

CMF Newsletter

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A Message from Zafar Mehdi, CMF Board Member

I am pleased to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters for their dedication and generosity which enabled our Foundation to help so many causes and non-profit organizations. Carrie Mehdi Foundation was formed to support the charitable and philanthropic causes that were dear to Carrie. CMF supports programs and organizations which focus on helping the poor and needy, medical research, environmental preservation of sites of natural beauty, and health and welfare of dogs.

CMF just completed its 6th year and in this short period of time Carrie Mehdi Foundation is proud to have donated over \$43,000 to more than 38 non-profit organizations and causes.

We are thankful to all who send donations to us throughout the year. In addition, our main event for fundraising comes every year in May at a picnic we call "Haute Dog Picnic" where we have good food with a lot of fun, games, and silent auction for fundraising. We invite everyone to bring their families and their dogs to enjoy the scenic TeWinkle Park in Costa Mesa, which is an incredible place for such a picnic. We are thankful to Dick & Evelyn Cortes who arrange for the picnic location and help us at the picnic every year. If you have so far not attended this picnic, I personally urge you to attend our next picnic in 2019. Please save the date. Our next annual "Haute Dog Picnic" will take place on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at TeWinkle Park in Costa Mesa.

Most of you know of a picnic table placed in Point Lobos State Natural Reserve in Carmel, CA in memory of Carrie, bearing her name. Every year, some of us visit Point Lobos to commemorate Carrie and Greg with a picnic at that table. CMF President, Diane Jones, who has visited Point Lobos every year for last six years, would attest to the exhilarating feeling one gets when visiting there. 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.

Please note a change in CMF mailing address for mailing of donations. To make sure you have that info, we have enclosed a pre-addressed envelope with our new address.

Please follow us on Facebook: Carrie Mehdi Foundation

For any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at: ZMehdi@CarrieMehdiFoundation.org
Or Diane Jones at DEJones@CarrieMehdiFoundation.org

Thank you for your support!

Zafar Mehdi
Director, Carrie Mehdi Foundation



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We are very pleased and proud to honor Candy and Mike Culton as two of the most dedicated and loyal supporters of Carrie Mehdi Foundation.



Candy and Mike with Ava (CH Fleming's Fourstar Avalon)

Candy and Mike are founding Board members of CMF and long-time friends of Carrie and Zafar - sharing the hobby of showing Dachshunds. Soon after Carrie's passing, Candy and Mike, along with Diane Jones, Zafar, and Greg, came together to form a non-profit foundation to continue to support the charitable and philanthropic causes that were dear to Carrie; and that is how Carrie Mehdi Foundation came into being.

Here is what Candy and Mike said about Carrie Mehdi Foundation: "It has been our pleasure to have worked on developing the "Carrie Mehdi Foundation" as Board Members. It's also our pleasure to support this fine organization as a constant donor. We will continue our support and ask others to join our efforts with future pledges. Carrie will forever remain in our hearts."

CMF made donations of over \$8,000 this year. \$1,000 donations each were made to three organizations that support the homeless in memory of Greg Mehdi. CMF Board pledged to continue supporting the organizations listed below that we have supported before and added a few more:

- Dachshund Club of California
- DCA National Specialty Show
- Dachshund Club of America Health & Welfare Trust Fund
- Knickerbocker Dachshund Club
- East Bay Dachshund Club
- Point Lobos Foundation
- California State Parks Foundation
- The Salvation Army
- Los Angeles Mission
- National Kidney Foundation
- USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Avon 39 Walk for the Cure
- 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
- Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust
- 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
- Sanctuary Centers of Santa Barbara
- Hemopet (Santa Ana Valley Canine Blood Bank)
- Parkinson Association of San Diego Walk
- Medical Mission Adventures

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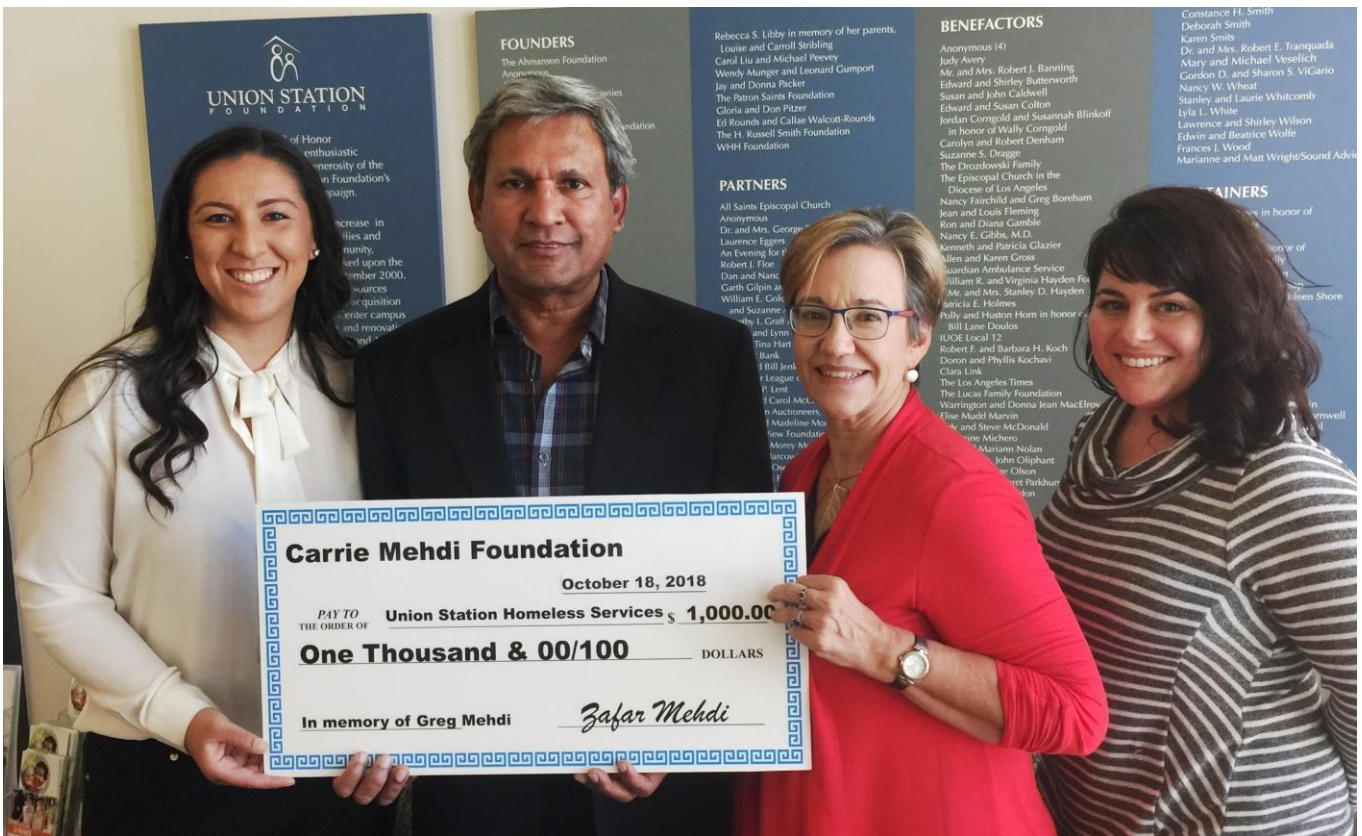
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Donations made in memory of Greg Mehdi, CMF Director during 2012-2014.



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 5th annual donation to HHCLA made in memory of Greg Mehdi. Photo from L to R: Mark Casanova – Executive Director of HHCLA, Saara Niamat, Zafar Mehdi, Stephany Campos, Sylvia Meza-Herd, Elena Besbris, and Christian Diaz.



Zafar Mehdi and his niece, Shaina Zaidi, visited the Union Station Homeless Services in Pasadena and presented them with a \$1,000 donation check. This was CMF’s 5th annual donation to Union Station Homeless Services made in memory of Greg Mehdi. Photo from L to R: Shaina Zaidi, Zafar Mehdi, Chief Executive Officer of Union Station Homeless Services – Anne Miskey, and Director of Development and Communications – Dana Bean.

Donations made in memory of Greg Mehdi, CMF Director during 2012-14.



Zafar Mehdi and his niece, Henna Zaidi, visited and met with the staff of The Midnight Mission and presented a \$1,000 donation check. This was CMF's 5th 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.

***To All our Friends:
We would love to see you at our***

***7th Annual
HAUTE DOG PICNIC!
Saturday, May 4, 2019
11:30am - 3pm (Lunch at Noon)***

**Fun for people of all ages and canines.
Gourmet franks with delicious toppings, side dishes, drinks, desserts and vegetarian options.**

**Location:
TeWinkle Park (Area 2)
965 Presidio Square, Costa Mesa, CA 92626**

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Please make reservation by sending email DEJones@CarrieMehdiFoundation.org and pay at the picnic; or you may make reservation and pre-pay simultaneously using credit card or Paypal on our website, www.CarrieMehdiFoundation.org or by mailing a check to the Foundation at the address on the front page.

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