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FUND RAISING IFTAR, 2010 DCI DALLAS CHAPTER

DCI Dallas chapter held its "IFTAR 2010" on Saturday, August 31st at the Fairview Farm (Corral Barn) in Plano, Texas. The chapter committee members expressed their sincere appreciation for the support of DCI's mission and work. It was also an opportunity for DCI to reach out to the community, asking for its support in helping the underprivileged.

Zakat, fitra, and donations were collected from members of the community. A number of new sponsorships were also obtained for the underprivileged children. Programs included a cultural function held by children. Recently, DCI board member Ms. Limu Chowdhury and her advisor, Mr. Masud Chowdhury, visited Bangladesh. DCI volunteers Lora Chowdhury and Farbeen Safa accompanied. During their stay, they visited the Bangladesh DCI office and attended an interview with ATN Bangla. DVD recordings of the interview were displayed before the beginning of the program.



Dallas Chapter Iftar, 2010



Jasmeen Sultana



Bea Dovin



Dr. Sahan Chowdhury

FUND RAISING IFTAR, 2010 DCI DALLAS CHAPTER – cont.

The event commenced with a welcoming address by Limu Chowdhury. She urged all to come forward to help DCI so that it can carry forward its mission of helping underprivileged children. Then Chowdhury Salahuddin Mahmood, Representative of the DCI Texas Chapter, highlighted the alarming statistics of the underprivileged and urged all to help. Special guest, Dr. Sahan Chowdhury described how impressed she was after visiting a DCI project in Bangladesh. She had a chance to work in a DCI healthcare clinic for slum residents in Bangladesh as a volunteer physician. Syed Feroz Ahmed spoke on the significance of Ramadan and the value of giving, especially to those who are underprivileged. Bea Dovin, an advisor for the DCI Dallas chapter received a special plaque for her great contributions to DCI. After receiving this honor, Bea Dovin spoke about her deep relationship with the Bangladeshi community and also about her experiences while working with DCI. Jesmeen Sultana Beauty conducted the whole event and organized the cultural program. The participants in the cultural program were Jesmeen Sultana Beauty, Laura, Anika, Nikita, Farbin, Tanzim, Neha, Misha, Misti, Nuaha, Raies, Raishma, Nahian, Niva, Aarib, Addil, Meraz, Jehan, Ar-ian, Totini, Mohini, Tania, Flora, Mala, Sharmin, Alaya Istiak and Zia. The stage decoration, sound and light control for the event were done by Shah ZulFiqar and assisted by Mosaddeque Ahmed (Mukul). The food for iftar was organized by Rahim Khandoker. Stalls were organized by Ahmad Hossain (Sunny) and Tania. The DCI main stall was decorated and managed by Ryad and his friends. Syed Feroz Ahmed, Ryad, Tania, Bea Dovin, Nasim Ahmed and Muneem Rana helped in organizing the event.

Mr. Masud Chowdhury, the Chief Advisor of DCI Dallas chapter, closed the event by thanking all to make "IFTAR 2010" a great success.



DCI booth

Mr. Tazin Shahdid visits HUP clinic



On October 9, 2010, Mr. Tazin Shadid, Director of the Health for the Underprivileged Program, visited DCI's healthcare center for slum residents of Kallyanpur and Mohammadpur, Dhaka. He was accompanied by his father, Mr. Azizul Islam Bhuiyan. DCI has assisted Mohammadpur slum residents for the last three years, and the Kallyanpur clinic was recently inaugurated. Mr. Shadid sought to check clinic activity and meet with staff to understand field situations.



He met Dr. Zahid (Mohammadpur Clinic Attending Physician), Dr. Jewel (Kallyanpur Clinic Attending Physician), and other officials related to the program. Mr. Romel, Project Manager, accompanied them.



Kallyanpur slum



The DCI Chicago chapter, led by Dr. Sabina, arranged a DCI information session, whose chief guest was Prof. Momtazuddin Ahmed, Minister (Cultural), The Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations, Government of Bangladesh. Local Bangladeshi community members welcomed him.



Dr. Husna Siddique, Mr. Shamsul Siddique, and their daughters Salma and Samira, visited DCI's clinics for slum residents. Dr. Husna Siddique and Salma donated their services to the clinic. The clinics give free services to residents of the Mohammadpur and Kollanpur.