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It was only a decade back when a group of like minded people looked around them and saw a disparity in the educational arena among the different socioeconomic classes. They realized that this disparity was only lending a hand in worsening the poverty cycle rather than enabling families to step out of it.

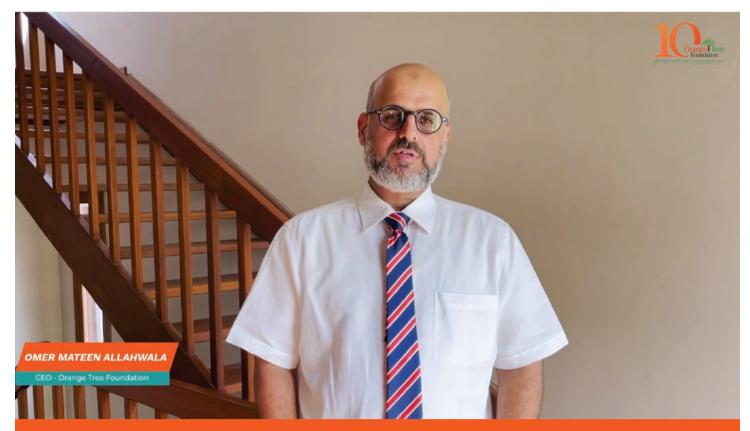
This group then put their heads together and decided to take action to bring about a positive change and thus the Orange Tree Foundation (OTF) was started in 2011.

OTF was initiated to bridge the educational gap in Pakistan; an educational gap that needed to be addressed to enable the financially challenged to become independent while allowing our country to progress.

As OTF reaches the 10-year milestone, and although there is still a lot more work to do, we can confidently say that our team has been on the right track to fulfilling the vision OTF began with.

We cannot thank our donors, partners and friends enough, whose support is what allowed us to reach this milestone.

Here is what our CEO, Omer Mateen Allahwala, has to say on this occasion:



Click on the image to watch the video

Diya - OTF Scholarships

We are pleased to announce that we have entered into a partnership with Diya Pakistan and together we will be supporting students in Sindh to enable them to gain quality education and bring about a positive change to their future and that of the country.

Hard work and support from such great organizations will definitely contribute to the betterment of the youth of Pakistan.





Applications for the Diya - OTF Scholarships are currently open. Please share the link below with any student you feel needs and deserves a scholarship!

Form: bit.ly/Diya-OTF-Scholarships

Akhuwat Partnership

Ever since the pandemic hit, everyone has been on their wit's end on how to manage and adapt to the changes that have followed. One such category is students who had to resort to online or hybrid learning, something they never had a need for before, which means having to have devices to be able to carry on with their education.

While previously OTF has assisted its students in acquiring devices, recently we also partnered with Akhuwat to provide loans to the students for them to be able to purchase laptops so that their education is not hindered.



Sessions for OTF Beneficiaries

Personal Hygiene Workshop

Hamara Mustaqbil, a nonprofit NGO, conducted a workshop for OTF mothers to teach them the importance of good hygiene and guide them regarding the best practices to achieve the same. Keeping our body clean does not only help prevent infections and illnesses but also allows a person to feel good about themselves.

Hamara Mustaqbil is an initiative by students of Dow Medical College that strives towards both the education and holistic development of our youth, primarily focusing on the underprivileged. We are thankful to them for taking out time to educate our beneficiaries on hygiene issues, which is particularly important in the current pandemic situation.







Storytelling Session

Through a recent collaboration with Chughtai Lab our young students got to enjoy a storytelling session, the topic of which was "The Defeat of Coronasaurus". The session kept our students engaged and entertained, and we are positive that they learnt a lot about the do's and don'ts during the Covid-19 pandemic in a fun way.

Weekly Reading Sessions

The Academics Department has been arranging weekly reading sessions for the younger OTF students. We believe it is very important to instill in children a habit of reading not only to develop their minds but also to improve their language skills. Reading opens doors to knowledge and builds awareness.

It is clear from the excitement and participation that the students show that they are thoroughly enjoying these sessions!

Inspirational Story

Aspirations of a 6-year-old

FM, a 6-year-old, is currently studying at Aga Khan School and her mother, a single parent, is a home chef.

FM is very enthusiastic about her studies and holds a particular interest in sports as well. Her favourite games are volleyball and football, and she wants to become the national football team captain one day! FM's interests expand to chess and she aspires to become a chess champion. She is also currently learning Korean and coding. Last but not the least, this talented young girl wants to join the Armed forces and serve her country. Already aspiring high at



such a young age, we can only imagine how far she will go in life!

