

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2017-18

By Dr. Salman Burney Hon. Secretary Child Aid Association

It is with humility that I present annual report 2017-18 of the association to the general body.

During the year the executive committee held twelve ordinary and two emergent meetings. The administrative sub-committee met once to discuss matters related to increment of staff salary upon reference from the executive committee; and made recommendations. All the above meetings were held as per schedule due to keen interest of the members. Annual general body meeting was held on 28th October 2017, minutes attached. Election of office bearers took place. Prof. Nizam Ul Hasan relinquished the office of president after 38 years and in his place Mr. Tariq Shafi life member was elected unanimously. Auditor's report for the year 2016-2017 of accounts prepared by M/S Muniff Ziauddin & Co. Chartered Accountants was approved after discussion. They were again appointed as auditors for the year 2017-18. The executive committee approved appointment of M/S Muniff Ziauddin & Co. Chartered Accountants, for the year 2017-18 at a discounted rate, due to withdrawal of M/s. A.F Ferguson & Co. Chartered Accountants adopted as auditors during AGM of 2016, at short notice in the middle of financial year. This was possible through the efforts of Mr. Muhammad Aslam, member executive committee. Child Aid association was registered in USA, Florida as charity with the efforts of Dr. Nasir Hasan.

During 2017-18 Ramzan campaign for zakat collection and donations was held in May-June 2017, in which Zakat of Rs.13810999.42 and donation of Rs. 3042702/- were raised.

There has been a steady increase in number of patients. During this period more than 4100 patients were provided free treatment and lab tests. Patients came from all over Pakistan as well as Iran and Afghanistan. Provision of total free treatment as well as nutritional support was made possible by generous donation of Rs. 50 million from Mr. Murad Ali Shah Chief Minister Sindh and corporate sector and a large numbers of donors from home and abroad. Our special thanks are due to Mr. Tariq Shafi our president, Mrs. Sayeeda Leghari, public relation secretary, and Dr. Mohsin Azhar Ali, member executive committee for their fund raising efforts. Mrs. Sayeeda Leghari also donated total proceeds from sales of her book Pakistan Heritage Cuisine to the association. We would not have been able to perform our work without the support provided by our honorary consultants Dr. Khalid Zafar Hashmi for training of clinical staff and patient care, Dr. Ghous Muhammad, Mr. Hanif Bandhani and Mr. Arshad Warsi on legal issues, Mr. Yousuf Hasan for his support regarding membership of Dr. Uzma Imam of SIOP and to Professor Jamal Raza, Director NICH and other members of staff, who were of great help.

I like to put on record put in by all the staff members for their dedication for delivering state of art treatment to our patients.

We are grateful to Senior Experten Service (SES) Germany for sending Mrs. Herzog for a period of one month to train our nursing staff in infection control.

Mr. Yousuf Hussain president Faysal Bank Ltd visited Caa on 14th August 2017 on the occasion of independent day celebrations at oncology ward. He met the admitted patients, and distributed national flags among them. Later he joined in singing national anthem with outdoor patients.

World cancer day was celebrated on February 04, 2018. A success story of patient treated at our cancer was uploaded by SIOP (International Society of Pediatric Oncology) on their website as part of world cancer day.

Nineteenth foundation day of Children Cancer Centre was celebrated on 21st April 2018. One hundred and twenty children (half of them were discharged after successful treatment and half were under treatment) along with their parents were invited for a magic show followed by address by guest of honor Mr. Tariq Malik president KATI. Children were given gifts provided by M/S Atlas Steel. Director Atlas Steel Mr. Ali Mehdi attended the ceremony and donated an amount of Rs. 100000/- to Child Aid Association. During this ceremony Khawar Butt medals for meritorious services rendered by the staff of Child Aid Association, sponsored by English Biscuits Manufacturers, were given to the following staff; Dr. Zill-e-Huma pathologist Caa, Dr. Rubab Naqvi Assistant Professor Pediatric Pathology NICH, Mr. Imran Khan Office Administrator Caa, Mr. Imran Ali Senior Lab Technologist Oncology Lab Caa and Mr. Fazal Rahim Driver Caa.

At the end children and their parents and other guests attended lunch provided by Mrs. Sayeeda Leghari Chairperson Sukkur Beverages and Mr. Tariq Shafi president.

A New Year party was celebrated at children cancer center on 30th December, 2017 sponsored by M/s Bayer Pakistan Ltd. More than 50 patients were invited to join the party. A painting competition was arranged among patients and prizes were distributed among the winners. Gifts and lunch was also distributed among the patients. Dawn TV covered the event and broadcasted it.

We are grateful to Sadaa Foundation who is looking after blood bank services at NICH Karachi for providing blood and blood products free of charge.

Child Aid Association gives great importance to continuous training of doctors and nurses working at Children Cancer Centre. Dr. Uzma Imam incharge oncology unit was sponsored by Child Aid Association for attending PSPO conference on pediatric oncology at Rawalpindi in April 2018. Child Aid Association; also paid for the membership of SIOP.

This year nine FCPS trainees from different institution of Karachi and interior Sindh have been provided oncology training at Children Cancer Center Child Aid Association. Association also provides training slots to nurses, nurse aids, lab technicians, TPN and onco pharmacists and cytogenetic lab technologists for various tenures. Candidates are given stipend during training, and if vacancy exists are given first choice. A number of them who are training also work in other institutions of Karachi and abroad.

To promote community service our association encourages students of different schools and colleges for voluntary work for two weeks. Students of following schools of Karachi participated in voluntary work and were given certificates; Mama Parsi Girls Secondary School, AMI School, Karachi Grammar School and Habib Public School.

I am grateful to the members of executive committee and staff of Child Aid Association for their whole hearted support in discharge of my duties.

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General Secretary