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Dear Readers,

This digital online supplement of the CMF Newsletter covers the Celebration of Life of Gregory Mehdi, which was held on September 7, 2014.

Greg was my beloved son and a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Carrie Mehdi Foundation. Sadly, Greg passed away in a car accident in July 2014. A memorial service, celebrating Greg's life, was held in the Georgian Ballroom of the Langham Huntington Hotel in Pasadena. Langham Hotel was selected as it holds fond memories for our family. The Sunday Brunch at the hotel (formerly Ritz Carlton) was frequented by our family. Therefore, it was fitting to celebrate Greg's life with a large gathering of friends and family over a Sunday brunch. Many faculty members and friends from Greg's high school, Flintridge Preparatory School, La Canada, California, attended. Friends from Greg's college, Tufts's University, Massachusetts, came from faraway places. All my brothers and sisters and their children and many family friends and friends of the Carrie Mehdi Foundation attended.

The event started with guests arriving at 11 a.m. and soon thereafter brunch was served. After that there was a photo slide show tribute of Greg's life, which was followed by speeches from family and friends. Speakers included President of Carrie Mehdi Foundation - Diane Jones; Headmaster of Flintridge Preparatory School - Peter Bachmann; Greg's uncle and aunt - Qamar and Simin Zaidi; Greg's friends from Flintridge Prep - Stephen Kim, Lily Braverman and Remy Vienna; Greg's cousins - Henna Zaidi, Shaina Zaidi, Saara Niamat and Sean Chaudhary; and Greg's girlfriend - Elizabeth James. I spoke at the end and shared my memories of Greg and thanked everyone for attending.

As reflected in photos, it was a very emotional occasion. There were times during speeches you could see attendees in tears and hear them sobbing. Then there would be moments of levity when you could hear people bursting in laughter. The event ended at about 4 p.m. It truly was a celebration of Greg's life with attendees remembering Greg and expressing their love for him - Greg would have loved it!

Zafar Mehdi
Director, Carrie Mehdi Foundation



Gregory Mehdi
July 16, 1984 - July 29, 2014



**Celebration of Life
of
Gregory Mehdi**

Program

**September 7, 2014
at
The Langham Huntington Hotel**

**Georgian Ballroom
1401 South Oak Knoll Avenue
Pasadena, California 91106**

**Sunday Brunch at 11 a.m.
followed by
A photo slide tribute of Greg's life
and
Words from family and friends**



Greg & Carrie in Boston - 2007



Greg & Zafar at CMF Picnic - May 2014



Greg & Carrie - 1st Christmas - 1984



Family portrait - 2002 - Carrie, Greg, Zafar

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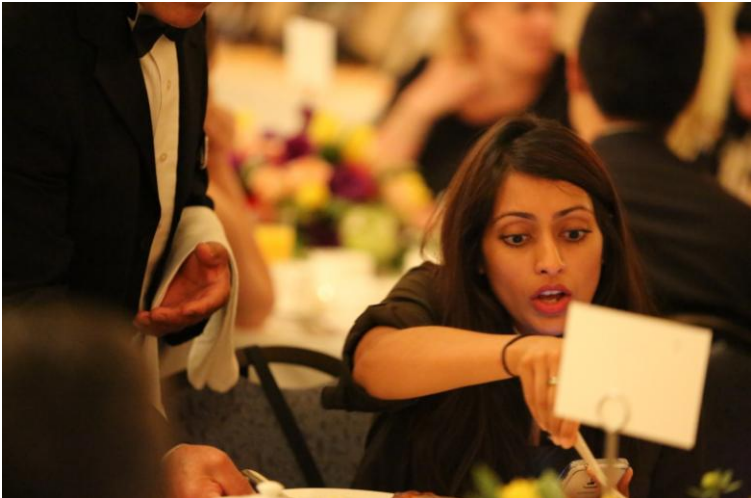
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Guests Enjoying Sunday Brunch:



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**Speakers Memorializing Celebration of
Greg's Life:**



**Diane E. Jones, President of Carrie Mehdi
Foundation.**



**Peter Bachmann, Headmaster of Flintridge
Preparatory School.**



Qamar Zaidi, Greg's uncle.



Simin Zaidi, Greg's aunt.



**Stephen Kim, Greg's friend from Flintridge
Preparatory School.**



**Lily Braverman, Greg's friend from
Flintridge Preparatory School.**

**Speakers Memorializing Celebration of
Greg's Life:**



**Remy Vienna, Greg's friend from Flintridge
Preparatory School.**



Henna Zaidi, Greg's cousin.



Shaina Zaidi, Greg's cousin.



Saara Niamat, Greg's cousin.



Sean Chaudhary, Greg's cousin.



Elizabeth James, Greg's girlfriend.

**Speakers Memorializing Celebration of
Greg's Life:**



Zafar Mehdi

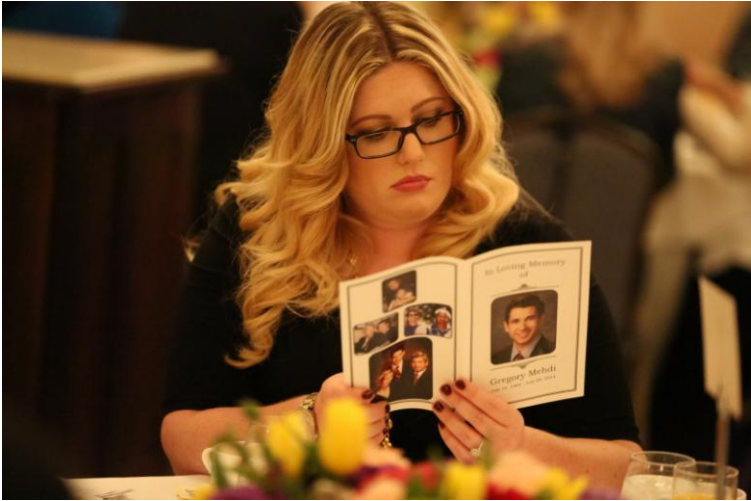


Zafar Mehdi, Michele Huntoon

Guests during emotional speeches:



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Group photos of guests taken before the end of the event:



L to R: Zafar Mehdi, Fouzia Niamat, Qamar Zaidi



L to R: Michele Huntoon, Zafar Mehdi, Kristin Huntoon



L to R: Michele Huntoon, Zafar Mehdi, Diane Jones



L to R: Peter Bachmann, Molly Bachmann, Zafar Mehdi



L to R: Zafar Mehdi, Nora Imfeld, Mark Imfeld



L to R: Zafar Mehdi, Emily Hoyler, Alexis Ong

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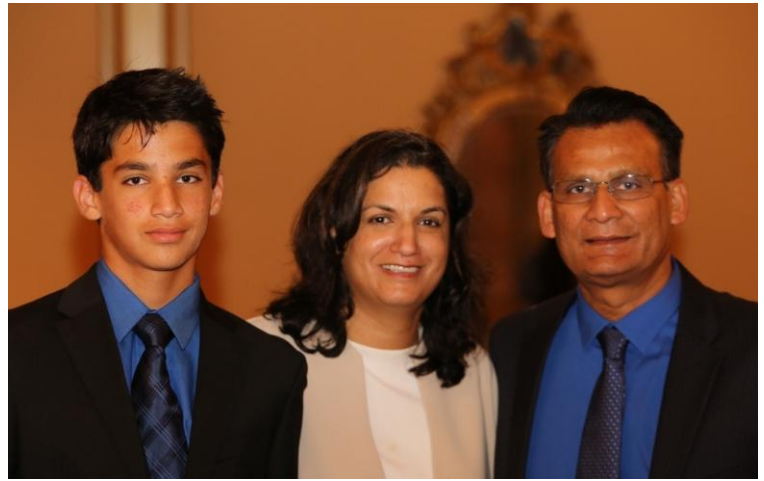
L to R: Zafar Mehdi and Remy Vienna with her mom



L to R: Elizabeth James, Zafar Mehdi, Taylor Zisman, Steve Zisman



L to R: Qamar Zaidi, Zafar Mehdi



L to R: Ammar Zaidi, Simin Zaidi, Qamar Zaidi



L to R: Zafar Mehdi, Qudsia Zaidi



L to R: Zafar Mehdi, Gloria Walker, Gary Walker

Group photos of guests taken before the end of the event:



L to R: Peter & Molly Bachmann, Zafar Mehdi, Steve & Diane Horwitz, Alex Rivera, Susan Hodge and Vatche Hagopian.



L to R: Melanie Lum, Lily Braverman, Jamie Henricks, April Ho, Kathie Rhee, Remy Vienna, Zafar Mehdi, Joe Stewart.

Group photos of guests taken before the end of the event:



L to R: Sara Hoke, Stephen Kim, Alexis Ong, Emily Hoyler, Zafar Mehdi, Elizabeth Miller.



L to R: Lily Braverman, Fouzia Niamat, Diane Jones, Elizabeth James, Saara Niamat.

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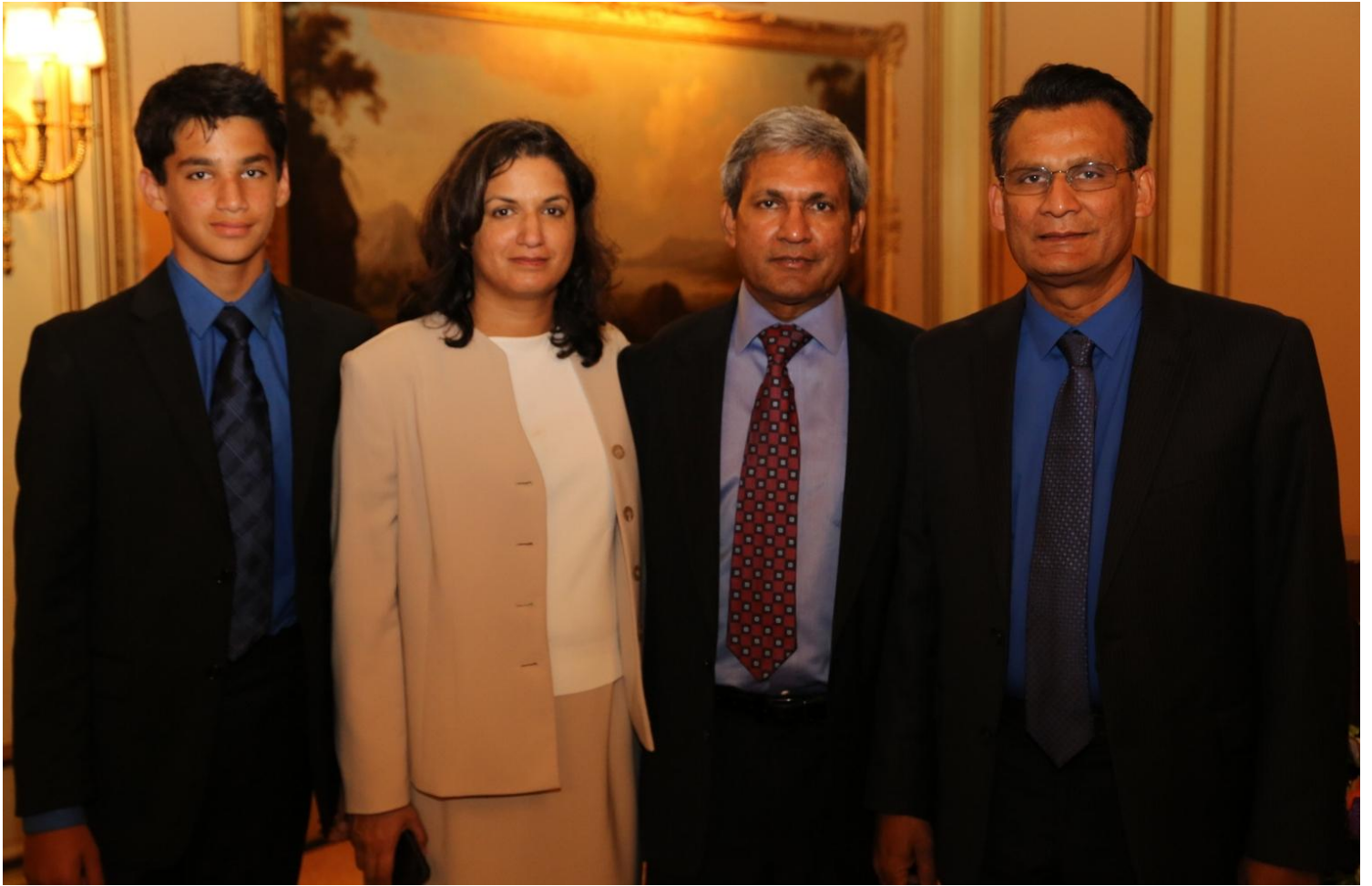


L to R: Dick Cortes, Evelyn Bickar, Candy & Mike Culton, Zafar Mehdi, Linda Castaneda, and Janet Georgeanne with her mom



L to R: Zafar Mehdi, Shelley Walker, Gloria & Gary Walker, Chuck & Sharon Pickering, Jane Watkins, Gayle & Ed Bell.

Group photos of guests taken before the end of the event:



L to R: Ammar Zaidi, Simin Zaidi, Zafar Mehdi, Qamar Zaidi



L to R: Fouzia Niamat, Qamar & Simin Zaidi, Diane Jones, Zafar Mehdi

Group photos of guests taken before the end of the event:



L to R: Qamar Zaidi, Fouzia Niamat, Nasir Zaidi, Azra Zaidi, Zafar Mehdi, Qudsia Zaidi.



L to R: Nasir & Bernie Zaidi, Zafar Mehdi, Shaina Zaidi, Adam Zaidi, Melissa, Vicky & Bernardo Perez.

Group photos of guests taken before the end of the event:



L to R: Greg Sanders, Nimmi Dhaliwal, Saara Niamat, Fouzia Niamat, Michele Huntoon, Zafar Mehdi, Kristin Huntoon, Cynthia Black, Laura Hernandez.



L to R: Sher Chaudhary, Turab Rizvi, Qudsia Zaidi, Zafar Mehdi, Henna Zaidi, Thomas Tran, Asad Zaidi, Azra Zaidi, Sean Chaudhary, Zack Rizvi.

Group photos of guests taken before the end of the event:



L to R: Sean Chaudhary, Henna Zaidi, Shaina Zaidi, Sher Chaudhary, Saara Niamat, Ammar Zaidi, Adam Zaidi, Zak Rizvi.



L to R: Fouzia Niamat, Turab Rizvi, Qudsia Zaidi, Ashmead Niamat, Sean Chaudhary, Henna Zaidi, Sher Chaudhary, Bernie Zaidi, Nasir Zaidi, Shaina Zaidi, Qamar Zaidi, Zafar Mehdi, Saara Niamat, Ammar Zaidi, Adam Zaidi, Zak Rizvi, Azra Zaidi, Asad Zaidi.