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DCI Newsletter

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DCI Executive Director, Dr. Ehsan Hoque, will fly to Bangladesh in the middle of July to oversee all current projects and initiate new ones. He plans to meet collaborators, DCI field officers, and DCI-supported children and their families.

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Dr. Sabina Ahmed at BMANA-2010 Convention



DCI at BMANA

(Bangladesh Medical Association of North America)

DCI arranged an informational booth at the 2010 BMANA Convention at Las Vegas. Dr. Ruby Hussain of California, Dr. Sabina Ahmed & Dr. Khandaker Nasimul Anwar of Chicago, Ms. Limu Chowdhury, and Mr. Masud Chowdhury of Texas, and Dr. Nina Hoque of Connecticut helped us with the booth. Dr. Ehsan Hoque gave a presentation on DCI activities and how American youth can benefit from participating. He requested that everyone join the effort to benefit more children. Youth volunteer Ryan Chowdhury of New York encouraged other youths to join humanitarian activities by recounting his experiences as a volunteer.

DCI Booth & Free Eye Camp at FeTNA



Dr. DeBroff helped with the eye check up. He was assisted by Eric Vinke. The overall arrangement was made by Michele Loraque, Ursula Vinke, Shiraj Dhume, Julie Albert, Suki, Safina and Asahi Hoque.

On July 3-4, DCI attended the yearly FeTNA (Federation of Tamil Sangams of North America) Convention at Palace Theater, Waterbury, Ct. Around 2000 US residents of Indian origin attended. DCI's India program leaders Annadurai Amirthalingam and Shirish Dhume organized a DCI booth and a free eye clinic for the uninsured. A recent study has shown that Americans without health insurance have the lowest rate of eye care service, at only 42 percent.

DCI works to provide education and eye care support to the underprivileged children of India and to those uninsured in the United States.

DCI's Free Eye Camp FeTNA, Connecticut, USA



DCI's Free Eye
Camp for the
Uninsured,



DCI Benefit Concert 2010, Chicago

On June 19, 2010 DCI Orphanage Program Director Dr. Sabina Ahmed and her team organized a benefit concert, informing people about DCI's activities and generating support for the children it supports. Local children and adults performed, and the winner of Sur Daryia Apr Opar, Beauty Das appeared as a special guest.

The program was very successful and attended by many people. Overall, through this program the DCI Chicago chapter was able to generate funds and gain several sponsorships. In her speech, Dr. Sabina encouraged everyone to join in DCI's mission to help children lift themselves out of poverty through education and health care. Our special thanks go out to the very hard-working members of her team!



A Very Special Thank You



Celebration of Nabil and Natasha's Birthday

Mr. Chowdhury Salahuddin Mahmood and Mrs. Farzana Mahmood were blessed with the birth of twins, Nabil and Natasha, both already one-year-old. They celebrated their first birthday on August 1, 2010 in Carrollton, Texas. A large number of their friends, family members and relatives joined them to celebrate the occasion.

Chowdhury Salahuddin Mahmood is very successful in his personal life and has been a core member of DCI from its inception. His family lead a happy and prosperous life but the couple never forgets the hungry and needy. When they were arranging birthday party for their children, they thought of a way to help disadvantaged children at the same time. They appealed to the guests to bring no gifts, but if guests wished to give something, a donation should be made to DCI; many guests did indeed make donations to DCI funds. All the guests showered Nabil and Natasha with blessings and prayed for their long and happy lives.

"Our guests sincerely praised the idea of raising funds for the underprivileged kids in Bangladesh, and joined in donating to DCI. I believe more and more families should sponsor this type of fundraising for DCI." Salahuddin & Farzana Mahmood

Dear DCI friends,

Please consider including DCI in any upcoming gatherings, whether birthdays, weddings, or any other celebration, in order to provide support to disadvantaged children. Those who have participated in this effort have found that it has made their special day even more memorable. I hope that you will choose to join them in making an enormous difference in the lives of these very deserving children.

Please circulate this message to your colleagues, friends, and family who might be inspired to come forward.

Thank you.
—DCI Team



Imam Hossain

Chowdhury Salahuddin & Farzana Mahmood raised \$1556 at this party. They have decided to donate this money to support the DCI health clinics for slum residents. They are also sponsoring two children: ten year old Shathi Begum & Imam Hossain. Shathi Begum & Imam Hossain live in a very remote village called Shaula in Potuakhali district. If they had not receive support from this generous family, they would have ended up as household servants or in the streets of Dhaka. DCI is grateful to this couple for their generosity.



Shathi Begum