

NEWSLETTER

Celebrating the Impact of Our HDFNA Networks Annual Fundraising Events

This spring has been a season of extraordinary generosity, community engagement, and impact across our HDFNA networks. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, donors, and supporters, we continue to strengthen communities and transform lives in Pakistan.



Seattle Network Raises Over \$300,000

The Seattle Network hosted a highly successful fundraising event, raising more than **\$300,000** in support of HDFNA's mission and programs. The evening brought together passionate community members united by a shared commitment to creating sustainable change through education, healthcare, economic

development, and social welfare initiatives. A special thank you to **Munir Rizvi** and **Dr. Tabassum Saeed**, whose leadership and tireless efforts helped bring the community together for an inspiring and impactful event.



Michigan Fundraising Effort Poised to Surpass \$400,000 as Donations Continue to Arrive

The Michigan Network continues to build remarkable momentum, raising **over \$400,000** to support HDFNA's work. The enthusiasm, generosity, and commitment demonstrated by donors and volunteers have been truly inspiring. This success would not have been possible without the leadership of dedicated network

leads **Saima Sattar, Shahzad Syed, Muzammil Malik, and Nina Khan**, who worked tirelessly to make the event a success. Attendees were also honored to hear from special guest speaker **Dr. Anwar Khan** and enjoyed entertainment by renowned Pakistani artist **Ali Haider**, making the evening both meaningful and memorable.



From Ambition to Achievement

HDF Alumna Aqsa Bano Secures Top 6 in CSS Nationwide, Joins Pakistan Administrative Service (PAS)

Aqsa Bano's journey is a powerful reflection of resilience, talent, and the transformative role of education, but it is also a story of how sustained community investment can change the trajectory of an entire generation. Hailing from a small village in Rahim Yar Khan, Punjab, Aqsa grew up in a modest household as one of nine siblings. Her father, a laborer, worked tirelessly to support the family, while opportunities for girls' education in the area remained extremely limited.

Recognizing these barriers, the Human Development Foundation initiated social mobilization efforts in the village, actively engaging families and communities to encourage girls' education. Alongside this, HDF introduced both formal and non-formal education pathways, ensuring that girls who would otherwise be left behind had access to learning opportunities.

Aqsa became one of the earliest beneficiaries of these efforts. Her academic journey began at HDF Girls High School, Basti Khandoo, the only accessible institution for girls in her community. It was here that her potential was first recognized and nurtured.



Supported through HDF's educational ecosystem, including scholarships and continuous mentoring, Aqsa was able to pursue her studies without interruption.

In 2014, she achieved a historic milestone by securing 1st position in the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Bahawalpur in the General Science and Humanities group in her matriculation examinations, earning a gold medal. This achievement marked a turning point, opening doors to higher education that would have otherwise remained out of reach. In recognition of her extraordinary achievement and to inspire future generations, HDF has named the computer lab at HDF School as the Aqsa Computer Lab.



She continued her exceptional performance in intermediate, once again securing 1st position in BISE Bahawalpur in 2016, and receiving merit certificates from the Chief Minister's Secretariat, Government of Punjab. With continued support through scholarships from the Human Development Foundation and other partners, Aqsa pursued her academic journey with unwavering determination.

In 2018, she graduated from The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, securing 3rd position overall, further cementing her academic excellence. She later gained admission to the prestigious University of Punjab, Lahore, where she completed her higher education.

Returning to Rahim Yar Khan in 2021, Aqsa began contributing to her community while preparing for competitive examinations. She was appointed as an O and A Levels teacher in 2022 and was also recommended by the Punjab Public Service Commission as a Lecturer in Mathematics, an achievement in itself.

Building on years of hard work and perseverance, Aqsa appeared in Pakistan's highly competitive Central Superior Services CSS Examination. She secured an outstanding 6th position nationwide and has been allocated to the Pakistan Administrative Service PAS, assuming the role of Assistant Commissioner.

Aqsa's success is not just an individual accomplishment, it is a reflection of HDF's long term commitment to education, community engagement, and girls' empowerment. From mobilizing communities to accept girls' education, to providing non formal learning opportunities, to supporting bright students through scholarships, HDF's holistic approach has played a pivotal role in shaping her journey.

Today, Aqsa Bano stands as a beacon of hope and inspiration for countless young girls across rural Pakistan. Her story powerfully reinforces HDF's mission that with the right support at the right time, even the most modest beginnings can lead to extraordinary achievements.



The Power of Community

These events are a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished when communities come together around a common purpose. We are deeply grateful to our network leaders, volunteers, donors, sponsors, and attendees whose generosity helps provide education, healthcare, economic opportunity, and

emergency relief to those who need it most.

Together, we are creating lasting impact, strengthening communities, and transforming lives, one family, one village, and one opportunity at a time.



Celebrating Community and Gratitude During Ramadan

This Ramadan, our DMV and Chicago networks welcomed donors, volunteers, and community members to special Iftar gatherings in recognition of the generous supporters who have helped advance HDF's mission throughout the years.

These memorable evenings provided an opportunity to come together in the spirit of Ramadan, strengthen relationships, and reflect on the collective impact of our community. As attendees shared a meal, they also celebrated the hope and opportunities made possible through their support of vulnerable families in Pakistan.

The gatherings were warmly received and served as a meaningful reminder of the

compassion, generosity, and sense of community that define the HDF family.

A special thank you goes to Tehmina Nawab and her team, who led the DMV Network event, and Henna Muzaffar and her team, who led the Chicago Network gathering. Their leadership, dedication, and hospitality helped create memorable experiences that brought our supporters together in community and gratitude.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our donors, volunteers, and supporters whose continued commitment makes our work possible. Together, we are building stronger communities and creating lasting impact for families in need.



Because You Cared, **We Had Food on Our Table**

My name is Muhammad Ashraf, and I am a resident of Village Muhammad Shaikh. I would like to sincerely thank HDF for providing a Ramzan food package to my family during the holy month of Ramzan.

I earn a living by driving a donkey cart, and this is the only source of income for my family of seven members. Because of our limited income, it is often difficult for us to manage our household expenses and provide enough food for the family.

The Ramzan food package was a great help to us. It supported our family during a difficult time and helped us meet our food needs throughout Ramzan. Because of this support, we were able to observe our fasts with greater comfort and less worry.

I am truly grateful to HDF, its donors, and everyone who contributed to this support. Your kindness brought relief and happiness to my family when we needed it most.

On behalf of my family, I pray that Allah blesses you and rewards you for helping families like ours. Thank you for your generosity and support.





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