



The APPNA St. Louis Community Mobilized for Flood Relief

August 2010 brought the plight of millions of Pakistani's to the attention of the world as Pakistan's deadliest floods in decades killed more than 2000 people and displaced approximately 20 million along the Indus River valley, where most of Pakistan's population lives. Initially, rescue workers were overwhelmed by the magnitude of this disaster, but army personnel, relief workers, health care providers, and NGOs mobilized to provide safety, shelter, food and clothing. The pictures and news stories demanded a response by the Pakistani St. Louis community. Pakistani physicians of St. Louis quickly initiated several fundraising drives to maximize immediate aid for the Flood relief.

Several strategies were adopted involving members of the APPNA – Greater St. Louis Chapter and Pakistani St. Louis community at large to provide short and long-term aid. Many people contributed directly to reputable NGOs. Several fundraising events were held in religious and community centers throughout St. Louis. In particular,

- A fundraising dinner at Daar-ul-Islam raised \$200,000, including water purification systems so that refugees could obtain safe drinking water.
- Clothing Drive at Daar-ul-Islam in conjunction with the Gourmet Bazaar.
- Medicine Shipment Program, in which \$25,000 was

raised and pledged. Drs. Zafar Rehmani and Abid Nisar, among others, helped

organize this program. The first shipment of medicine, such as antibiotics, were sent in September. Similar shipments will continue as this is a long-term need.

- The medical staff at St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital joined Dr. Mohammed Haseeb in contributing \$10,000 to Relief International. The donation was voted for and approved in the Medical staff quarterly meeting.
- SANA raised \$40,000 for flood relief in cooperation with the Sindh Graduate Association (SGA).

APPNA – Greater St. Louis Chapter will continue to work closely with APPNA and other NGOs to maintain continued financial, medical, and logistical support for the welfare of our fellow Pakistanis affected by the Flood. Please contact the E.C. if you have any projects to work on.



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HDF FUNDRAISER REPORT – ST. LOUIS, MARCH 28, 2010

On March 28, 2010, The Double Tree Hotel in St. Louis was the venue of a historical event both for HDF and for Alliance. This was the first time that APPNA alliance was a major sponsor for a Fundraiser. Partnering with Alliance were the Local Greater St. Louis Chapter of APPNA and Pakistani American Society of STL. This was a good example of Community unification where three prominent organizations joined hands to work together. Over \$140,000 was raised, with several donors covering the expenses of one year for schools operated by HDF at a cost of \$ 12,000 per year.

An added attraction for the Fundraiser was the Fashion Show by Nickie Nina, which was arranged by APPNA Alliance. I would like to thank our St. Louis community for all the support. In particular, I would like to recognize Dr. Aisha Najeeb representing HDF, Dr. Mujtaba Qazi, the President of APNNA Greater St. Louis Chapter, and Abdul Wadood representing PASS (Pakistani American Association of St. Louis), who were the co-sponsors and worked with us very closely.

APPNA Alliance will continue to partner with other organizations in the future to help alleviate the problems associated with lack of education and to improve the quality of life of our fellow Pakistanis.

Samreena Haseeb

President, 2010 APPNA Alliance



HDF UPDATE ON WORK ON THE GROUND

In March 2010, a fundraiser for Human Development Foundation was held in St. Louis Missouri. The deeply generous community of Saint Louis once again proved that they always donate to a worthy cause with their whole heart. Close to \$140,401 were raised in Donations and pledges out of which \$61,581 have been collected so far and utilized for HDF projects. The Flood Relief campaign in August 2010 (ongoing) raised \$63,798.54.

Along with the regular services in field of Education, Health and Economic Development, HDF has actively participated in relief and rehab work during the draught in 2000, earthquake in 2005, and Internally Displaced People (IDPs) crisis of Swat and Buner in 2009. Equipped with this experience and pre-existing infrastructure and support network, HDF, is adequately positioned to respond rapidly and effectively to the most recent calamity of the devastating floods. HDF had been providing packs of essential food items, clean drinking water and medical care facilities to the victims of the flood in Mardan, Charsadda, Nowshera, Swat, Rahim Yar Khan and Tando Muhammad Khan. HDF is also working with the displaced people who have moved to Port Qasim area of Karachi.

So far HDF team has:

- Organized 141 free medical camps
- Treated 23,314 patients
- Distributed food to 57,729 beneficiaries
- Set up 2 water filtration plants
- Please Visit www.hdf.com for project information.
- Farzana Chohan
- HDF St. Louis

