



Virginia Chapter Report

The APPNA-Virginia chapter is based in the Richmond metro and has 45-50 physician members.

We started off 2017 with a community event in February that included keynote speaker and gold star parent, Mr. Khizr Khan. The event focused on building bridges amongst different communities in the wake of anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim sentiments in the country. Apart from chief guests Mr. & Mrs. Khizr Khan, we were joined by various Richmond area community leaders.

On May 14, we had our annual fundraiser which featured our local production “Amriki Biryani”, performed and produced by our local talent. The event was attended by the TCF-Pakistan CEO and the TCF-USA founder and we raised over \$25,000 to support 2 schools over the next 2-3 years. We also raised \$5,000 for the APPNA “food pantry project” to help local area food banks, Caritas and Feedmore.

The chapter is also engaged with the Pathways clinic in Petersburg where our physicians are seeing indigent patients on a regular basis in primary care, psychiatry and cardiology clinics. We have also funded a local pharmacy to support patients who cannot afford their prescriptions. Our families also regularly feed the needy at the “Daily Planet” a facility that houses homeless people with medical problems. We are providing daily meals during the month of Ramadan.

The chapter is also forming a “civic engagement committee” to work with local authorities, charities and school boards so that our community can be more active and work for the betterment of the society we live in.

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