



**MARSHALL DIRECT FUND**

**Annual Mad Tea  
Party**  
JULY 1, 2010  
Aspen, Colorado

MDF is proud to announce a distinguished guest speaker - His Excellency Husain Haqqani, Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States. This cocktail party will be an opportunity to learn more about Pakistan and find out how building schools there can improve Pakistan-U.S. relations and create a more stable foundation for international security. Attendance will be invitation only. Please contact [us](#) for further information.

**Coming Soon**

If you or anyone you know lives in Chicago, DC or NYC and would be interested in participating in an MDF event, please contact [us](#). We have exciting plans to be in all three cities in the coming months.



**Project Updates** In January of this year, we traveled to the Pakistani community of Sheikhpura to visit the students, teachers, and staff. Each time we visit, we return moved by the dynamism of these individuals. From students working hard at their studies (as captured in the picture above), to teachers striving to provide the best education to their students, and families supporting their children and empowering themselves to make a better future for themselves and their community, we realize more and more that the people we meet are truly heroes. Thanks to our global network of supporters, we can help these families, students, teachers, and staff realize their dreams!

With the success of our primary education program, we are planning to expand our work by starting vocational education programs for the mothers of children enrolled in our schools. By providing mothers skills and business training in embellished fabrics/clothing/accessories, MDF helps women develop tools necessary to launch successful businesses, generate income, send their children to school, and lift their families out of poverty. As we institute and expand this program, we will be bringing you updates and stories!

## New Partnership

MDF is pleased to announce that international law firm, DLA Piper, will be providing pro bono legal services going forward. We are grateful for their support.

## Support MDF & Our Staff

Program Director, Jodi Fischer, is running the Golden Leaf 1/2 Marathon in Aspen this September to raise money for MDF. You can visit her page [here](#) to donate, or sign up your own activity to benefit MDF!

## Donate Your Airline Miles

MDF has recently begun a program to receive donated airline miles to facilitate travel to Pakistan, as well as domestic engagements. We currently accept miles on Frontier, Southwest, Delta, United, and American. Click [here](#) for more details.

## Join MDF Online

You can read [our blog](#), become our [Facebook fan](#), or follow us [on Twitter](#)!



**Global Giving** To help develop the vocational education program, we are proud to announce [our participation](#) in the [GlobalGiving.org](#) Open Challenge!

**THERE ARE ONLY 5 DAYS LEFT!!!** Thanks to those who have already supported this campaign on Global Giving, MDF is now a permanent member of the Global Giving site which means we can grow our vocational education program and support Pakistani families even more! The campaign is still underway and we continue to need your support. To date we have raised \$4,895 from 53 donors. We will receive a grant if we rank in the highest 3 in number of donors or the highest 5 in amount raised. We are currently rated at number 10 which means we are **THIS CLOSE** to getting a grant from Global Giving. Please consider contributing toward this effort - even \$10, \$20, or \$25 can move us toward our target. Ask your family, friends, and co-workers to support us too!

You can donate to the project on our [GlobalGiving page](#). Thank you in advance for your support and spreading the word! The deadline is April 26th.

\*Global Giving is an online marketplace that connects people to causes in regions they care about. Individuals select projects they want to support from those listed, make a tax-deductible contribution, and get regular progress updates - so they can see your impact.

## Learn More About Pakistan

Do you want to learn more about Pakistan? Our [resources page](#) is a collection of articles and reports vital to understanding education in Pakistan today.

## Thank you to our intern

John McMahon has been assisting MDF for more than 6 months. We will miss him incredibly, but are excited for his prospects and next steps!

## MDF photos

You can see more pictures from our recent visit to Pakistan [here](#), and our Jewelry Trunk Show at Aspen Fashion Week [here](#).

## Tell your friends!

Forward this to your friends and ask them to sign up to receive future newsletters by using the icon at the top of this newsletter.



**Aspen Fashion Week** Thanks to generosity of [The Woods Fine Jewelry](#), [Distractions](#), and the fashion-savvy ladies that attended the Jewelry Trunk Show and Champagne Fette during Aspen Fashion Week, we raised over \$4,000! Shawn and Sam of The Woods created a unique design, inspired by the MDF logo. The charm can be attached to various chains and beaded necklaces and bracelets the sisters have within their jewelry line (bracelets pictured above). Distractions contributed 10% of their sales during the event and all profits from the pieces designed by The Woods were donated to MDF. You can learn more [here](#).

The Woods pieces are being sold in boutiques across the country and worn by celebrities everywhere. If you are interested in purchasing the MDF-inspired jewelry, please [contact us](#)! More samples can be viewed [here](#). This is a great way for fashionistas here in the US to support their counterparts in Pakistan who are working hard to provide better livelihoods for themselves and their families.



## New ways to support MDF!

**MDF Circles:** Circles are opportunities for a network of individuals interested in ensuring access to education for all, and specifically primary and vocational education in Pakistan. Circles set goals relevant to the group as it relates to MDF activities, fund-raising, partner development, and awareness generating campaigns. If you or anyone you know are interested in supporting the MDF mission, please consider starting your own Marshall Direct Fund Circle and [contact us](#) for more information. Circles are a wonderful way to make a difference!

**MDF Toolbar:** We have something new and exciting we'd like to share with you- It's the new MDF toolbar! Once added to Internet Explorer or Firefox, each time you shop at more than 1,300 stores (from Amazon to Zazzle) a percentage of your purchase will automatically be donated to MDF. You may even save money as the toolbar provides coupons and deals as well! The toolbar also has a search box - each time you search the Internet, a penny is donated to MDF. You can download the toolbar [here](#). The 2 minutes it takes to add this to your browser combined with others that are doing the same can make a huge impact!



**Introducing our Cyber Peace Project** We are proud to announce our partnership with [Roaring Fork Leadership](#) on the MDF CyberPeace Project! This project facilitates a dialogue of cultural exchange between the youth of Pakistan and the youth of the Roaring Fork Valley. The children are having so much fun sharing photos and dialogue with each other. The knowledge they will gain will help develop a greater understanding of the world around them.

Classes participating in the Project exchange communications via a blog where they ask and answer questions about themselves and their cultures and upload photographs of their activities and communities. If you know of any schools that would be interested in participating, please [contact us](#).

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