



HDF-THANKS SCHOLARSHIP

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For Nishtar Medical University, Multan

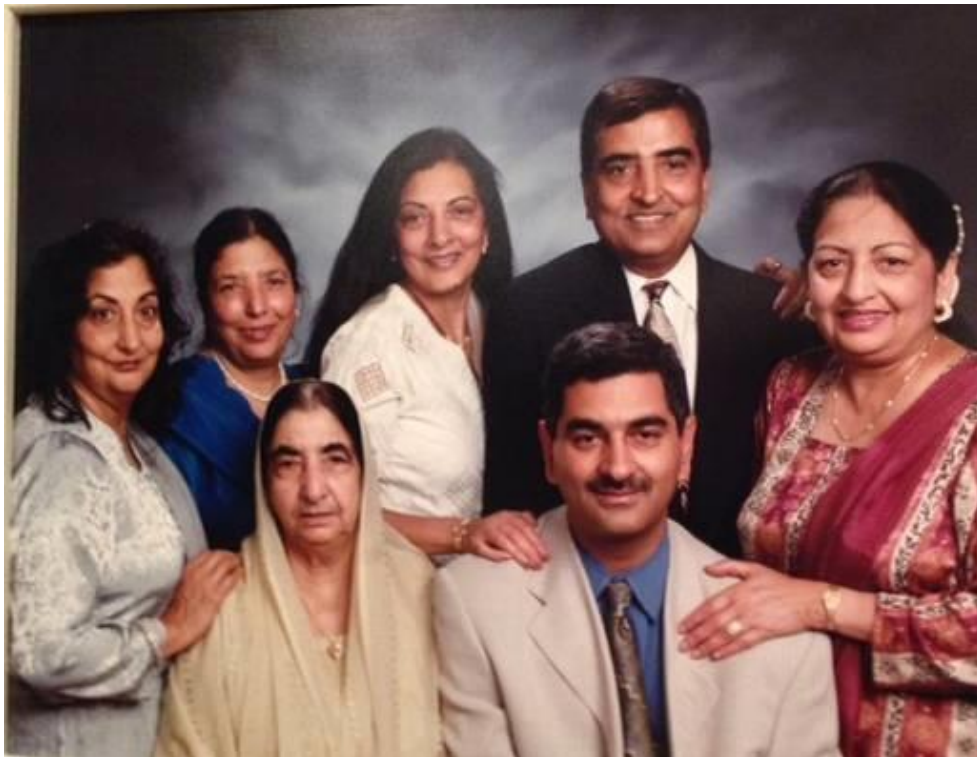
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SHAGUFTA CHOWHAN

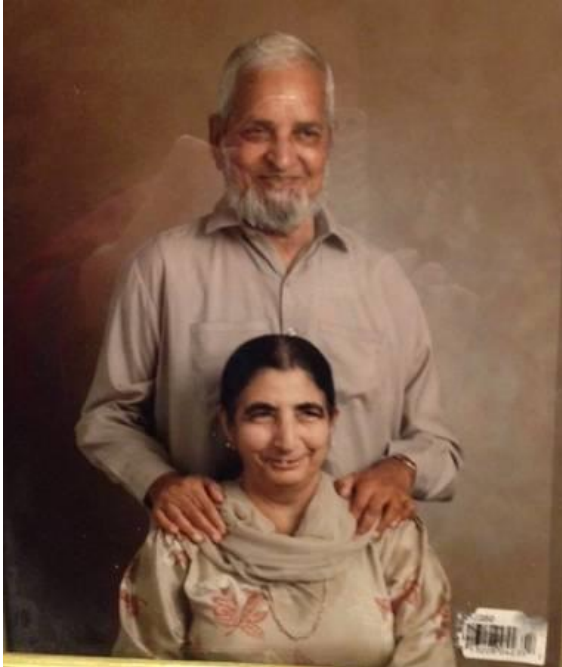




Dr. Shagufta Chowhan is a graduate of Nishtar Medical College (1969). She is a psychiatrist at Oaklawn, South Bend, Indiana. She has 3 children: Samir, Nadia and Seher.



Honoring My Parents



My father: Chaudhary Baddar Ud Din (May 5, 1915 - May 25th 1991). After graduating from college, he worked in a municipal committee for few years. Later he started his own business and eventually got into having his big farm in a village near Rahim Yar Khan. He enjoyed it for years and raised his family of 6 (4 girls and 2 boys). Educating his children was very close to his heart and he worked very hard, day and night, to make sure this happens. He was very proud of his children's accomplishments. He was always full of love for his children. He died unexpectedly and is buried in Toledo, Ohio.

My mother: Majeeda Begum: (August 14, 1930- November 25, 2013) My mom did not attend any school because her family did not let her no matter how much she had wanted to. She was a homemaker and very brilliant lady. As my father worked hard outside, she worked very hard at home. Together, they made sure their children got the best education. She was an accomplished lady in all areas of life and nobody could guess that she had no formal education. She was a tough disciplinarian and took care of all the needs of her children. She also made sure that her daughters also learn about cooking, sewing, embroidery, stitching and many other skills.

My parents moved to Lahore once their children were done with their education. Move to Lahore was a dream come true for my mother because she was born and raised there and all of her family members lived in the city. They came to USA many a time to visit their kids and grandkids. My father used to say: "I am the luckiest person in the world because all of my children got the best education"

Coordinator's note.

Starting in the year 2021, this scholarship will provide assistance to a medical student at **Nishtar Medical University-Multan for five years**. Next year, another bright student will have the same award and each year after that another student and so on. This is indeed a gift that keeps on giving!

HDF-THANKS committee is extremely thankful to Dr. Chowhan for establishing this scholarship for Nishtar Medical University. She has had a strong desire to help bright students to fulfill their dreams: the same wish that her father had for all of his children. What a wonderful way to honor one's parents.

This is Dr. Chowhan's **fourth HDF scholarship**. Her first scholarship (HDF THANKS # 10) was in the memory of her late husband. The second scholarship (HDF THANKS # 11) honored her parents. She is extremely appreciative of the roles her father and husband played in her life. Her third (HDF THANKS # 23) and the current scholarships are for the students at her alma mater.

It has been an honor for me to listen to her life story and recognize the love she has for her parents and family members. Now she is establishing this enduring legacy (sadqa e Jariyah) at her alma mater in honor of her deceased parents. What a wonderful way to honor one's loved ones.

She is a role model for me in the truest sense of the words.

Bashir Chaudhary