

We are aiming higher – to do better!

As we aim to reach more people and our targets increase, so does our work. The last few months have seen an expansion in our team and we are happy to have more humanitarians on board with us at the Orange Tree Foundation. A warm welcome to our new team members of the OTF Family!



World NGO Day

"The believer's shade on the Day of Resurrection will be his charity." (Hadith 604, Al-Tirmidhi)

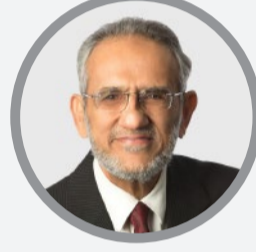
Where would the civil society stand if it was not for the nonprofits, working tirelessly to enable those with little or no resources, be it in healthcare, education, social protection or even environment? Who would these people turn to? We, at OTF, are grateful for the opportunity to play a small role in uplifting our students and hence the society, and for that we are thankful to our generous donors and partners who believed in our vision and lent their support.

February 27, 2021 marked the World NGO Day, a very special occasion to commemorate the efforts of philanthropists and humanitarians in the nonprofit sector globally. To honor that day, OTF held a virtual roundtable with 6 prominent thought leaders from the nonprofit sector. It was an extremely fruitful discussion wherein each leader shared their stories, their remarkable life journeys, and their visions for the future. At the end of the roundtable each speaker was of the opinion that, as nonprofits and representatives of civil society, we need to work together and plan effective partnerships to further our goals.

The participating leaders included:



Dr. Abdul Bari Khan
Co-Founder & CEO
Indus Hospital



Mr. Mushtaq Chhapra
Co-Founder - Director
The Citizens Foundation



Ms. Shazia Amjad
Executive Director
Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy



Dr. Ahson Rabbani
CEO
ChildLife Foundation



Mr. Ali Allawala
Co-Founder & CEO
Karachi Down Syndrome Program



Mr. Omer Mateen Allahwala
Co-Founder & CEO
Orange Tree Foundation

To watch the full video please visit our YouTube Channel.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1t-8KwmnT8

Power of your Contribution

Story of a Passionate Student

Orange Tree Foundation strongly advocates equality and ensures equal access to science for all, regardless of gender, background, and financial status. This is reflected through one of its students, UF. UF had a particular interest in tech. However, being an intersex person, she only faced contempt and intolerance from this conservative society due to which she was unable to pursue education. She had the mind and ambition; the only thing she was lacking was an opportunity and financial backing. OTF played its part here and offered her a 100% scholarship, and today she is studying Bachelor's in Artificial Intelligence at a renowned university and wants to have a tech start-up after graduating. We have high hopes for her!



Partnerships & Collaborations

In our mission to narrow down education inequality, Standard Chartered Bank has been of immense support. Their generous donation has, so far, enabled 93 students to continue their education in various institutes within Karachi and that is truly commendable. We greatly appreciate Standard Chartered Bank for their invaluable assistance and their belief in us.

Here's to a brighter future for all of us!



Academic Activities

We believe it is important that we keep up with our students and their activities, and our student affairs coordinators are always available for any direction and help that the students require.

To ensure that the students are comfortable reaching out to the coordinators for guidance, we arranged a number of introductory sessions between the coordinators and the students. While these sessions were conducted online, our coordinators ensured the meetings remained interactive and fun.

These sessions were held for both the school and college/university students. All the students took great interest in the sessions, but we have to admit, the younger students' excitement and enthusiasm was definitely on a different level altogether, and so contagious!

COVID-19 may have limited our movement but it surely has not dampened our spirits. Our work continues in full swing, be it remotely or from the OTF Office, and virtual meetings have become a norm now. We hope and pray to see the day when we would finally be able to say goodbye to the pandemic.

Watch out for our upcoming Women's Day Special newsletter!