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Welcome Message from the Board of Directors

Welcome to the inaugural issue of TCF Canada's newsletter!

It is through generous donors like you that TCF has built 910 schools in which more than 126,000 of Pakistan's poorest and most deserving children are receiving quality education giving them the tools to face the future with confidence and hope!

Don't forget to visit our websites www.thecitizensfoundation.org for our Head Office page, and www.tcfcanada.org for the latest news of our activities here in Canada. I would like to thank our generous volunteers for this initiative giving us the latest on achievements and events, plans and aspirations.

Happy reading!

In a challenge to meet the dire need of
education in Pakistan,
TCF Pakistan has achieved the following
NEW MILESTONE, with the help of our donors.
Students : 126,000
School Units : 910
Locations : 97
Teachers : 6,300
Employees : 9, 500
We will need continued support of our donors, to maintain this
and add more schools for the deserving children.
www.tcfcanada.org or www.thecitizensfoundation.org
Donate

Achievements

The Citizens Foundation has been awarded the prestigious Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship in 2013. The Skoll Foundation recognizes a highly selective group of the world's most promising social entrepreneurs and has honored TCF founder, Mushtaq Chapra for his efforts in educating underprivileged children in Pakistan. Read more about it here.

"The Road Less Travelled: From Ismail Goth to Harvard"

Have you ever wondered whom your donations support?

Meet Anum Fatima, a 23 year old graduate of a TCF school in the Karachi slum of Ismail Goth. Currently enrolled in the MBA program at the Institute of Business Management (IoBM), Fatima will be attending a 3 month summer exchange program at Harvard University this June. An initiative by the US-Pakistan Women's Council, the program provides the opportunity to attend classes and develop internship opportunities through Harvard University's myriad resources.

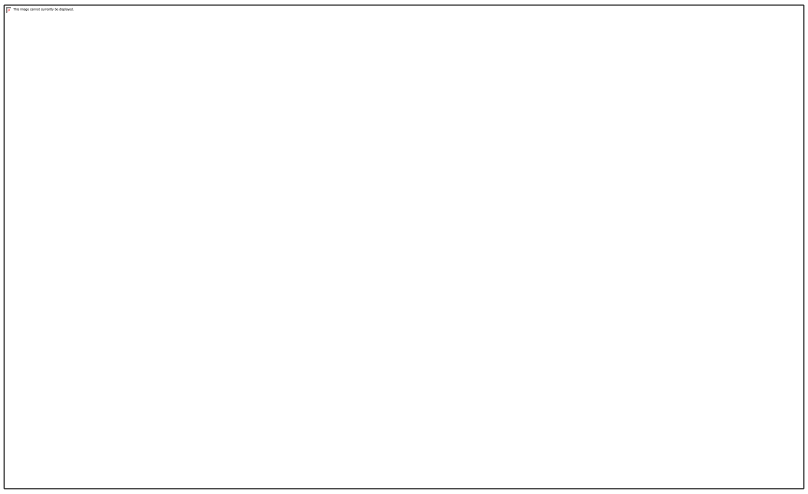
Every donation The Citizens Foundation receives helps Anum Fatima and thousands of other children dream of a better future. Please continue to donate to make their dreams a reality.

For more inspiration, visit Success Stories.

Milestones for TCF Canada

In 2012 and 2013 TCF Canada organized and promoted events to help raise over $800,000 through fundraising and private donations to go towards maintaining existing TCF campuses as well as building new schools. TCF Canada has seen an inspiring increase in members and young volunteers who are committed to helping end the cycle of educational disparity in Pakistan.
TCF Canada is excited to share that it is now one of the accredited charities associated with the United Way of Canada. As such, donors can contribute funds to TCF through the United Way charity programs at their various places of employment.

The Citizens Foundation Canada Annual Fundraising Gala & Dinner



On April 6th, 2013, TCF Canada held its Annual Gala and Fund Raising Dinner at Dreams Convention Centre in Brampton, Ontario. With a record turnout of over 600 guests, the evening was a great success with over $150,000 raised in donations and sponsorships. The event commenced with a welcome address by TCF Canada President, Aziz Rakla. The Chief Guest was Pakistan Consul General, Mohammad Nafees Zakaria, and Uzma Shakir, Director at the Office of Equity, Diversity and Human Rights at the City of Toronto, gave an inspiring keynote address. Guests were entertained throughout the evening by a comedian and live band.

Toronto Professionals Group - Drive To See Them Thrive Campaign

The Drive to See Them Thrive 2013 was an online, peer-to-peer campaign that raised funds for a new, purpose-built school in Pakistan. The TCF Toronto Professionals group encouraged everyone to join the movement for 30 days starting July 5th. Campaigners used their customized web pages to raise approximately $50,000 in funds, as well as awareness for the cause of universal education. The organizers set up dedicated fundraising teams at all major banks, accounting firms and universities.

On Saturday, August 3rd the group hosted an appreciation iftar organized by Abdullah Zafar, Saad Khan, Shehzad Akbar, Raza Adnan, Ali Asghar, Saba Ladha, Maha Hasnain, Leena Khawaja, Vajeeha Sipra and other volunteers to celebrate their unprecedented success with all their supporters and to honor their top fundraisers.

For more information, please visit their website, and for regular updates, join the Facebook page and follow them on Twitter@SeeThemThrive.

Website: **http://tcfcanada.org/drive-to-see-them-thrive-campaign**
Facebook group: **https://www.facebook.com/TheCitizensFoundationCanada**
Twitter: **https://twitter.com/SeeThemThrive**

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Award

TCF Canada is pleased to announce that current President and Director Aziz Rakla and founding member and Director Najma Shamsi were awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of their service to Canada by the Governor General.

The medals and associated certificates were presented by Honourable Senator Salma Ataullahjan at a brief ceremony on August 3rd, 2013 at the TCF offices in Mississauga, ON

Past Events

Young Professionals for The Citizens Foundation Event

On November 10th, 2012, the Young Professionals for The Citizens Foundation held their inaugural event - a fundraising dinner to honor the bravery of Malala Yousufzai and raise money to help support TCF schools. The event was held at the historic James Cooper Mansion in downtown Toronto and featured a presentation on the charity's work in Pakistan by Amy Baig, a member of TCF Canada. Attendees helped raise $8,000 in general donations and pledges to support a child annually. The evening's entertainment consisted of a raffle draw, photo booth and dinner.

The Young Professionals for TCF are a Toronto based group of concerned individuals working to create awareness about TCF.

For details on more TCF events, please click here

Toronto Professionals Group Golf Tournament

On June 24th, 2012, a group of urban professionals and students from Toronto known as the Toronto Professionals Group organized a fund raising golf tournament at the Highlands Golf Course in Bradford, Ontario. Ms. Najma Shamsi, one of the founding members of TCF Canada and a current director, spoke at the event. Guests were treated to a luncheon followed by an awards ceremony for the winners of the tournament. To date, the Toronto Professionals Group has raised approximately $55,000 for the building of a new campus.

For more information about the Toronto School Support Group and their activities, click here

TCF Across Canada

TCF Canada is proud to share that 2012 saw the growth of TCF's presence across Canada with Annual Galas and Fundraisers held by new chapters in Montreal and Regina. Along with Toronto and Calgary, there are currently 4 active chapters in Canada. TCF Canada leadership would like to recognize (late) Dr. and Mrs. Matloub Hassan and Dr. Moin Kirmani in Montreal, Dr. Haji Ebrahim Chalchal in Regina and Mr. Ayaz Channa in Calgary for their relentless efforts to help raise funds and awareness for TCF.

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have opened their hearts and donated so generously throughout the year. Just $12 a month helps improve the life of a child by sending them to a TCF school. **Donate now and make a difference!**

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