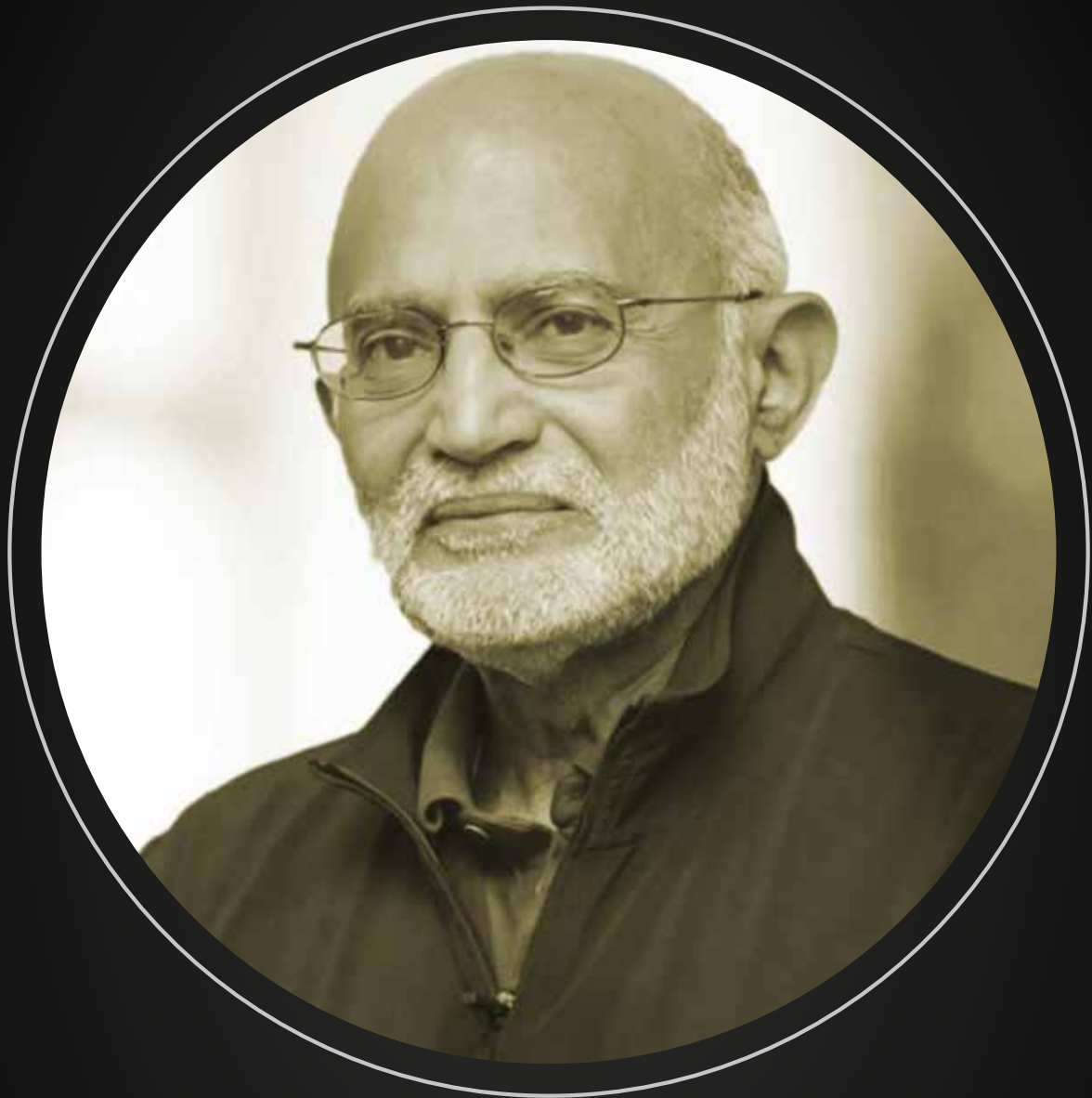




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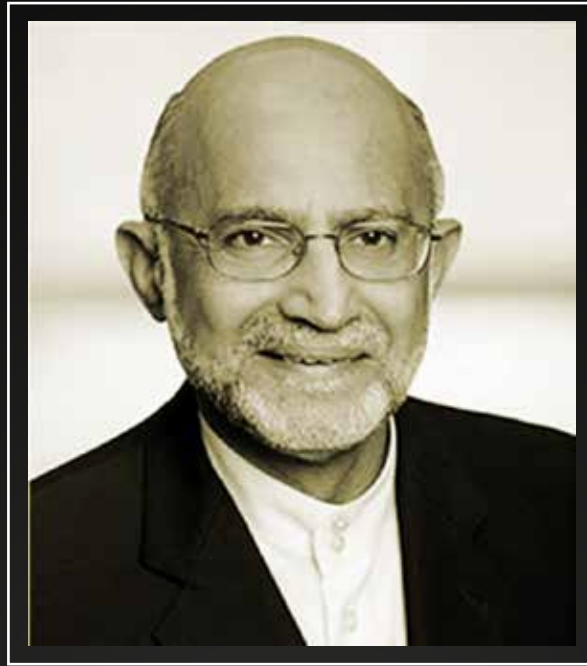
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In Loving Memory of  
**Dr. Muhammad Khalid Riaz**

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Founding Chairperson  
Human Development Foundation



The Human Development Foundation (HDF) mourns the loss of its esteemed Chairman and co-founder, Dr. Muhammad Khalid Riaz, who passed away peacefully in Chicago on 9th April 2025. Dr. Riaz was a celebrated interventional cardiologist, a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology and the American College of Chest Physicians, and a highly regarded member of the global Pakistani diaspora. He practiced medicine in the Chicagoland area for 50 years serving as President of Medical Staff and Member Board of Directors of Sherman Hospital in Elgin IL. His commitment to his patients earned him recognition among the Top Doctors in Chicago and Top Doctors in America by Castle Connelly and USA Today amongst many other accolades.

Driven by compassion and a steadfast commitment to benefit marginalized communities in Pakistan, Dr. Riaz became a founding chairperson of HDF in 1997 to promote human development and eradicate poverty through integrated programs in education, healthcare, economic

empowerment, and social mobilization. His leadership transformed HDF from a grassroots initiative into a respected force for sustainable development in Pakistan and beyond. In 2009 he was recognized in a publication of Georgetown University as one of the 500 Most Influential Muslims in the World for his work in poverty alleviation.

Dr. Riaz also served in prominent leadership roles across several organizations, including as President of the Association of Pakistani Physicians of North America (APPNA) and founding member of the Pakistan Political Action Committee (PakPAC).

Dr. Khalid Riaz leaves behind a legacy of service, compassion, and transformational impact. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and the global communities he touched.

He is survived by his Wife, two Sons, Daughters in-law, grandchildren, siblings, and dozens of nieces and nephews that will forever cherish his memory.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

# A Life of Service. A Legacy of Change.

On April 9, 2025, the Human Development Foundation (HDF) lost not just a founder, but its heart and soul. Dr. Khalid Riaz—visionary, mentor, healer, and humanitarian—passed away, leaving behind a towering legacy that continues to inspire and illuminate the path forward.

For decades, Dr. Riaz's life was a living

testament to the power of service. As a dedicated cardiologist in the United States and a passionate advocate for human development in Pakistan, he seamlessly bridged continents, hearts, and hopes. His work was never confined to borders or professions. He healed individuals with his hands and rebuilt communities with his heart.

## The Dream that Became a Movement

Dr. Khalid's greatest contribution was not a single act, but a movement. Alongside like-minded visionaries, he co-founded the Human Development Foundation—an

organization rooted in the belief that sustainable change comes from empowering people.





# *Shaukat Khan*, former president of APPNA and HDF director, recalls the moment HDF was born:

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"It was the year 1997. I had assumed the presidency of APPNA. Khalid Riaz and Nasim Ashraf approached me with an idea of starting a movement across Pakistan based on the Human Development Foundation concept. HDF was approved in the general body meeting of APPNA in New York City and hence started a movement to improve the well-being of the have-nots in Pakistan.

I had the occasion of working with Khalid very closely as a board of directors member of HDF. I found him a man of strong conviction and beliefs with sincere feelings for the people of Pakistan, and he spent all his life

doing that. He was a man of principles and followed rules and regulations. We will miss him; however, his memories will be kept alive in the continuation of the work of HDF. My well wishes for his family."

Dr. Khalid's role in building HDF was deeply personal. He invested his time, energy, and soul into every detail, traveling frequently to Pakistan despite health challenges. He was committed to building schools, clinics, dams, and livelihood centers, touching the lives of thousands who were born into struggle but not without hope.

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## As *Dr. Wali Khan* put it:

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"On April 9, 2025, Human Development Foundation became an orphan. The towering Founding Father of HDF, Dr. Khalid Riaz, passed. He lived a dignified, respectful, and purposeful life. He left a legacy of hope, conviction, and determination for the millions of poor Pakistanis who were born with no hopes. He touched and transformed the lives of so many. He left us with the burden of carrying on this arduous mission.

To describe brother Khalid in a few words is difficult. He was a man of discipline, rules, regulations, bylaws, record keeping, processes, and such. He was a visionary and an intellectual of uncommon wisdom. Those who knew him, know it all well. He was a hard

worker and demanded hard work from others. He never complained of being tired. He took HDF as a mission, not just a task to do. Traveling to Pakistan four times a year for years and years for the sake of HDF despite challenges of personal health is no easy feat. And that too along with the busy professional life of a cardiologist, a husband, and a father. What will happen to HDF after he is gone is difficult to predict. I remember his words describing HDF at a turning point. He took HDF to a certain height. Now it is for future generations to take it further. After talking to current leadership, I am hopeful for the future of HDF. There is a great desire and determination to carry the (orphan) mission to new heights. Insha'Allah, HDF will succeed."



## A Mentor, A Guide

Dr. Khalid's legacy is not just etched in institutions, but in people.

### ***Dr. Samina Hijab*** shares:

"It is truly difficult to put into words the immense impact Dr. Khalid had on my life. In the short time I had the privilege of knowing him, he left a mark that will stay with me forever. As a teacher and mentor, he imparted not only knowledge but also wisdom, compassion, and a deep sense of purpose.

Dr. Khalid's commitment to HDF, community service, philanthropy, and humanitarian work was nothing short of inspiring. He lived his life in service of others—uplifting those in need, giving a voice to the voiceless, and leading by example with humility and grace. HDF was Dr. Khalid, and Dr. Khalid was HDF. Even the smallest issues within the organization would keep him up at night—he wouldn't rest until they were resolved.

He didn't just teach—he inspired. He didn't just help—he healed. His selflessness and

generosity impacted not only the broader community but also touched me personally. Each time we spoke, he'd close with a gentle, heartfelt 'Thank you, Samina'—words that still echo in my memory.

I learned more from him in a few months than I have from others in years. His guidance shaped my character, and his kindness touched my soul. Words will never be enough to capture his essence or to express my gratitude for the legacy he leaves behind.

Dr. Khalid will be deeply missed, but his spirit will live on in the countless lives he touched—and I count myself lucky to be one of them.

May he be granted the highest ranks in Jannah, Insha'Allah."

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### ***Javed Khan*** reflects:

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"He was the pillar of HDF USA and Pakistan. His passion for helping needy Pakistanis was unmatched by others within HDF. I had known him since I joined HDF back in 2003. He was a constant source of advice

and support to me. His good temperament and sound advice on complex issues facing HDF was an asset to all of us. I will dearly miss him as my sounding board."

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## ***Dr. Naheed Qayyum***, member of HDF's Board of Trustees, adds:

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"Dr. Khalid Riaz undoubtedly was an icon, whose numerous accomplishments outshine those very few can own. However, his ultimate accomplishment was The Human Development Foundation: Single-mindedly and focused, with meticulous strategic thinking and farsightedness, he envisioned and led the organization with passion, zeal, and a labor of love.

He mentored many and championed distributed leadership. From the start, he believed in institution building and laid the foundation of a sustainable organization with core values of transparency, credibility, and accountability.

That is his legacy and will be upheld by all of us at the Human Development Foundation."

## A Man of Principle and Humility

What made Dr. Khalid truly remarkable was not just what he did—but how he did it. He led

with grace, upheld principles, and never sought praise.

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## ***Mohsin Dada*** captures it beautifully:

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"Dr. Khalid Riaz dedicated his life to healing not just individuals in the USA as a doctor, but entire communities in Pakistan as a social worker and philanthropist. A kind-hearted physician and dedicated person who used his skills and resources to uplift the vulnerable by helping in the development of clinics, mini dams, educational institutions, and training

centers in different areas of Pakistan. He never sought recognition, only real and lasting change. His legacy lives on in the countless lives he touched with compassion, humility, and unwavering belief in a better future for all. May his memory inspire us, and his spirit continue to guide us."

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## ***Gus Ahmad*** echoes this sentiment:

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"May GOD bless his soul. He did a lot for the people in Pakistan who can be thankful to him and GOD for his long service to very deserving and needy families in rural areas of

Pakistan, and gave them a hopeful future to live a blessed and happy life. His personal commitment to this noble cause should be an example for our youth to follow. Ameen."



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## ***Dr. Naseem Hafeez*** recalls:

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"HDF's beloved leader, Marhoom Dr. Khalid. He was a man of principle and an extraordinary volunteer for HDF. Wherever and whenever there was an official meeting, he tried to attend and participate actively. His words and actions were appropriate according to the topic. He was and will not only be

remembered always, but his work will be exemplary for future leaders of HDF. One of the role model leaders of HDF. Although he was not feeling well, I still have his note from the March 2025 HDF leaders' conversation. May Allah bless him high in Jannah."

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## ***Dr. Wali Khan*** affirms the commitment to carry forward Dr. Khalid's legacy

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Dr. Khalid Riaz may have left this world, but his mission continues.

"HDF became an orphan," writes Dr. Wali Khan, "but its future is not uncertain. Dr. Khalid took it

to great heights. Now it's upon us to carry the mission forward. Insha'Allah, HDF will succeed."

In his life, Dr. Khalid sowed the seeds of change. In his memory, we pledge to nurture them. His legacy is not a chapter that ends, but a torch that burns bright in every life uplifted, every cause advanced, and every dream made possible through HDF.

We celebrate his life. We honor his service. And we promise: his work will go on.

**May Dr. Khalid Riaz be granted the highest ranks in Jannah. Ameen.**

