition recently by the name of Colgate's My Bright Smile Global Art Contest 2013. Top-100 local winners were selected which included a bunch of TCF students. The Jury panel was comprised of well-known artists who selected our top 12 entries that represented Pakistan. The winning entries were sent to our Global Head Office in New York to compete against top 12 entries received from countries all over the world. The winning entries were displayed on the 6th of June, 2013 at Alliance Francaise , Karachi. TCF students from both South & South West regions also visited the exhibition and were very excited to see their work.

Inter School Science & Arts Competition

Inter school Art & Science competition was held in TCF school, Asma and Rashid Khan Campus, Pai Khel, Mianwali on 24th April 2013. Regional Manager Syed Nayab Shah and GM Operations Brig. Sabur Ahmed were present at the activity. Some of the interesting projects seen during the event which included things made of recycled material, all kinds of assorted handcrafts, hand fans made out of chatai etc.
The way students articulated the concepts to the viewers and answered questions, showed their grip on the subject and confidence. Some of the main science projects that got the most attention were solar system, purification of water, power station and models of dinosaur fossils.

TCF WINS THE INTERNATIONAL SKOLL AWARD

TCF won the prestigious International Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship (SASEs). During an elaborate ceremony in Oxford-UK, on April 11, 2013, the Skoll Foundation presented SASE to TCF Chairperson and Founding Director Mr. Mushtaq Chhapra. The Skoll Foundation presents the Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship each year to selected social entrepreneurs whose proven innovations have demonstrated impact on some of the world's most pressing problems. Skoll provides funding to grantees, along with connection to Skoll's network of social entrepreneurs and 900 social innovators across sectors. Some of the noted luminaries who spoke at the Skoll World Forum were Prince Charles of Wales, Muhammad Yunus, Michael Porter, Annie Lennox, Gro Brundtland and former UN General Secretary Kofi Annan.

Earth Day and Book Reading

Burj Bank conducted a CSR activity at TCF Qayyumabad Campus on 18th April, 2013. In this activity around 52 Burj Bank volunteers participated and spent some quality time with the students.

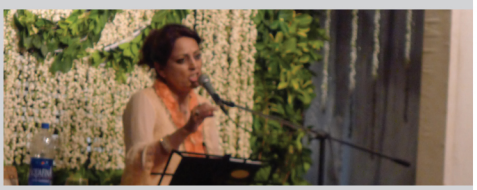
The main objective of the event was to provide an interactive session on "Earth day" by conducting a book reading competition for younger kids (KG-Grade II) and a painting competition for older kids based upon the theme of Earth Day (Grade III-Grade X). A small interactive session on "Earth Day" was also conducted, where students were guided on how we can save our Earth. The top three winners were awarded trophies.

Supporters of TCF (STCF), Organize Fundraisers

Lo Phir Bahaar Aai - A combination of music and comedy - with Tahira Syed, Bushra Ansari, Arshad Mehmood and Ali Safina was held on February 3rd, 2013 at the Darbar Hall, Sheraton Hotel.

An Evening to Rejoice the Sensational 70's - An evening to relive the sensational 70's with Noreen Sattar at The Court Marquee. Special acknowledgment was given to Mrs. Afshan Soorty for sponsoring the venue and Mr. Naveed Sherwani from 'Chef and Butlers' for providing catering to more than 400 guests.

Obhartay Sitaray - More than 70 participants from over 40 schools became a part of an inter-school singing competition, "Obhartay Sitaray". The second round of competitions will be held in October followed by the finale on 2nd November, 2013 at Marriott Hotel, Karachi.



TCF-UAE: Events and Activities

Dubai Cares Walk

Over 200 TCF supporters with their families participated in a walk held by Dubai Cares in February 2013. The walk was arranged to express support for children living in developing countries who are deprived of quality education.

TCF Ladies Group

In February, 2013, TCF Ladies Group invited members and their friends to a fun-filled basant evening to celebrate the beginning of spring hosted by Mrs. Zarina Mumtaz Muslim to raise support for the TCF cause.

TCF at DIHAD 2013

TCF participated in the "Dubai International Humanitarian Aid & Development Conference" held in March 2013. The exhibition brought together humanitarian organizations from around the world to an open dialogue on a common platform.

Highlights from TCF-USA

New Milestones Achieved

2013 has been an exciting year for TCF-USA. This year has seen the creation of new TCF chapters in New Orleans, Wichita, San Antonio and Memphis. Many of the new chapters have been created with the collaboration of existing US chapters. New chapters are also in the works for NE Ohio (Cleveland, Akron and Youngstown) and Columbus, OH. The first half of 2013 has also seen record breaking attendance at TCF annual events in Houston, Washington DC and the Silicon Valley.

Annual All Chapters Conference

In early May, TCF-USA held its second Annual All Chapters Conference. TCF-USA has welcomed a new member to their team; Ms. Asma Khan has joined as Director of Development & Marketing. Asma has already started working very closely with the volunteers on our Marketing and Outreach Committees.

News from TCF-UK

The Citizens Foundation UK had a great start, with a number of University Societies selecting TCF-UK as their charity of choice, and undertaking a series of successful fundraising events in aid of our work. TCF Founding members Mr. Mushtaq Chhapra and Mr. Ateed Riaz, took part in a series of meetings with major UK donors to help TCF-UK re-engage and renew support amongst its donor base.

Making waves on BBC's Radio

TCF-UK also made a significant breakthrough in awareness raising, securing a slot on BBC Radio 4's popular 'The World Today' programme. TCF Founder, Ahsan Saleem joined a distinguished panel to discuss the role of education in a society. The programme helped in reinforcing, TCF's status as Pakistan's leading education expert in UK.

Book Events

TCF-UK hosted a reading and question and answer session with critically-acclaimed author Nadeem Aslam. Respected writers Kamila Shamsie, Pankaj Mishra and Mirza Waheed joined forces to host a pan-South Asian debate on the ideas that shaped modern Asia. It was one of the most exciting events in the South Asian literary calendar this year.

Golden Jubilee

At the start of the 2013 academic year, TCF-UK's 50th funded school unit opened its doors to deserving children, marking a milestone in the team's fundraising work.

TCF Canada Update

TCF Canada Annual Gala & Fundraiser

On April 6th, 2013, TCF Canada held its "Annual Gala and Fundraising" dinner at Dreams Convention Centre in Brampton, Ontario. With a record turnout of over 600 guests, the event featured a message of support by Pakistani Consul General, Mohammad Nafees Zakaria, and a keynote address by Ms. Uzma Shakir, Director at the Office of Equity, Diversity and Human Rights at the City of Toronto. President of TCF USA Houston Chapter, Abdullah Jafari, and Ms. Najma Shamsi, led the evening's fundraising efforts.

"Drive To See Them Thrive Campaign"

The Drive to See Them Thrive, 2013 is an online, peer-to-peer fundraising campaign to raise funds for a new purpose-built school in Pakistan. Starting from July 5th, campaigners can use their customized and easy-to-set-up web pages to raise funds and awareness for the cause for 30 days. Dedicated fund-raising teams at all major banks, accounting firms and universities have been set up. The same process can be initiated by individuals.

Help Educate Pakistan

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