

MILESTONES

Signing of MoU between CLF and Stanford University

We are pleased to report that ChildLife Foundation has entered into a formal collaboration with Stanford University, Palo Alto, USA. An MoU was signed during the visit of Stanford emergency medicine faculty, Dr. S. V. Mahadevan and Dr. Ayesha Khan to Karachi.

This collaboration is a major step by CLF towards ensuring the highest quality of care to the patients coming to the emergency rooms (ERs) being managed by CLF.

The focus of this collaboration is to achieve significant reduction in morbidity and mortality for patients coming to CLF's ERs. Both Stanford and CLF believe that this will initiate a model of pediatric emergency care that other hospitals can emulate all over Pakistan and the developing world.



Inauguration of Triage facility in CLF's Emergency Room at Civil Hospital Karachi

Through the gracious support and donation by Dow Class of '89, CLF's ER at CHK now has a dedicated triage center. The opening ceremony took place on 31st December, 2013 where Dr. Sajid Zafar, Dr. Muneer Amanullah, Dr. Tazeen Muneer, Dr. Nishat Haque and Dr. Shams Alam were representing their class on the occasion. Their class has agreed to support the triage unit for at least 3 years. The facility started operations on 1st January, 2014.



VISITORS

Dr. Mahadevan and Ayesha Khan Visit CLF from Stanford

Friends of CLF from Stanford University, Dr. S. V. Mahadevan and Dr. Ayesha Khan, faculty of emergency medicine at Stanford University visited Karachi in December '13. They visited The National Institute of Child Health (NICH), Civil Hospital Karachi (CHK) and the Shirin Jinnah clinic site and met with the staff, doctors and faculty. At NICH they had a detailed meeting with Professor Jamal Raza and discussed various ways of improving quality of care. Dr. Ayesha Khan delivered a talk titled "Order out of Chaos: Prioritizing Standardized Systems of Emergency Care" at the 6th National Symposium at NICH. It is due to their continuous support that CLF is taking great leaps towards improving quality of healthcare.

Donors Osman and Omar Rashid Visit Mewashah Clinic

Osman Rashid, an overseas trustee of CLF and the sponsor of the CLF clinic in Mewashah visited his project on 9th January, 2014. He was accompanied by his brother Omar Rashid. The CLF Clinic has been named in the memory of their late parents Qamar and Ibrahim Rashid. The brothers spent considerable time touring the clinic and had extensive discussions with the staff and the doctors on duty. They strongly recommended that the medical records be digitized for rapid data analysis. Osman Rashid is also the focal person for CLF in Silicon Valley, California.



Oscar Winning Surgeon Dr. Muhammad Jawad Visits CLF

On Tuesday, 7th January, 2014 CLF's Palo Alto focal person Asma Javaid brought Dr. Muhammad Jawad of Oscar winning movie 'Saving Face' to visit our emergency room at NICH.

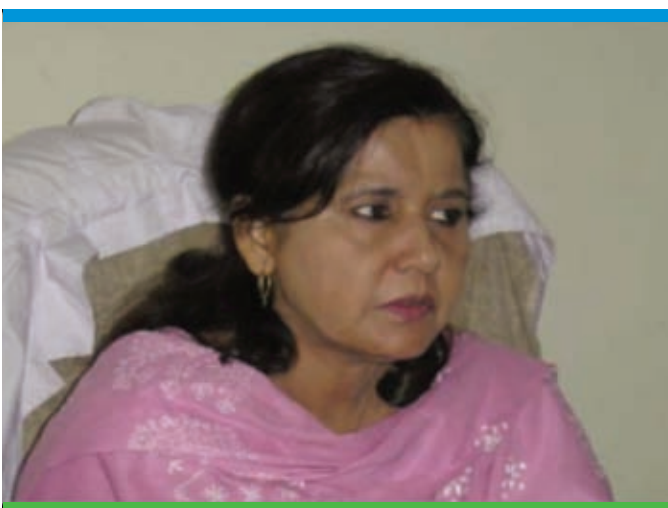
Dr. Jawad made an extensive tour of the facility, discussed CLF's program with the trustees and gave our team valuable suggestions. He was extremely impressed by the quality of care made available to critically ill children and assured CLF of his full support in our work.

We look forward to a long term relationship with Dr. Jawad and his team.



Silicon Valley Focal Person Asma Javaid Visits NICH

A very unique grass-root fundraising initiative is taking off in the Silicon Valley, led by CLF focal person Asma Javaid. She has been working closely with CLF and banking institutions to establish a system for collecting periodic/monthly donations automatically. Asma is committed to raise funds through this mechanism to support one entire clinic. During her visit to NICH she was pleased by the quality of care being given to the poor children. Asma brings amazing passion and motivation to our fundraising cause in America.



PARTNERS

“Many challenges at Civil Hospital Karachi” - Prof. Ayesha Mehnaz

The Department of Pediatrics at Civil Hospital Karachi has been operating since the 1960's; renovating its Emergency Room was the first project that CLF carried out.

With a capacity of 175 beds the Department of Pediatrics has been divided into 3 Units with a total of 12 faculty members. Patients of middle to low socio-economic strata visit the department with about 20% of them belonging to interior Sindh and Balochistan.

Currently the department is headed by Prof. Aisha Mehnaz who has been associated with the department since 1982 and was made the Head of Department in 2010. “In a setting with a mix of ethnicities and political backgrounds, doctors and staff at the department have to face a series of problems on a daily basis. Some of our major issues include questionable security, shortage of human resource, excessive media harassment and poor hygiene and sanitation”, she shared.

To address these issues, Dr. Mehnaz suggests careful monitoring of the wards through security cameras, hiring of security guards and trained human resource to manage the constant patient flow that comes from the ER.

TRAVELS

ChildLife Foundation Trustees Visit Supporters in the U.S



In November 2013, CLF Trustees Dr. Naseeruddin Mahmood and Mr. Iqbal Adamjee visited CLF supporters based in USA. They covered Austin, Houston and the Bay Area. During their visit CLF Trustees attended various fund raising events organized by CLF's team in the U.S. Dr. Naseeruddin Mahmood also delivered awareness talks about CLF's work in Karachi.

- More than 400,000 children have been treated by ChildLife Foundation to date
- About 200,000 children have been treated at Civil Hospital Karachi's ER
- About 14,500 children treated every month at National Institute of Child Health's ER
- Almost 5,000 children treated every month in four childcare clinics in urban slums of Karachi



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