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A Message from Zafar Mehdi, CMF Board Member

I know most of you will agree that it was a challenging 2020. Things are now looking better in 2021 but Covid-19 has badly affected our lives. 2020 was the worst year for social gatherings and life in general in my memory and I am sure most, if not all, of you will agree with that. Since March 2020, we have been quarantined or shut down for long periods and many gatherings like dog shows had to be cancelled. Our annual fundraiser that we always look forward to is our Annual Haute Dog picnic; that was scheduled in May 2020, and unfortunately had to be cancelled due to a state-wide shut-down during that period. At the time of writing of this newsletter, we have not yet scheduled our next Annual Haute Dog Picnic. We know that May 2021 is not possible as it is approaching too fast and State and County have not yet started opening parks for such gatherings. However, future, as it relates to Covid, is looking good as vaccine distribution is ramping up and we expect to have vast majority of people vaccinated by late summer or early fall. So, we are hoping that we may be able to schedule our Annual "Haute Dog Picnic" sometime in September 2021. We will keep you informed through our website and Facebook and look forward to seeing all our friends in person.

In spite of our cancelled fundraiser, I am pleased to write that many of our supporters sent us donations via mail or PayPal so we were able to donate to all causes and non-profit organizations that we annually support. Due to drop in donations we received, this year we donated over \$4,000 which is about half of what we donated last year. Last year CMF reached a total donation mark of over \$50,000 to more than 40 non-profit organizations and causes. With this year's donations, we are significantly over that amount.

To those who shop on Amazon.com, you may also help us by visiting smile.Amazon.com and selecting Carrie Mehdi Foundation as charitable org you wish to support. After you register and then shop through smile.Amazon.com, Amazon will donate to CMF a small percentage of every purchase you make on Amazon.

I take this opportunity to thank all our supporters for their dedication and generosity which enabled CMF 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.

Our special thanks again go to our supporters who helped in earlier years of CMF, which include: Diane Jones, Candy and Mike Culton, Greg Mehdi, Michele Huntoon, Evelyn and Dick Cortes, Shareena Yee, Gwen Lutge, Denise Siemssen, Jill Beniack, Qamar and Simin Zaidi, and many more not mentioned here, without whose help, we could not have been as successful as we have been.

We are thankful to all who send donations to us throughout the year. List of our contributors is included on the opposite page. We specifically wish to thank and acknowledge here all who sent donations in 2020, and those include: Denise Siemssen & Jimmie Lloyd, Sally Davis, Kathryn Jones, Gayle & Ed Bell, Susan Warmbier, Warren & Michele Brewer, Gail Tutt, Linda Castaneda, Mike & Candy Culton, Joseph Hermann, Veronica Calarco, Michele Huntoon, Gary & Gloria Walker, and Bill & Beth Jones.

We look forward to seeing our friends and supporters at our next "Haute Dog Picnic" where we have good food with a lot of fun, games, and silent auction for fundraising. We will keep you informed of the date through our website and Facebook. In the meantime, we wish you all the best.

Please follow us on Facebook: Carrie Mehdi Foundation and on our website
www.CarrieMehdiFoundation.org/Announcements

For any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at: ZMehdi@CarrieMehdiFoundation.org
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Please be safe, and thank you for your support!

Zafar Mehdi
Director, Carrie Mehdi Foundation



We just completed 8th year of CMF formation and are pleased to state that in spite of shutdown due to COVID, we have donated over \$4,000 in 2020 and over \$50,000 over 8 years. Organizations and causes CMF has donated to are:

- 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 Valley
- 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 Canine Blood Bank, Garden Grove
- Parkinson Association of San Diego Walk
- Medical Mission Adventures
- Bright Star Foundation
- Guide Dogs of America
- Northern Nevada Shiba Rescue

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