



YOU GAVE, MOMS AND BABIES WIN

Mom, Javeria, receives flowers and baby Subhan's birthday wishes signed by our donors.

Thank you to all our donors who gave to our Every Mother's Wish campaign. Raising almost \$2,000 from 18 donors, your gift will help keep moms, babies, and families strong and healthy!



THE ESSENCE OF EID REVEALS SHARED VALUES

In the village of Tibba Ghareeb Shah, Raheem Yar Khan, the essence of Eid ul-Adha is not merely about lavish feasts or extravagant gifts, it is a celebration of the shared values and traditions that have been passed down through generations. It is a time for the village to come together, to embrace the spirit of compassion, and to reflect on the blessings they have received. A vibrant energy fills the air as the preparations for Eid ul-Adha ignites a sense of joy and anticipation.

The women of the village are immersed in a flurry of activity, their excitement is palpable as they gather together to sew colorful clothes, adorn their hands and feet with delicately applied henna, and try on sparkling sets of bangles.

Meanwhile, the entire village comes alive with a renewed sense of unity and community spirit. Every household is full of enthusiasm to celebrate the upcoming festival. Families diligently clean their humble abodes, preparing to welcome their loved ones and neighbors. With each passing day, the anticipation grows, as the villagers eagerly await the arrival of Eid ul-Adha, a time of reflection, gratitude, and unity.

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS

23 THANKS Scholarships have been distributed to deserving and worthy students in different HDF program areas between April and June 2023.



SPREADING SMILES AND NOURISHMENT



Eid ul-Adha holds great significance for Muslims worldwide. It commemorates Prophet Ibrahim's (A.S.) willingness to sacrifice his son, demonstrating unwavering faith in Allah's command. Muslims traditionally celebrate this occasion by sacrificing an animal, with a portion of the meat distributed to the less fortunate.

Understanding the importance of meat in the celebration of Eid ul-Adha and the financial constraints faced by many families, dedicated donors stepped in to provide meat to those in need. Their goal was to ensure that even the poorest communities could experience the joy and fulfillment of enjoying a healthy, filling meal with fresh meat during this festive occasion.

Because of donors' dedicated efforts and commitment to serving the less fortunate, the HDF Karachi team delivered the meat packages to the doorsteps of underserved households. They spread happiness and shared warm wishes—making Eid ul-Adha a truly joyous occasion for all. The distribution of meat brought smiles to the faces of kids and families, adding to the festive atmosphere.

RAISING MONEY AND AWARENESS



The Human Development Foundation of North America's networks had a busy spring season with various fundraising events. From iftar dinners, melas/concerts, and more intimate gatherings, the Seattle, Minnesota, Tampa, D.C./Maryland/Virginia, Michigan, and Chicago networks collected more than \$469,000!



Gul's Success Brings Hope to Her Kids

Gul Bano, a resilient and determined woman living in Khair Muhammad village, Gadap Town, Malir, Karachi, found herself trapped in poverty and struggling to provide for her four children after the untimely death of her husband, Attaullah, due to an intestinal disease. She has one son, Ahsanullah, age 12, and three daughters, Bakhtawar, Sidra, and Mehnaz, aged 10, 8, and 5 respectively. Their dilapidated house lacked basic amenities, with no doors to ensure privacy and security. With four children to care for, Gul Bano faced the tremendous responsibility of providing them with good health and education. However, due to financial constraints and lack of income sources, meeting these obligations seemed impossible. Her life took a positive turn when donors like you contributed to the Human Development Foundation of North America's (HDFNA) Livelihood and Food Security Program. Recognizing Gul's vulnerable situation, the Village Development Organization (VDO) of Khair Muhammad recommended her for HDFNA's Livelihood and Food Security Program. As part of the program, Gul received a popcorn machine, which became a significant turning point in her life. The program aimed to empower individuals like Gul by providing them with sustainable livelihood opportunities.



Since receiving the popcorn machine, Gul's financial condition has seen a remarkable improvement. The daily sale of popcorn generates a consistent income of up to 500 rupees for her family. This steady inflow of money has relieved her of the constant financial burden and increased her confidence in providing for her children's needs. Gul also sells her popcorn to students during breaks at the HDF Primary School, Khair Muhammad Village. This opportunity will further enhance Gul's livelihood and empower her to forge an independent path to success.

Buoyed by her initial success, Gul is now contemplating on expanding her business and diversifying her offerings to uplift her family's standard of living. Confident in the entrepreneurial skills she has gained through HDF, she claims: "In the coming time, I am thinking of starting daal se and roasted gram along with popcorn to increase my income."

The positive impact of HDF's intervention extends beyond Gul. Her children, including her son and daughters, now have a brighter future ahead. With improved financial stability, Gul can prioritize their health and education, ensuring they have better opportunities for growth and success.

Gul's success story represents the collective efforts of donors like you in alleviating poverty and fostering sustainable change in the lives of vulnerable individuals and their families. With her determination and your ongoing support, Gul is set on expanding her business and inspiring others in her community.



A CLEAN WATER REVOLUTION

In Mohalla Muhammad Gul, located in the rural village of Tordher, Nowshera, the availability of clean drinking water was once a persistent challenge for the local residents due to the high-water table in the area. The shallow groundwater was often contaminated, posing serious health risks to the community. The lack of access to clean drinking water led to various waterborne diseases, particularly among children and the elderly.

Recognizing the dire need for a sustainable solution, donors like you stepped in to address the water crisis. With diligence in efforts, a deep hand pump has been installed in the heart of Tordher, bringing a remarkable change in the lives of 240 residents of the village. It has ensured access to a reliable and uncontaminated source of water, ultimately benefiting 30 households and opening new doors for economic growth and social development.

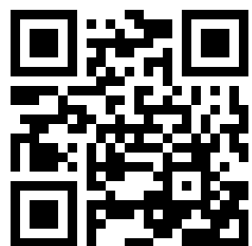
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