

APPNA SWDRC Report for Summer Meeting July 2017

Our goal this year is to develop our own long term humanitarian projects instead of raising funds for other organizations. We are collaborating with APPNA Chapters and Alumni to help them in their projects as collaborations.

We are continuing our ongoing projects and have launched two new projects which are gaining stream.

Project "Muskan" (Cleft lip-palate repair) (Cost/child: \$250 (includes all expenses)

Project Coordinator: Shahid Sheikh

We launched pilot project at Faisalabad with collaboration of plastic Surgery department at Allied Hospital and have successfully completed 15 surgeries. Based on our experience from this pilot, we are expanding the project to Peshawar, Quetta and Karachi after Eid and hope to complete about 20-30 surgeries every 1-2 months. APPNA Ohio chapter, APPNA Cincinnati chapter and Punjab Medical College alumni are collaborating with SWDRC on this project. Your support is essential for this project as you can change a life. Link to project details/pictures: <http://appna.org/swdr-committees-muskan-project/>

Corneal Transplant project (Cost/patient: \$250) (includes all expenses).

Project Coordinator: Aisha Zafar

This project was launched by KEMU class of 1985 and after collecting startup funds, they asked SWDRC for collaboration. Project is currently ongoing at Lahore, Peshawar, Karachi and Faisalabad and more than 100 successful transplant surgeries have been done so far. Free of cost to poor and needy. Your support can bring sight back in someone's life. Link to project details/pictures: <https://www.facebook.com/APPNA-305949531091/>

We are continuing our long term successful projects from previous years such as **Thar water wells (Clean water project) (Cost/well/pump: \$500).**

Project Coordinator: Abdul Majeed Arain

This project is being done in collaboration with Liaquat medical College alumni and last year 84 new wells/pumps were started in Thar area in interior Sindh to provide clean water in villages. A single well can help numerous families and protect them from many diseases by providing clean water. Your support can save lives. Link to project/pictures: <http://appna.org/lumhs-appna-project-for-thar-water-crisis/>

Our other ongoing projects do include Ramzan Food packages, Zakat fund, Munirabad APPNA village and collaboration with LBRT for eye surgeries.

How to donate:

1. Please go to www.appna.org or just follow the link below:

<https://www.instantreg.com/appnatemplate2/public-donations> (please choose name of the project or mention zakat)

2. Send checks addressed to APPNA and in memo mention the project that you are donating to. Mail checks to APPNA, 6414 South Cass Avenue, Westmont, IL 60559-3209.

These are all ongoing APPNA projects. Cost mentioned is our cost/individual or family.

Services are being provided FREE to individuals/families

APPNA has an oversight on each program and will regularly update our donors. People who are benefiting from these projects need your care and support. Please donate generously. Your charitable donation are tax deductible under the APPNA 501(c)3.

Sincerely,

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