

# CMF Newsletter

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**CARRIE MEHDI FOUNDATION**

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## A Message from CMF President

Carrie Mehdi Foundation was formed five years ago. In the last five years, we have supported over 35 causes donating a total of over \$35,000. We are so thankful for your support which has allowed us to donate to so many causes and non-profits in Carrie and Greg's name.

Our Mission statement: Carrie Mehdi Foundation was formed in Carrie Mehdi's honor to continue to support the charitable and philanthropic causes that were dear to her. The Foundation's mission is to support programs and organizations which have an emphasis on helping the poor and needy, medical research, environmental preservation of sites of natural beauty, and health and welfare of dogs.

In September, a group of Zafar's family and friends visited the Carrie Mehdi Foundation picnic table placed in Point Lobos State Natural Reserve in Carmel, CA. We enjoyed a picnic just like we used to do when we visited the park with Carrie and Greg. Each time I see the CMF table, I'm glad to see that it is used by visitors. If you ever find yourself in the area, do stop by Point Lobos and send us a photo of yourself at the picnic table, which is located in the Piney Woods section of the Reserve.

In October, Zafar Mehdi was busy making our annual donations in memory of Greg. Please see enclosed for more information and photographs.

In November, fellow board member, Candy Culton, and I traveled to Arizona for the Desert Valley Dachshund Club cluster of shows. CMF sponsored the smooth blanket trophies for three shows. The last time I attended this cluster, I travelled with Carrie when she judged sweepstakes.

Now that I have a Dachshund again, we are enjoying being back at specialty shows and making new friends and seeing old friends. It's been a pleasure learning when the Foundation has sponsored an award at specialties given to someone that Carrie knew: Dachshund Club of America National, Dachshund Club of California, East Bay Dachshund Club, Dachshund Club of Santa Ana Valley, Sierra Dachshund Breeders Club of Los Angeles County, Knickerbocker Dachshund Club.

We have added a new section to our newsletter titled "Donor Corner", featuring our generous supporters and how they came to be involved with the Carrie Mehdi Foundation. If you want to share your story please let me know. In this issue, you'll meet my friends Warren and Michele Brewer, who have supported our mission from afar since our founding. In the photo, their dogs are wearing bandanas that were made by Carrie Mehdi.

Please save the date. Our annual "Haute Dog Picnic" will take place on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at TeWinkle Park in Costa Mesa.

Please follow us on Facebook: Carrie Mehdi Foundation

Thank you for your support!

Diane E. Jones  
President, Carrie Mehdi Foundation

## DONOR CORNER

**We are very pleased and proud to introduce Warren and Michele Brewer as one of the most dedicated and loyal supporters of Carrie Mehdi Foundation.**



Here is what Warren Brewer said about Carrie Mehdi Foundation:

*" Michele and I along with our two Shibas, Yoshi and Kazu, live in the Virginia suburbs of Washington DC. We are proud to consider ourselves to be part of the Carrie Mehdi Foundation. We like the feeling of having a personal connection with people making the decisions for the foundation. In addition, we are particularly happy that the Carrie Mehdi Foundation finds unique opportunities to help somewhat lesser known but highly deserving recipients others might overlook. "*

**In the past year, CMF donated over \$8,000 to the following organizations. \$1,000 donations each were made to three organizations that support the homeless in memory of Greg Mehdi; and a donation of \$1,000 was made to Greg's high school, Flintridge Preparatory School. CMF Board pledged to continue supporting the organizations we have supported before and added a few more:**

- Knickerbocker Dachshund Club
- Dachshund Club of California
- East Bay Dachshund Club
- DCA National Specialty Show
- Dachshund Club of America Health & Welfare Trust Fund
- Point Lobos Foundation
- California State Parks Foundation
- The Salvation Army
- Los Angeles Mission
- National Kidney Foundation
- Union Station Homeless Services
- Vietnam Veterans of America
- HB Care Packages for Military Dogs
- Homeless Health Care Los Angeles
- The Midnight Mission
- AKC Canine Health Fund
- Flintridge Preparatory School
- Canine Hope for Diabetes
- Morris Animal Foundation
- Justice for Doug (Doug David Medical Fund)
- Stand Up and Play Foundation
- Sierra Dachshund Breeders Club
- Dachshund Club of Santa Ana
- Channel City Kennel Club
- Santa Barbara Equine Assistance & Evac Team
- Kevlar for K9s Organization
- Companion Animal Alliance for Baton Rouge
- The Beauty Bus Foundation
- Desert Valley Dachshund Club
- Red Cross – Hurricane Disaster Relief Fund
- Books for Houston Kids
- Downtown Dog Rescue

**Generous donations from our awesome donors made our 5<sup>th</sup> year a huge success.**

Following is a list of contributors who have donated to CMF. We thank all of you and continue to look forward to donations from our generous donors for next year.

**List of Contributors:**

- Zafar Mehdi
- Gregory Mehdi
- Elizabeth James
- Diane E. Jones
- Mike Culton & Candy Culton
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## Donations made in memory of Greg Mehdi, CMF Director 2012-2014.



Zafar Mehdi and his niece, Saara Niamat, met with the staff of Homeless Health Care Los Angeles (HHCLA) and presented a \$1,000 donation check. This was CMF's 4th annual donation to HHCLA made in memory of Greg Mehdi. Photo from L to R: Andy Guy, Dyhan Cardona, Saara Niamat, Zafar Mehdi, Mark Casanova – Executive Director of HHCLA, Christian Diaz, Leticia Ponzarizni and Stephany Campos.



Zafar Mehdi and his niece, Henna Zaidi, visited The Midnight Mission and presented a \$1,000 donation check. This was CMF's 4th annual donation to the Midnight Mission made in memory of Greg Mehdi. Photo from L to R: President and CEO of The Midnight Mission, Mike Arnold, Henna Zaidi, Zafar Mehdi, and Director of Public Affairs of The Midnight Mission, Georgia Berkovich.

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**Zafar Mehdi and his niece, Shaina Zaidi, visited Union Station Homeless Services in Pasadena and presented them with a \$1,000 Donation check. This was CMF's 4th annual donation to Union Station Homeless Services made in memory of Greg Mehdi. Photo from Left to Right: Director of Development & Communications of Union Station Homeless Services – Dana Bean, Shaina Zaidi and Zafar Mehdi.**



**In September 2017, a group of Zafar’s family and friends visited the Carrie Mehdi Foundation picnic table placed in Point Lobos State Natural Reserve in Carmel, California. Photo of family and friends surrounding the picnic table.**

6th Annual

Carrie Mehdi Foundation fundraising event

# HAUTE DOG PICNIC!

**Saturday May 5, 2018**  
11:30am - 3pm • Lunch at Noon  
TeWinkle Park (Area 2)  
970 Arlington Dr.  
Costa Mesa, 92628

Gourmet franks with a selection of delicious toppings, side dishes, drinks and dessert. Vegetarian option: Please let us know your preference with your ticket order.

*Fun for all ages!*  
*Canine Hat Contest & Games*

**Adults \$15**  
**Children \$5**  
**Dogs FREE!**

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For reservations Email [dejones@carriemehdifoundation.org](mailto:dejones@carriemehdifoundation.org) with total adults and kids and pre-pay your tickets by mailing a check to the Foundation or by credit card on our website at [www.carriemehdifoundation.org](http://www.carriemehdifoundation.org)

All funds raised through this event will help fund our donations to the following Non Profits in 2018: Point Lobos Foundation, Los Angeles Mission, The Salvation Army, Union Station Homeless Services-Pasadena, Vietnam Veterans of America-Pasadena Chapter, National Kidney Foundation-Southern California, The Midnight Mission Los Angeles, Homeless Health Care Los Angeles, Dachshund Club of America Health and Welfare. For a listing of all organizations supported annually please see our website at [www.carriemehdifoundation.org](http://www.carriemehdifoundation.org)