

CMF Newsletter

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A Message from CMF President

Happy 3rd Anniversary to the Carrie Mehdi Foundation. Thanks to all of our generous supporters over these three years, we have been able to increase our donations to even more non-profits and causes.

This September, a few of us traveled to the Monterey area and we were happy to check in on our picnic table located in the Piney Woods Picnic area in Point Lobos. Carrie was introduced to the area with her parents on family trips and she continued the tradition with her own family and friends. If you haven't spent time in this part of California I highly recommend it and I'm thankful for all the memories of great times in Carmel and Monterey with Carrie, friends and Zafar and Greg Mehdi.

Our recent outgoing donations included our annual donations in memory of Greg to: Union Station Homeless Services, Homeless Health Care Los Angeles and the Midnight Mission. Additionally, some memorial donations were made: AKC Canine Health Foundation in memory of Jill Beniak's Basset Hound Ch Windssocks Pretty Boy Floyd CGC and to the Dachshund Club of America Health & Welfare for the Burnett's MBISS Ch. Souvenir of Wagsmore ML ROMO. We have supported the medical fund of a family friend of Diane's, Doug David, who was paralyzed in a road rage assault in New Orleans in October. (Facebook page "Justice for Doug David"). We have also supported the Stand Up and Play Foundation which helps individuals with impaired mobility be able to stand up and participate in sporting and daily events.

We thank our donors for their memorial donations. We received a donation from Bob & Jean Burnette in remembrance of their very special miniature longhair dachshund, Souvie.

Our annual "Haute Dog Picnic" will take place on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at TeWinkle Park, Costa Mesa. We hope you can join us. We have received our first silent auction item donated by the artist Joy Beckner: A gorgeous bronze dachshund paw door knocker: "Knock Knock": Wide Oval Door Knocker Bronze Ed. AP 4/9 Red Patina ©2002.

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Thank you for your support. Feel free to email me: dejones@carriemehdifoundation.org

Diane E. Jones
President, Carrie Mehdi Foundation



Carrie, Greg and Zafar - Christmas Dinner Celebration at home in Glendale, California. December 25, 2002.

CMF donated a total of over \$7,000 in its 3rd year to the following organizations. In memory of Greg Mehdi, donations of \$1,000 each were made to three organizations that support the homeless 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
- 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
- Avon 39 Walk for the Cure
- Flintridge Preparatory School
- Canine Hope for Diabetes
- Morris Animal Foundation
- Doug David Medical Fund (Justice for Doug David)
- Stand Up and Play Foundation

A sincere "Thank You" to our contributors who continued supporting us and made our 3rd year a tremendous 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:

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



Zafar Mehdi of CMF presents a \$1,000 donation check to Larry Adamson, President & CEO of the Midnight Mission. Photo with staff of the Midnight Mission, from L to R: Ryan Navales - Manager of Government & Public Affairs, Larry Adamson, Zafar Mehdi, and Georgia Berkovich - Director of Public Affairs



Zafar Mehdi of CMF presents a \$1,000 donation check to Mark Casanova, Executive Director of Homeless Health Care Los Angeles (HHCLA). Photo with staff of HHCLA, from L to R: Mark Casanova, Stephany Campos, Amber Roth, Dyhan Cardona, Jen Tougas, Maryanne Alderson, Zafar Mehdi and Chloe Blalock.

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Zafar Mehdi of CMF (middle) presents a \$1,000 donation check to Marvin Gross (left), President & CEO and Dana Bean (right), Director of Development, of Union Station Homeless Services, Pasadena.

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

**4th Annual
HAUTE DOG PICNIC!
Saturday, May 14, 2016
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 or by mailing a check to the Foundation at the address on the front page.