



## **OFFICIAL DAANA ACTIVITIES UPDATE: June 2019**

Dear Alumni,

With your enthusiasm, volunteer efforts, prayers and philanthropy this year has been amazing. Each and every single one of you gets credit for this. In this month of giving we wanted to give our alumni a screen shot of DAANA's activities.

### **DAANA Mentorship committee**

2019 Residency Match Performance for students who were mentored:

13 students matched (including 1 couple match). Specialties: Pathology, IM, FM, Prelim IM

6 students did not match

No success in scramble

DAANA Grant scholarship to support aspiring students in pursuit of residency: For 2017-2019 we received \$10,000 in donations. These funds have been distributed. Grant Review Committee reviews applications and awards students based on merit and financial need.

DAANA HOST (Help Our Students Travel) Program: 3 students benefited from housing opportunities (alumni offered stay in their homes) during interviews and attendance at a national conference.

New Initiatives in 2019:

1. Mentorship Council/Task Force formation – January 2019.
2. Mentor-Mentee disclosure form to improve and legitimize the mentorship process
3. Educational Programs in Hyderabad included:
  - Orientation session on USMLE at Charitable Teacher's Clinic (April 9)
  - MRCP UK training
  - Several topics on residency prep and research (May 18)

### **DAANA Career Alternatives Committee**

Objective of catering to our global Deccan alumni who might be seeking pathways to either diversify, broaden or simply make a switch from their esteemed clinical pathways.

The committee serves to help establish a network of such individuals within the field of alternate medicine or alternate careers, provides resources for job opportunities, assists with soft skill development and most importantly provides a platform for education and awareness.

### **Accomplishments**

Launched series of webinars, conducted 3 (50-member attendance in each)

15 alumni-informational interviews in medical device companies  
10 alumni-assisted with CV development  
1 placed as a temp in a medical device company  
Ongoing counseling for many

Next steps: Hands-on workshop and career fair

## **DAANA Humanitarian committee**

### USA based work:

DAANA doctors manage and support Hayat Clinic in Chicago. It serves a diverse and uninsured population in North side of Chicago and provides free health care.

DAANA doctors also manage and support other charitable clinics in various parts of the US.

### India Humanitarian work:

Food Drive - DAANA and its Indian counterpart DAA have distributed food and groceries to more than two thousand people in remote areas in Hyderabad.

Sponsoring refugee families - In association with local nonprofits we have adopted about 90 refugee families in India and will continue to support them with your generous donations. Our next goal is to work on education and skill development in this population.

Medical work - DCMS alumni have established a free clinic in Zehranagar area of Hyderabad, it serves patients of all faiths and castes and provides them with free referrals as well. The clinic sees on average more than 200 patients a week. The DAA and DAANA doctors also conducted free mobile medical camps in underserved areas in an effort to bring healthcare at the doorstep.

DAANA HAP – This program assists with social and medical needs of alumni parents through our liaison Mr. Junaid and contacts in Hyderabad.

Prabhata Sindhuri- DAANA supports the activities of this wonderful organization in Guntur, India which serves educational, emotional and intellectual needs of disabled children

Darrus Suffa Old Age home- DAANA and DAA doctors take care of senior citizens at this place attending to their medical and emotional needs

Kerala Flood Relief – Donated 10 lakh rupees for flood relief effort.

### Bangladesh Refugee camps:

Learning Centers- Last year DAANA helped establish two learning in the Rohingya Camps in Cox's Bazar Bangladesh in collaboration with a local NGO One Ummah Foundation. Approximately 300 children, many of them orphans receive education and food at these learning centers. A computer, screen projector and audio system has been setup for remote learning also. This year we reinforced the program, hired qualified teachers, funded solar panels thanks to your generous donation. One tube well for the

children was also sponsored. Our alumni teams visited the camps in March 2019 and also distributed high quality school bags, books and pencils.

Medical Work- DAANA continues to support Hope Field Hospital and OBAT clinic in the refugee camps which together serve more than 600 patients per day. DAANA is also sponsoring the construction of the New Hope Hospital Building in Cox's Bazar. In addition DAANA doctors continue to visit the camps periodically and see patients at Hope Clinic and OBAT clinic

Food and Water- This year including Ramadan, DAANA has distributed food essentials to over ten thousand people. Tube wells have been installed in hard to reach areas where there was no drinking water.

Skill development- 75 sewing machines have been distributed so far to refugee women for them to be self-sufficient.

Solar panels for homes- DAANA was able to equip about 25 refugee family homes with solar panels, a set of lights and a fan.

### **DAANA Matrimonial Committee**

Website started January 1st 2019 in addition to Matrimonial WhatsApp group which has been active for past two years.

More than 50 alliances were facilitated all around the globe directly or indirectly through our WhatsApp group and website.

The website has more than 100 paid subscribers.

Around 100 profiles on the website.

Matrimonial event planned for July 13 in Chicago for which more than 50 boys and girls have registered all around USA.

### **DAANA Youth Committee**

Initiated this year to facilitated youth development with a focus on college readiness and instilling the importance of charity.

Webinars on topics including areas to focus in high school, college essays, AP courses, ACT/SAT are being organized. 2 webinars completed. Next one on college essay writing is scheduled for June, 25<sup>th</sup>.

DAANA Service day - This year scheduled to be in the week of Aug 15-24. Plan for an international showing of volunteer activity at a local food bank. This activity will be planned by local alumni in the city of residence with our youth facilitating the implementation.

### **DAANA Administrative Assistant Appointment**

We are happy to announce the hiring of our part-time administrative assistant, Mrs. Edith "Missie" Thacker. She will officially start working for us shortly after Eid. She will be formally introduced to alumni soon after orientation.

## **DAANA Financial Snapshot**

As of May 27, 2019

Burma Refugee Account Balance

116,701.74

Pending payments

58,140

Burma Refugee Account effective balance

58,561.74

DEAR FUND (DAANA Emergency & Alumni Relief Fund)

22,800 (Paid plus pledges)

DAANA Hyderabad Mobile Clinic

9050

Zakat India initiatives

14,800

DAANA HAP

600

Prabhata Sindhuri

3375

DAA General Fund

7250

DAANA Grant

9100

DAANA General Fund

29000

(Detailed Financial Report with BOD)

This concludes a brief update on happenings at your alumni organizations. With your continued support we will all move forward, together, united as one.

Sincerely,

DAANA BOD

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