

# CMF Newsletter

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**CARRIE MEHDI FOUNDATION**

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## **A Message from CMF President**

In November, I made a trip to Virginia, similar to one Carrie made when she picked up her beloved dachshund puppy, Phineas (Ch Hildisvin Eclipse), from Denise Seimssen. I picked up 5 month old standard smooth George (from Denise and Jimmie Lloyd). I also introduced Denise to Warren and Michele Brewer who are also supporters of the Carrie Mehdi Foundation. Since then, Zafar has had a chance to meet my puppy and I have to say, George has found a friend for life in Zafar. When the time comes for George to enter AKC events, friends will see that the Mehdi surname continues on a Dachshund. Zafar has agreed to my idea of adding his name as a co-owner on George.

The Carrie Mehdi Foundation celebrates its 4th anniversary! Thank you all for your support for your continued contributions. With the help of your donations, we have been able to increase our donations out and add to the causes and non-profits we support every year. Last year we donated over \$8,000, supporting 28 non-profits and causes. A special thank you to Denise, Warren and Michele for your recent donations to CMF. Thank you to my brother-in-law, Mark Norum, for his recent donation as well.

Our recent outgoing donations included our annual donations in memory of Greg: Union Station Homeless Services, Homeless Health Care Los Angeles and the Midnight Mission.

There are CMF T-shirts still available in select sizes please contact me for more information. Feel free to email me: [dejones@carriemehdifoundation.org](mailto:dejones@carriemehdifoundation.org).

Please save the date. Our annual "Haute Dog Picnic" will take place on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at TeWinkle Park in Costa Mesa.

Please follow us on Facebook: Carrie Mehdi Foundation and Twitter @CarrieMehdiFoun

Thank you for your support. We wish you a happy new year.

Diane E. Jones  
President, Carrie Mehdi Foundation



Diane's new puppy "George" meeting Zafar for the first time at Lazy Dog Restaurant in Orange County.



**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

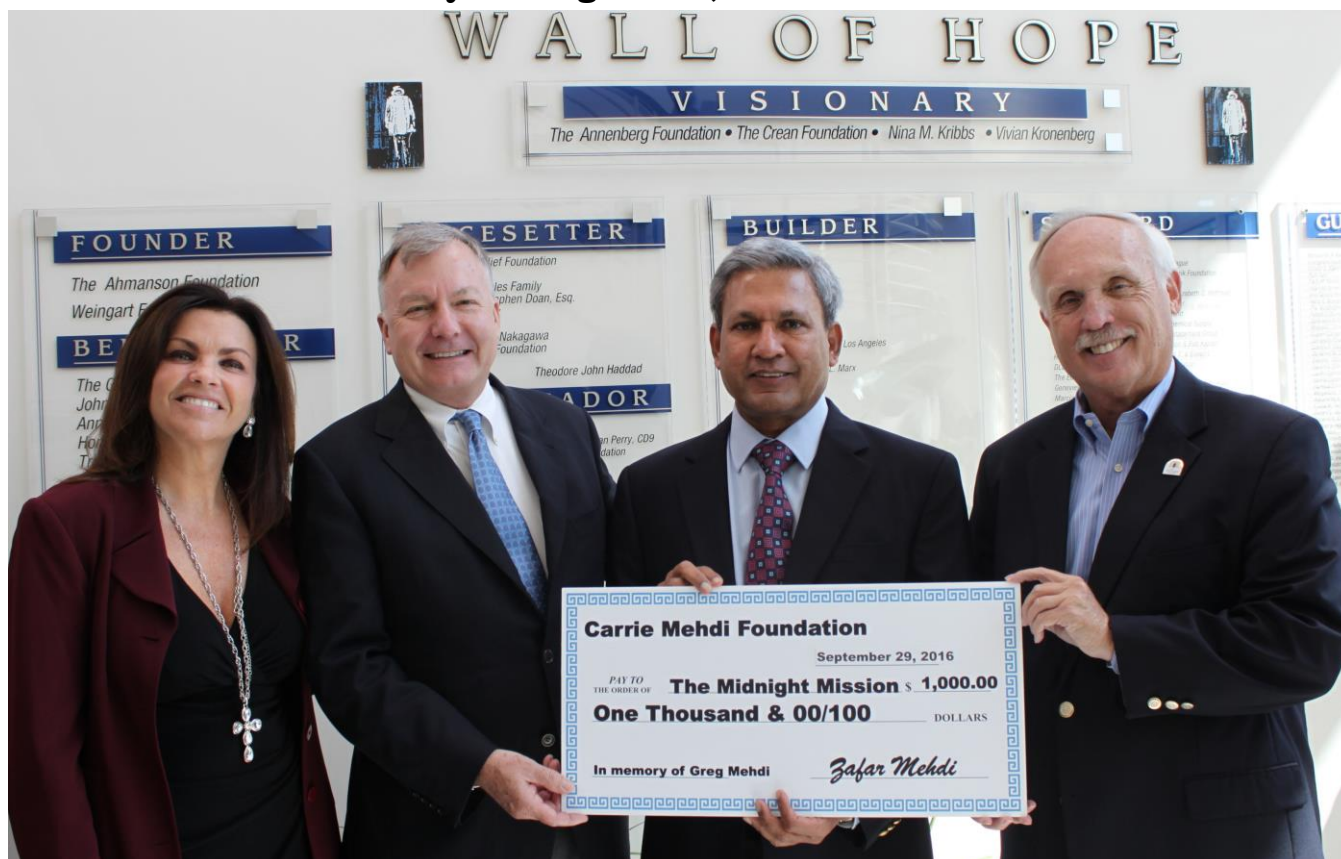
**A huge "Thank You" to our contributors whose continued support made our 4<sup>th</sup> year a great success.** Following is a list of contributors who donated to CMF. We continue to look forward to donations from our generous donors for next year. We will keep updating this list in future issues of the CMF Newsletter as additional contributions are received:

**List of Contributors:**

- Zafar Mehdi
- Gregory Mehdi
- Elizabeth James
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- Mark Norum

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



Zafar Mehdi of CMF presented a \$1,000 donation check to the Midnight Mission in Los Angeles. Photo from L to R: Georgia Berkovich, Director of Public Affairs of the Midnight Mission; G. Michael Arnold, President & CEO of the Midnight Mission; Zafar Mehdi; and Larry Adamson, Ex-President & Ex-CEO of the Midnight Mission.



Zafar Mehdi of CMF presented a \$1,000 donation check to Cynthia R. Foster, Interim CEO, Union Station Homeless Services in Pasadena.



Zafar Mehdi and Zafar's niece Saara Niamat met with staff of Homeless Health Care Los Angeles (HHCLA) to presents a \$1,000 donation check. Photo from L to R: Saara Niamat, Mark Casanova - Executive Director of HHCLA, Zafar Mehdi, Christian Diaz, Kristine Chavez, Stephany Campos and Chloe Blalock.

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

**5th Annual  
HAUTE DOG PICNIC!  
Saturday, May 6, 2017  
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)  
970 Arlington Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92628**

**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](http://www.CarrieMehdiFoundation.org)  
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