



THE CITIZENS FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

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News Update

TCF's 100th School An Inaugural Celebration

The Citizen's Foundation made its 100th school unit functional in the city on 16 April 2002. The school is situated in Khuda Bux Goth, yet another slum area of the city. This is a tremendous achievement for TCF from the date of its inception in 1995 and a reason for celebrations.

The collective enrolment strength with the 20 TCF school units launched this year would be 12,000 students after completion of the admission process whereas the total capacity of these schools is 18,000. It is something to be proud of and yet, it is a small step toward TCF's ultimate goal of educating 350,000 children across the country by the year 2010.

The response from the surrounding localities, where TCF schools are located, is encouraging as the number of students is increasing every year. The employment of empathetic female teachers and emphasis on female student registration is one of the reasons for this increase. Another factor is the lower fee structure and, in most cases, the awarding of

scholarships, free uniforms, and books for the students. Students from the schools are benefiting from the healthy academic environment provided by these schools.

To meet its financial obligations, TCF relies mainly on sponsorships. It has, in certain instances, received land from the philanthropic community, but in a majority of cases had to acquire land at market price. If the government provided amenity plots for building schools on, TCF's work would be easier.



First day at school.

TCF School, Engro Campus, Dharki, is a new project comprising of a primary and secondary section. Teachers have been trained and classes started on 15 April 2002. The response from the people is tremendous. In a month, the school enrolment has already reached 262.

The TCF **Information Technology** Unit has a network of 28 computers including three servers. The basic objective of this institution is to enhance computer education that is the require-

ment of this modern age, as well as to decrease unemployment in the surrounding remote areas. This institute is currently engaged in conducting courses such as MS Office, Web Designing and enhancing programming skills at very economical rates. There are 45 students at present availing this opportunity.



The 100th TCF school unit at Khuda Bux Goth.

Teacher Training

Pre-Service Teachers' Workshop

According to TCF policy, a pre-service training of the newly inducted teachers was held from 25 February - 05 April, 2002. Three hundred and four (304) teachers attended the course at 8 stations. In the previous year, workshops were conducted at Karachi, Lahore, Rawalpindi, Johrabad and Sheikhpura. This year three new centers were created, at Jaranwala, Faisalabad in the Punjab and Dharki in Sindh.

The workshop leaders and trainers for this entire programme were drawn from TCF's own competent and qualified academic staff. Teachers were given a Basic Teacher Training Course in which they were trained in modern techniques of teaching as well as classroom and school management. In-service training will again be held during the summer vacations.



Training to train children of future.

Campaigns

STCF Fundraiser

Supporters of The Citizens Foundation (STCF) held fundraisers in Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad in February. The shows were A Tribute to Noor Jehan by Zia Mohyeddin.

The venue, in Karachi, was the Defence Golf Club. The stage had a backdrop of a larger than life portrait of Noor Jehan, designed by 'The Circuit (Pvt) Ltd'. Each guest was presented with a CD/audio recording of a collection of Noor Jehan's songs sponsored by Crescent Steel. The hospitality desk was set up with the assistance of 'Jaffer Business Systems' and some of the ladies of the 'Floral Art Society' contributed floral arrangement to beautify the venue. Mr. Khadim Ali Shah Bukhari sponsored the delightful dinner.

Shahla Shareef, Vice Chairperson STCF, and Mushtaq Chhapra, Chairman STCF, addressed the guests and a presentation on the goals and achievements of TCF was screened before the show.

Zia Mohyeddin was charming in his rendition of the tribute paid to Noor Jehan. The rendition was interspersed with clippings from her movies and accompanied by songs sung by Fariha Pervaiz, Bushra Ansari and Mehnaz Begum. Some of the performers had especially flown down from Lahore, courtesy Pakistan International Airlines, and their stay was sponsored by Avari Towers.

On a note of nostalgia, the evening came to an end with Seema Zubairi giving a vote of thanks on behalf of STCF and Shahnaz Saleem, wife of the Chairman of TCF, presenting the artistes with bouquets of flowers.



Paying homage to Noor Jehan.

The **Lahore** show was a sell-out too. The Crystal Ballroom at the Pearl Continental Hotel looked beautiful, decorated in shades of rust, gold and orange. The evening was conducted by Shahid Jalal. The songs were nostalgically enjoyed by all. One guest at each table was the lucky winner of a surprise gift. It was a spectacular show with expectations of more in the future.

STCF **Islamabad** put up an equally successful show on February 3 at the newly built Serena Hotel to a sell-out crowd of 400. A program of such caliber was a first for Islooites who showed their appreciation by their generous donations.

Co-curricular Activities

Fun & Sports

About 150 students from different schools of TCF were selected to visit the Alliance Francaise to take part in a puppet show arranged by Family Educational Services. It was heartening to see that TCF students actively participated in all the activities and interacted with other students who were invited as well. Snacks and cold drinks were served to the students after the show.

The M. J. Magic Group organized a magic show in all our schools. The show was a hit with the children who enjoyed the different tricks that were performed in front of them. The young minds were very excited and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Entertaining the students of TCF schools.

The students of TCF are looking forward to a friendly cricket match organised between the TCF team and the Pakistan Naval Academy Cadets at Manora. The enthusiastic practice sessions are indicative of a tough fight ahead between the two teams. TCF is grateful to the Commanding Officer of the Pakistan Naval Academy, Commodore M. Zakauallah for providing an opportunity for all sports and leisure facilities to the students.

Acknowledgements

Corporate / Individual Donations

We are most fortunate for the handsome donation of Rs 22 million made by **Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair** of Dubai of which Rs 6 million is for a secondary school to be built in Lahore with its running cost of Rs 5 million for 10 years and additional Zakat of Rs 11 million.

TCF is equally grateful to **two anonymous donors** for their donation of Rs 3 million each, a total of Rs 6 million for sponsoring two primary schools.

We would like to acknowledge the generous donations made by the following companies / individuals for supporting a primary or secondary school for the year 2002.

- ✍ Gatron Foundation
- ✍ Gillette Pakistan
- ✍ Aqeel Karim Dehdi Family
- ✍ Mr. Rashid Soorty
- ✍ Mr. Arif Habib
- ✍ Mr. Ahsan M. Saleem
- ✍ Mrs. Shehnaz A. Saleem (2)
- ✍ Mrs. Mohammad Saleem
- ✍ Syed Arif Masood Naqvi

We would also like to thank **Mrs. A. U. Qureshi** (exporter of ready-made garments) for her generous donation of cartons with assorted children's clothes and other household items for distribution amongst the needy children.

We are also very grateful to **Skypak Companies Group of Sialkot** for their donation of 100 export quality footballs to further promote sports activities in our schools.

In-House Events

Annual Dinner

On behalf of the Directors of TCF, Mr. Ahsan Saleem — Chairman TCF held a dinner at his residence on Saturday, 9 February 2002 where a total of 100 major donors and potential donors were invited. A detailed presentation was given by the Chairman on the status of TCF schools and the guests thanked for their generous support in making it a reality. The guests participated in the question and answer session that followed and showed a keen interest in the future plan of action. The Board members explained in detail their belief in the institution of Zakat from home and abroad as one of the major contributing factor. Some valuable suggestions came from the guests and they were encouraged to visit their respective



Guests enjoying dinner & question/answer session.

schools and to share the responsibility of supporting them on an annual basis. The presentation was followed by dinner, which was enjoyed by all.

FTCF Abroad

FTCF-UK

We had the privilege of visits from some of our Friends of The Citizens Foundation (FTCF) members from the UK recently — starting with Dr. Azhar



Aslam. earlier in the year. followed by Mr. Tariq Hussain and Ms. Caroline Bate in March. The sole purpose of their trips was to visit the TCF schools in Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad. After spending a lot of time visiting schools and interacting with the children, they went back with renewed enthusiasm and resolved to do even more. That is exactly what they have been doing - sending generous amounts of money regularly - and they are now busy with the preparation of a special fund-raiser for TCF on 16 June, 2002 in collaboration with Mehreen Jabbar's highly acclaimed film 'Marhoom Colonel ki Baitiyaan' at The National Film Theatre.

Visitors from abroad.

FTCF-UAE

The Pakistani community in UAE has topped the list of foreign donors helping TCF fund eight schools. In UAE, the Dubai chapter has been working for a long time with amazing results. It is represented by Mr. Ishaque Noor, Mr. Adnan Siddiqui and Mr. Shahab Haider. The newly formed Abu Dhabi chapter is headed by Mrs. Zamir Burney, overseen by Mr. Shahab Haider and patronized by the Ambassador of Pakistan to Abu Dhabi, Maj. General (Retd) Salimullah.

The Abu Dhabi chapter held a Donor Conference on May 10, 2002 to celebrate the 100th TCF school, to acknowledge and thank the donors. Around 200 people attended the conference at the Abu Dhabi Inter Continental Hotel. A similar conference, sponsored by Cupola, was held in Dubai at the Dubai Inter Continental on May 11, 2002. Cupola's CEO, Mr. Waqar Siddiqui, pledged US\$ 110,000 for one secondary school. Also, a recently organized group of Pakistanis, *Saharay*, who want to raise funds to alleviate illiteracy, poverty and suffering in Pakistan, donated Dhs 69,500 at the conference.

Qatar: In May 2002, TCF's Chairman, Mr. Ahsan Saleem and Mr. Ishaque Noor of the Dubai Chapter led a team organized by Mr. Tariq Masood to Qatar. The aim of the team was to identify a core group of volunteers, prospective donors and supporters under the patronage of the Ambassador of Pakistan in Qatar. A dinner followed the TCF presentation to raise awareness in the Pakistani community in Qatar.

FTCF-Bahrain

We are proud to announce an addition to our Gulf Network of another chapter in Bahrain. Mr. Abdul Ghani has very kindly consented to look after TCF's affairs in Bahrain. He can be contacted at PO.Box:104 Manama, Bahrain. E-mail: abdul_ghani85@hotmail.com

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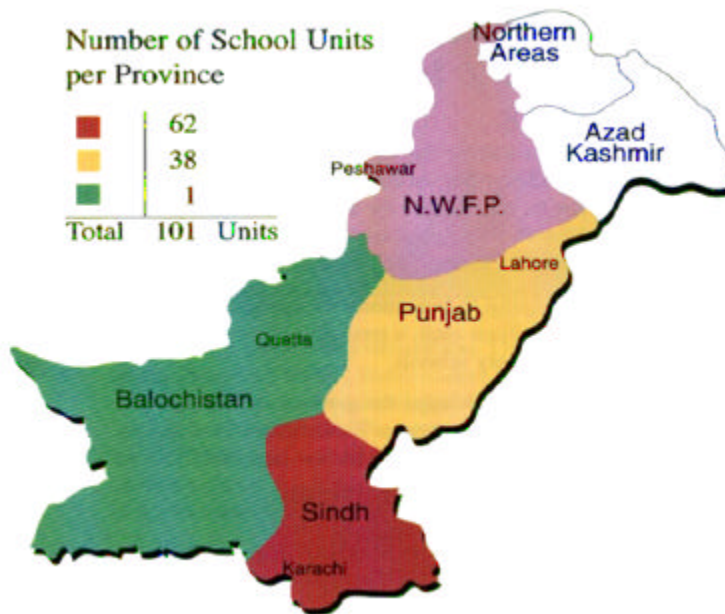
Thank you for your vote of confidence and words of encouragement on our previous issue, compiled by the Marketing Dept with contributions from staff members, supporters and friends of TCF.

This issue is particularly significant since by the grace of Allah (SWT), it also represents the inauguration of our 100th School in full running capacity as of 16 April 2002. It is indeed a landmark achievement and something to be proud of for each one of us associated with TCF.

We would also like to welcome some more professionals to the existing team of the TCF family in the last six months, thereby strengthening the structure with their experience and dedication, Syed Mazhar Alam - Manager Accounts, Ms. Raana Mohsin Farooqui - Manager Education and Ms. Uzma Mirza - Consultant for Quality and Community Development.

Number of School Units per Province

■	62
■	38
■	1
Total	101 Units

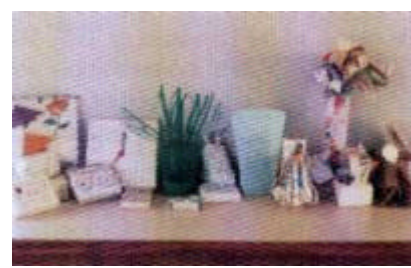
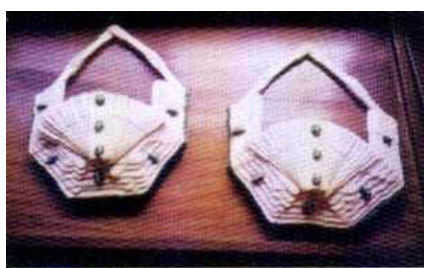


Areas Covered : Karachi, Lahore, Rawalpindi, Kasur, Shahpur, Jauharabad, Sheikhpura, Faisalabad, Hub, Khushab, Jaranwla, Dharki and Mangowal.

TCF Score Card 2002

Total number of TCF Primary School units, 2002	75
Total number of TCF Secondary School units, 2002	24
TCF Teacher Training School Units	1
TCF Information Technology Units	1
Total student capacity in TCF units, 2001-02	18,000+
Total number of jobs created	1,450

Creativity at work - some work by TCF school children.



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