Thank you!

With your support, the Patient Welfare Programme is implementing the Hospital’s mission of providing access to needy patients who may not, on account of financial difficulties, be able to afford normal Hospital charges and who would otherwise not present themselves at the Hospital.

Since the inception of the Programme in 1986, thanks to your assistance, over 1 million patients have been provided quality healthcare worth US $ 77 million. This care has been provided to men, women and children, in the form of outpatient services, including consulting clinics, emergency, radiology, laboratory, pharmacy, cardiopulmonary and surgical day care services, and inpatient services, including obstetrics, gynaecology, paediatrics, psychiatry and surgery.

Thank you again. Children and adults who would otherwise have perished or suffered from life-long disabilities, are now able to enjoy a quality life with their families and loved ones.

In the pages that follow, meet the conjoined twins who were separated by a 20-member team of specialists at AKU, and other patients who have been given a new lease of life.

Feel the impact on the lives of over 300,000 people you helped with your donations in 2014! During the year, the Programme disbursed US $ 8.95 million (Rs 895 million) worth of welfare. 89 per cent of those assisted were salaried workers, labourers, farmers and from other occupations; 56 per cent were women and children. Over 2000 patients visited the Hospital for cardio-pulmonary, neuro-physiological and other life-threatening illnesses.

Your efforts for the well-being of their families and communities will be felt for generations.

Best wishes,

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Meet Ilyas’s twin daughters

“We were told that this is not possible in Pakistan” recollects Uzma, “but my husband and I clung to hope that somehow, somewhere we would find a cure, and we did when we came to this hospital”.

Conjoined twins are rare and the estimated incidence is 1 in 250,000 births. Saira and Saima were joined from the lower breastbone to the upper abdomen, and shared a liver at birth. Their parents, Ilyas and Uzma went from doctor to doctor seeking help. Ilyas, a policeman, was unable to afford the risky procedure to separate the twins. When the girls were around three and a half months old, they were admitted at the Aga Khan University Hospital. A multidisciplinary team of paediatric surgeons, specialists and technicians performed the seven-hour surgery, after over a month of planning. The successful surgery has allowed the two little girls to enjoy normal and happy lives.

“Now I have learnt that AKUH is not only for the rich. Poor people like me can also afford the quality treatment provided here”

Since inception of the Patient Welfare Programme in 1986, you have helped an increasing number of patients from low and middle-income backgrounds access quality care.
Meet Rehan Ali Memon, the bus conductor

After falling from the roof of a bus, Rehan was badly injured. He was shifted from one hospital to another for 15 hours - until finally he received assistance at Aga Khan University Hospital. At AKUH, a complex hip surgery was performed successfully. The Patient Welfare Programme stepped in to cover 65 per cent of the cost of treatment. After the surgery, Rehan continued to pay regular visits to his doctor, Dr Tashfeen Ahmad. Over a period of six months, the pain and physical discomfort has reduced and Rehan is now able to walk again while using a walker.

“I could not think of coming to Aga Khan Hospital, it is too expensive for me. No one helps anyone else at a time like this. However, we received help here”, says Rehan’s father.

Meet Ayesha Sattar, who was born with a ‘hole in the heart’

When she was admitted to Aga Khan University Hospital, young Ayesha was given two months to live due to her heart condition and other complications. Medical experts and Patient Welfare officers were determined to save her life. Ayesha’s treatment continued for several months and included cardiac surgery. She was provided after-surgery care and multi-faceted support until she recovered. Of the total cost of her treatment of Rs 2.4 million (US $ 24,000), 70 per cent was supported by zakat and welfare funds.

“AKU took my case at a time when other hospitals refused to help me, due to reasons such as the risky procedure and cost. I am very thankful for the kindness of the doctors and staff”, says Ayesha Sattar
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