

# Orange Tree Foundation

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# Newsletter

**“It’s not how we fall, but how we get back up again”**

If there was one thing 2021 has taught us, it’s resilience. The fact that no matter how hard you try, there will always be things that are not in your control. With the new coronavirus variants emerging and social events coming to an all-time low, it became even more challenging for the OTF team to reach its annual targets. However, with the unwavering endorsement of our donors and supporters, we were still able to award more than 550 scholarships in 2021.

A huge thank you to all of you who continued to support us in every way possible. Without your assistance, it would have been impossible for us to carry on.

## OTF CEO’s talk with PCP >>>>

Our CEO, Mr. Omer Mateen Allahwala, was recently invited by SZABIST University, Islamabad Campus to deliver a talk for their students on “Philanthropy and Religion”. The session was part of a course on philanthropy that Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy (PCP) has introduced for students.

Mr. Allahwala talked about the importance of education and that one should not shy away from financial assistance if they are underprivileged to complete their education. He related how OTF was started and its journey. Emphasis was placed on educating women, given how much they’re involved in every aspect of life and are the backbone of the society. Philanthropy was the main topic where students were encouraged to assist people in any way possible, not for the purpose of displaying their efforts to the public but to seek reward from Allah.

It was heartening to see the students, faculty and PCP team members actively participating in the discussion and bringing forward their perspectives and questions. It was a 1.5-hour long session. However, some snippets from the session can be viewed below:



## Partnerships and Collaborations >>>>

### NED x OTF

The Orange Tree foundation has collaborated with NED, a leading educational institute in Pakistan, in order to make quality education accessible to financially challenged students at NED by offering them scholarships. This will allow students to acquire the knowledge and skills to become enlightened individuals who are keen on bringing a positive change in the world.



### Dawaai x OTF

The Orange Tree Foundation has partnered with Dawaai, an innovative pharmacy-led healthcare group and the pioneer of online pharmacy in Pakistan.

Since OTF also provides healthcare services to its students and families, this partnership will ensure quality healthcare to recipients leading to a robust lifestyle for all OTF beneficiaries, ensuring healthy communities.



## Field Trip for OTF Scholars >>>>

OTF Scholars recently had the opportunity to visit the TDF MagnifiScience Centre in Karachi. The trip was planned for students of grades 3-11 who were awed by the latest inventions and discoveries in science. The modules on display sparked curiosity and the experience was inspiring for all. Such trips not only excite these young minds, but also educate them in a fun way. We hope to arrange similar outings for our students in the future to provide them the exposure that every child needs to enhance their learning and development.



## OTF Funfair 2022 >>>>

Our annual event, the OTF Funfair is back! Get ready for a day full of activities and shopping. Whether you enjoy desi food or prefer continental, we have it all!

Children will love all the hands-on and entertaining activities and games arranged for them in the kids’ area, with prizes for all, and the adults will have a variety of retail brands and popular food vendors to choose from while having fun with their families.

**Join us on the 6th of February 2022, at the Hockey Stadium, Khadda Market, DHA Phase V, from 12pm - 8pm. We look forward to seeing you there!**

Visit the following link to RSVP and invite your friends and family:  
<https://fb.me/e/1JFzSnhDP>

