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...will create employment opportunities throughout the development of this facility, and will enable hundreds of youth and diverse members of community to contribute to Canadian society in a positive way.

Humanity First envisions a project that will also play a pivotal role in the education and counseling of youth, eliminating abuse against women and young and eradicating use of drugs along with other evils that can weaken our communities. It will also provide assistance to new immigrants and people requiring skills training.

It will also offer programs such as English and other ethnic language learning programs, workshops for resume writing and job search, computer training, and will also house a Library and Resource Centre.

The Community Centre also allows numerous other advantages, including environmental benefits and improved efficiency of transportation networks.

In keeping with Humanity First's commitment to be "green", the Community Centre will use recycling and compost programs that will be implemented to help minimize the impact on the environment. Other environmental benefits will include a focus on energy and water conservation and a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Heating, lighting, windows, and washrooms will all be energy efficient, based on energy saving guidelines.

Furthermore, the Community Centre will be located on a bus route, making use of the existing transportation network. Bike racks will be installed on the premises to encourage biking



as a means of transportation, therefore further reducing greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, the site for the Community Centre is to be situated within walking distance for a large group of residents who are looking forward to such a facility in their area.

In support of this project, the Federal and Provincial Governments of Canada have given a grant of \$2.2 million. We need your help to raise the remaining funds necessary to build this much needed facility in the City of Vaughan. Together, we can build stronger communities, leading to a stronger nation! We request businesses and individuals to support this project by donating generously.

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## DONORS DINE TO SAVE HUMANITY FROM DROWNING



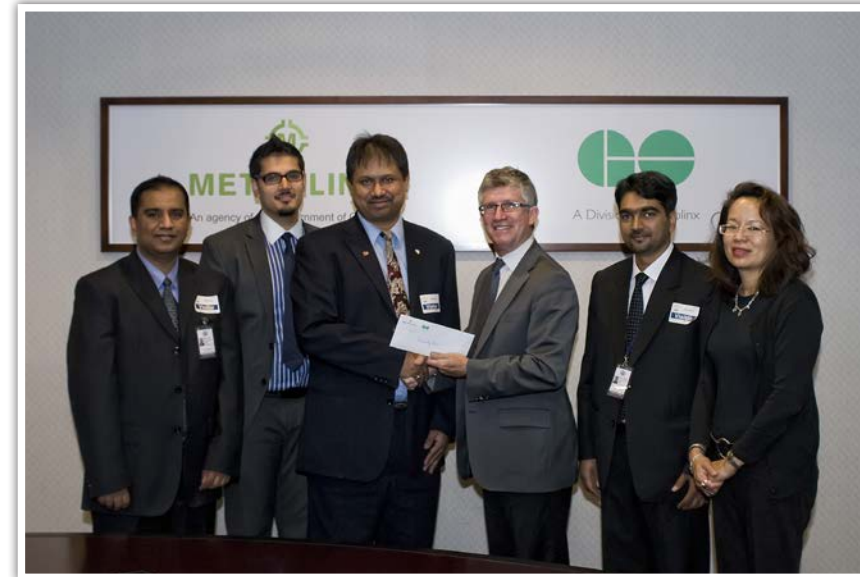
In Toronto, Humanity First successfully held a fundraising dinner on August 26th, in support of the ongoing flood relief operations in Pakistan. The Consul General of Pakistan, Mr. Sahibzada A.Khan, was the Chief Guest of the evening. He briefed the audience on the extent of the devastation caused by the floods, and appreciated the efforts by Humanity First.

Among the dignitaries in attendance at the event were Judy Sgro MP, Jim Karygiannis MP, Dr. Kristy Duncan MP, Mr. Alan Tonks MP, Dr. Kuldip Kular MPP, Jean Augustine, Ontario Fairness Commissioner, Tony Carella, Councilor City of Vaughan and Mr. Michael DiBiase, former Mayor of City of Vaughan.

Dr. Aslam Daud, Chairman of Humanity First, detailed the relief work being carried out by Humanity First in Pakistan. He was grateful for the overwhelming support and reassured that; "Humanity First will not leave while people are still suffering! We will continue to assist the affected people as long as it takes."

More than a 1000 people attended this event. Another Fundraising dinner is scheduled to take place in Montreal, on Sept 16th, 2010. All proceeds from fundraising efforts will go towards relief work carried out in Pakistan.

## Union Station Partners Up with Humanity First



*"We urge our employees, customers and friends to help the people in Pakistan in any way that they can!"*

In continuing their efforts to raise funds for Pakistan's flood-relief, Humanity First partnered up with Metrolinx and Go Transit. For two days (August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>) Union Station hosted volunteers from Humanity First, who were placed on the Metrolinx and Go Transit and outside the bus terminal, on the east side of Bay Street. Volunteers accepted cash donations towards the relief effort, from morning till afternoon, and were able to raise the generous sum of \$18,916.95!

In support of the relief efforts, GO Transit Managing Director said, "We urge our employees, customers and friends to help the people in Pakistan in any way that they can." Metrolinx and GO Transit has a public transit system linking Toronto with surrounding regions of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), carrying nearly 55 million passengers a year.



## Our Children, Our Future

Editorial | Munaza Khan

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Pakistan who have been displaced by the ravaging monsoon floods since last month. The impoverished children and families of Pakistan are facing a humanitarian disaster of unprecedented scale.

The threat of spreading diseases seems to claim the especially vulnerable: children. Innumerable children have been affected by this tragedy, traumatized for life. Many who were orphans before the disaster, now have absolutely no support, they are lost and bereft in a cruel world, and no one seems to care.

Humanity First volunteers have responded to this disaster with compassion and unwavering determination. At this difficult time, let us all renew our commitment to end human suffering, and pledge support for the flood victims. Please extend a helping hand and support Humanity First in this noble goal. Indeed, our children are our future.



## FOOD BANK | Local Community Donates Summer Vacation Time

During the hot summer month of July, a group of 20 students from Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada, a seminary college in Mississauga, generously volunteered their time and efforts to further the cause of serving humanity.

The hard-working students displayed great commitment, as they worked to overhaul the entire Food Bank warehouse. The Humanity First Food Bank is grateful for the service these motivated team of students performed! A Sincere Thank You to all the Jamia volunteers!

### LEON'S LENDS A HELPING HAND

Throughout the summer, a team of dedicated employees from Leon's Furniture Vaughan generously volunteered to help out at the

Humanity First Food Bank. In celebration of their 101 Year Anniversary, Leon's sent various employees to complete hours of volunteer service. The enthusiastic volunteers helped with food packing, shelving, warehouse organization, and various other administrative tasks. Their service greatly improved the smooth operations of the Food Bank.

This was the second consecutive year that Leon's Furniture Vaughan chose Humanity First Food Bank as their charity of choice to volunteer with. A Great Big Thank You to our friends at Leon's Furniture Vaughan! (299 Bass Pro Mills Drive, Concord, ON L4K 5Z6)

Within the past year, the number of people using the services of Humanity



First food bank, has increased drastically. We are currently low on stocks, and urge everyone to donate generously, to help us continue feeding those in need within our community.

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED. JOIN US TODAY!**

**FOOD BANK *wish* LIST: Canned Meat, Canned Fruits, Canned Vegetables, Soups, Oil, Peanut Butter, Juices, Mr. Noodles & Kraft Dinner. PLEASE DONATE TODAY!**

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## PAKISTAN FLOODS: Humanity First Disaster Relief Efforts



In July, heavy monsoon rains triggered severe floods in Pakistan, destroying over a million homes, killing at least 2,300 people and leaving almost 20 million homeless and displaced. In addition to the direct impact on people who had to flee their homes, there has been substantial damage to crops, and to infrastructure including water supplies, transportation, health care and schools. Furthermore, amidst all this devastation, diseases such as malaria, diarrhea, skin infections and acute respiratory conditions are rapidly spreading; which the potential to turn into a pandemic.

Humanity First promptly responded to help the victims of Pakistan's worst-ever floods, by deploying more than 200 volunteers. Humanity First distributed thousands of food packs across the country, 800 tents, 750 blankets and sleeping bags, 622 water survival boxes, 750 mosquito nets, hundreds of hygiene kits, domestic supplies, and in total, handed out 52 tonnes of food aid.

For the occasion of Eid-ul-fitr, a Muslim ceremony to mark the end of the month of fasting, special gift packages were prepared and distributed amongst young children, with the hope of brightening their Eid celebrations.

Humanity First has organized 38 medical camps on the ground, and to date the medical team has treated 8,083 patients. In total, Humanity First has assisted almost 30,000 people in Pakistan, and the coverage is increasing every week through a team working around the clock.



## BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES: Humanity First Community Centre

Humanity First's mandate is to build stronger communities, in which individuals are engaged and committed to the spirit of giving and sharing. In an effort to promote its mission to serve humanity, Humanity First is building a multi-service, neighbourhood-based Community Center in Vaughan.

The Humanity First Community Center will be located in the heart of a multi-cultural community in Maple, Ontario.

The Community Centre will be beneficial to all members of the community, providing services to new immigrants, youth, elderly, women and

children. It will also include a gymnasium with a recreational facility for various indoor sports, to promote individual activity and vitality. In addition, the proposed project...(continued on page 2)



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