

Mummy to burnt children fr

By Shamaz Ramzi

Looking at the fresh, glowing face of Hashmat Effendi, you may well mistake her for a social worker who spends her hours just for her meetings, shaking and the training, at various parties. But only when you see her in action do you realize that this is a woman who spends her time much more than the usual of us. She looks after the underprivileged children in seven ways that are...

As the founder chairperson of the Houston-based House of Charity, she largely by preference in the US, she has, in the last six years, looked after children with skull defects from three from Pakistan for surgery at the world renowned Shalimar Hospital. This pediatric institution specialises in treating children and young men from...



Visitor

One way will that the House of Charity is by no means a charity, only a repository of working with the underprivileged in society. She has been a social worker since her childhood and in fact, feels that the manner in which she came into this world is to make a collection of her complete work which she has packaged around her.

"Having a girl, Effendi must admit, 'My parents loved her and she was eight months pregnant with our wife she was killed by a bomb. My father was in the navy and was at sea and my mother was under from one hospital to another, with all refusing to admit her. Finally, she was taken to Civil Hospital, Karachi, where she underwent her treatment. I did a headmaster for their Occupational Therapy'.

“ Even if I managed to raise the money to fly burnt children from Pakistan, I wouldn't find parents who would entrust their children with a stranger. I was, however, lucky to win the confidence of the parents from the west go



The most rewarding work is to volunteer for visiting children who are here for treatment. The first child I helped was Wasif Suhail a one year old boy who came to Houston for facial reconstructive and brain surgery. He stayed with us for 7 months. She took care of him, took him to hospital, made appointments with doctors about his surgery.

SOCIAL WORKER

BY SALMA AHMED

HASHMAT EFFENDI

helps through

HOUSE OF CHARITY



...the House of Charity. In the volunteer as well as the workers. Mrs. Hashmat is the founder of 'The House of Charity' of children in this world. She helps suffering children from Latin America. A girl from Russia also come to Houston for surgery. She also has school in Pakistan for those children who can't afford to go to school in Pakistan. She has the teachers in Pakistan sent her the students report cards to learning there. The House of Charity organized clothes drive and distributed among homeless and sick children in Houston.

'The House of Charity' doing great service to disabled

Interview

SAJID ABBASI

THE birth of a Non Governmental Organization "The House of Charity" was the dream of a fourteen year old girl, Hashmat Effendi who had so much love for humanity that she wished to donate her eyes after her death to some blind person and the body parts reserved for research so that mankind could benefit.

The House of Charity is a non-profit charitable organization providing high quality medical and surgical care to improve the health and life of impoverished children in Pakistan and around

for a long time.

The Executive Director said that treating genetically disabled and grievously injured children has been her life long cherished dream although she herself does not hail from any rich family adding that if one believes in honesty and work, the Almighty Allah paves the way for everything.

Ms Effendi told that she takes the burnt victims below 18 years of age to United States for their surgical treatment free of cost from all over the world. Hundred children from all over the world and 16 children from Pakistan were treated in the US this year with the assistance of the House despite the tragic in-



Hashmat Effendi, Executive Director 'The House of Charity' NGO based in Houston, USA, with a little kid with burn injuries under treatment in hospital.—PO photo

The Kindness Report

Official Nomination Form for the Kindness Recognition Award

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Kindness Report... Describe why you are nominating this person for the Kindness Recognition Award. Please be specific in telling about the act or acts of kindness you have observed and/or experienced.

I nominate Mrs Hashmat Effendi because she has been extremely nice to my family especially to my brother and my parents. I have a brother who has been hard of hearing since he was born because he has no ear opening and no external ear on both sides. He is 9 years old now. He badly needed a series of surgeries between the ages of 5-7. My parents could not afford the expenses of the surgery. We heard of Mrs Hashmat Effendi who has helped many children regarding medical care to the needy children. Ever since then she has been

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her social services Ms Effendi told that The House of Charity based in Houston, USA and Health Care and Social Welfare Association (HASWA) based in Pakistan are two NGOs working together and brought a new ray of hope and some sense of normalcy into the lives of poor Pakistani children with congenital or injury related deformities.

HASWA, which has its network only in Karachi, is supported by the resourceful House of Charity based in Houston that has been working since 1996, told Effendi.

Accompanied by the Chairman of the House of Charity, Ghulam Bombaywala, Effendi praised the Chairman of the House for his tireless efforts in helping her while accomplishing the mammoth task of serving the affected poor children. "He taught me the art of fund raising, and is definitely the backbone of the Charity", she said.

The Chairman House of Charity, Ghulam Bombaywala said that they provide medical treatment to the special children fearing accountability on the Day of Reckoning. They appealed to all and sundry to make provision for the help of such special children, saying these children are like you and me.

They called upon the media to play its role in creating awareness among the people about the importance of these children as an important organ of the society. The parents of the congenital deformed and accidentally disabled children can contact Shalimar Hospital Lahore to approach the House of Charity and further assistance in this regard.

