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## TRIBUTE TO MR. S. M. MUNEEER



“You have to go to the ends of the earth in order to leave the earth.” Mr. S. M. Muneer most commonly known as “Bhai Jan” by those closest to him, 77, passed away on November 28, 2022. Mr. Muneer, a Pakistani businessman and industrialist served as patron-in-chief of KATI was born in 1945. Mr. S. M. Muneer was a well acknowledged person as he was a member of institutions like IoBM & Greenwich University, Karachi. In addition to also being a member of Board of Governors of several educational institutions. He remained as the leader of the business community with the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI). The work of Mr. S.M. Muneer was widespread; he was on the boards of Shaukat Khanum Cancer Hospital (Lahore) and The Kidney Centre Postgraduate Training Institute; his work further extended to managing several hospitals, maternity homes and schools in Karachi. Mr. S.M. Muneer was bestowed with multiple awards and honors in his lifetime, i.e. two LifeTime Achievement Awards in 2012 by the President of Pakistan and mayor of Markham Frank Scarpitti, to name a few. He was conferred the Ontario Canada Best Businessman of The Year Award by FPCCI and Sitara-i-Imtiaz in 2007 along with countless major awards and honors.

Mr. S. M. Muneer showed great generosity towards the Burns Centre. He was an illustrious philanthropist whose support helped the Centre to further our mission. Mr. Muneer played a vital role in the functioning of this organization as the a Patron-in-Chief, and we remain eternally grateful for his engagement with the Centre and the impact it has left behind.

## CHILDREN’S POSTER CONTEST



A review of burn cases reveals that nearly all causes of burn injuries are due to the following three factors:

- Lack of Awareness - Lack of Information
- Lack of Proper Education and Training

In line with its objective of creating awareness about burns and its safety practices among the masses, Friends of Burns Centre organizes Children’s Poster Contest annually in collaboration with ZVMG Rangoonwala Community Trust.

This year, FOBC organized the Children’s Poster Contest Awarding Ceremony at ZVMG Rangoonwala Community Centre on December 8, 2022. Mr. Islahuddin Siddique – Former Field Hockey Player, Mr. Sadiq Mohammad – Former Pakistan Test Cricketer, Dr. Danish Faiz Khan - United Medical & Dental College graced the ceremony with their worthy presence as Guests of Honor. The Judges of the Contest were Mr. Jimmy Engineer – Artist, Mr. Munawar Ali Syed – Artist / Associate Professor, Foundation Programme, Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture & Ms. Mona Naqsh – Artist. Haseen Habib Trading demonstrated how to use a fire extinguisher and how to evacuate during fire. They emphasized the importance of awareness sessions for prevention from burn injuries. Addressing the audience which included prominent individuals from the business community and philanthropists, FOBC’s President, Mr. Zahid Saeed explained how the Burns Centre is helping people recover from severe burns by offering the best possible facilities free of cost.

47 schools participated in the contest and submitted 834 poster entries on the theme "Prevention from Burn Injury". 124 posters under Junior Category and 86 posters under Senior Category totaling 210 posters were selected for the exhibition which was held from December 8, 2022 to December 10, 2020 at V. M. Art Gallery, ZVMG Rangoonwala Community Centre, Karachi.

Mr. M. Abdullah Feroz, Founding President & Member Executive Committee - Friends of Burns Centre gave vote of thanks to the Guests of Honors, judges, participants, volunteers and event sponsors, Unilever Pakistan, Hilton Pharma (Pvt.) Ltd., Indus Motor Company Limited, Jubilee Life Insurance, Al Karam Towel Industries (Pvt.) Ltd., Haseen Habib Trading (Pvt.) Ltd., Pakistan Dairy Products (Pvt) Ltd., Continental Biscuits Limited, Hamdard Foundation Pakistan, Mehran Bottlers (Pvt.) Ltd., Mcdonald's Pakistan, Uniferoz Pvt. Ltd., Liberty Books (Pvt.) Limited, Bake Parlor for standing next to our cause.

## VISIT OF STUDENTS



A group of students along with their teacher and Principal from Happy Palace Grammar School Campus 6 visited Burns Centre as part of their Social Community Service.

## AWARENESS SESSION

Different schools were targeted and visited to brief the children and staff about how to prevent burn injuries and the correct first aid treatment in case of burn.

**Awareness Session at Happy Palace School – Campus 6  
on 8th September, 2022.**



**Awareness Session at SRE Majeed School,  
Karsaz on 23rd September, 2022.**



**Awareness Session at DHACSS Neelum Campus, DHA  
on 27th September 2022.**



**Awareness Session at DHA College for Women, Phase 8, DHA  
on 28th September, 2022**



**Awareness Session at Dawn School, North Karachi  
on 4th October, 2022.**



**Awareness Session at Khadijah Kazi Memorial High School,  
Surjani Town on 13th October 2022**





## DONATION IN KIND FROM ROTARY CLUB OF KARACHI

Health Asia Expo Centre  
on 13th to 15th October 2022



### AWARENESS PROMOTION CAMPAIGN

After studying the individual burn cases we got to know that almost all the causes of the burn injuries are mistakes due to 'lack of awareness', 'lack of information' and 'lack of proper education and training'. If proper information on and awareness of what causes burns becomes readily available many precious lives can be saved.

For this purpose, FOBC started launching awareness sessions for people of all ages since the past several years about 'prevention from burns injury and first

For arranging awareness sessions please contact;

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### RENOVATION OF EMERGENCY ROOM

One of our prestigious donors helped us renovate the emergency room completely with the latest medical equipment, vinyl flooring, air conditioner, aluminum door paint and masonry work.



Our regular donor Mr. Muhammad Ovais from Rotary Club of Karachi donated 30 Patient Clutches, 30 Patient Walkers, 23 Protective Coveralls & Face Mask Box for the burns patients.

### SUCCESS STORY



M. Sufiyan an 11 year old primary school student was brought to Burns Centre from Baldia town on 19 January 2023. His two friends aged 14-15 worked at a mechanic shop after school to learn extra skills. On 19th January, Sufiyan and his friends got already lit coals in a box from a nearby eatery, assembled wood and took petrol out of a bike to add onto the wood to create fire in order to sit in a warmer atmosphere since it was cold. Since the coal had been already lit, adding petrol to it caused a huge fire which dispersed out and caught Sufiyan's clothes who happened to be sitting near the fire while his friends were standing some distance away. Luckily Sufiyan was wearing a helmet which prevented the fire from affecting his face.

Upon arriving at the Burns Centre Sufiyan was given emergency treatment which included IV line maintenance, (also referred to as ABC in medical terms). This was followed by a dressing procedure after which an assessment was done which revealed that Sufiyan had unfortunately suffered 37% fire burn. The very next day his left hand was seen swollen which led to a surgical intervention being performed immediately; this was to prevent pressure building up in his arteries and veins, and in this way his arm was saved.

After a week of admission in the Paediatric Ward, Sufiyan is expected to soon be discharged with great sign of improvement and recovery and with all the risks that he walked in with, eliminated.



## AWARENESS POST

SYEDA AYEMA RIZWAN

Class: IV – Green

School: Sun Academy

1st Prize Winner

Junior Category

Children Poster Contest - 2022

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