

# A Story of a Beautiful Soul

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**ZAID RAO A THALASSEAMIC WARRIOR (1990\_2013)**

**If we search from place to place**

**We would not find Zaid , for he is extinct rarity**



It's a universal truth all typical mothers, who lost their beloved ones, love to talk about or share memories or write something. I feel myself exclusively privileged that TIF has provided an opportunity to express my inner feeling for this forum.

There are no proper words to even begin to describe the crushing pain and emptiness that is left in a mother's heart. Initially, when it came into my knowledge, I am a mother of Thal Major son, I got depressed, my life totally changed up side down, it was a terrible nightmare to know , THALASSEAMIA (a life long challenge for patient n parents). But, time healed all pains, we accepted that it's a way of life.

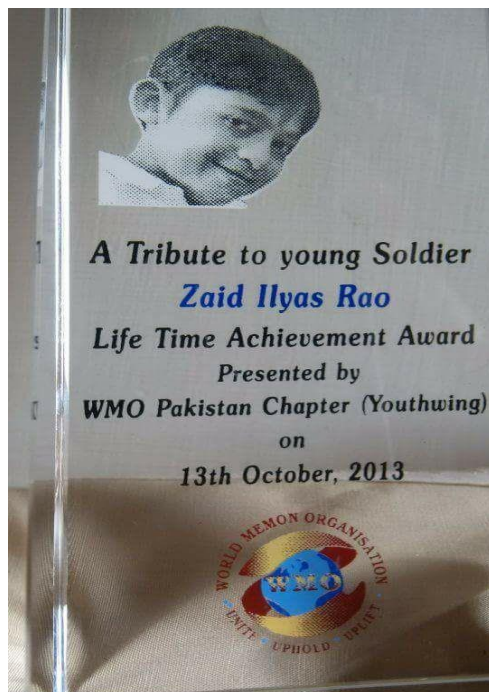
Life of our beloved son Zaid Rao was not spent on bed of roses, he faced many jolts in 23 years of life. His life was just like a roller coaster, full of health issues, successes, depression, hopes and failures. But, every time he emerged with new enthusiasm and zeal. Although, physically Zaid was not very strong and his height was less than normal, but morally and mentally he was GIANT. He was most unique and life loving person you can imagine. I, as a mother, feeling proud, Zaid was always excellent in his academic results, and was a prominent figure of extra curricular activities in school and college. Now we have a



## **ZAID AND HIS CONNECTIONS WITH PEOPLE**

Zaid was a man who loved to be connected with people of all ages, groups, fields, forums and professions. That's why he chose to be a motivational speaker as part time, besides having a career of Chartered Accountancy. He joined community organizations, WMO (World Memon Organisation ) and APMF(All Pakistan Memon Federation) as a social worker, his aim was to spread awareness against thalasseamia and make up minds to be tested before marriage.

Because of his confidence and speaking power he had been invited by universities and educational institutions for awareness and motivation of youth to work hard and keep moving having any odd circumstances in life. He became an inspirational figure for community and friend. To admire his services for community he was awarded by life time achievement award by WMO in a very auspicious event organized to pay tribute to a lost incredible soul



## **ZAID AND HIS CONNECTIONS WITH THALASSEAMIA COMMUNITY**

He was very friendly cheerful optimist person he loved to be connected with thalasseamia fellows at any forum. He was always been supposed to be a key part of any program, with innovative ideas, organized by Thalasseamia Centers or NGOs or Health Ministry. He had very strong and friendly connections with doctors and thalasseamia centers. He never ever missed the chances of any motivational tour to small towns and villages organized for awareness against thalasseamia. He always tried his best, and his first preference was to attend national thalasseamia conferences and workshops even having any other schedule program.

## **ZAID AND HIS CONNECTIONS WITH MEDIA**

Because of speaking power and convincing ability he fetched the attention of Media Industry and was been invited by different TV Channels as a guest speaker and spokesperson. Here he got the on and off chances to raise his voice for the rights of thalasseamia community and highlight the issues of thalasseamia fellows, which were being ignored by NGOs and Government authorities. His articles about



thalasseamia and interviews were also published in newspapers.

## **ZAID AND HIS CONNECTIONS WITH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES**

Zaid was blessed with business brain, his vision determination and brilliancy was always been appreciated by business tycoons .He was a boy with passion dreamed to sit at the president seat of FPCCI. ON 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2013 his dream came true and at a wish granting ceremony gratefully organized by FPCCI (Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries) in collaboration with Make A Wish Foundation and Kashif Iqbal Thalasseamia Care Center. ZAID was ushered to occupy the esteemed seat of president of FPCCI with all extended protocol. All executive members of the federation addressed him as the true president, which make him very proud himself.

After his sad demise, in honor and remembrance, his photo is officially placed on the walls of president office

What a unique and distinguish honor a departed soul have ever received, RAO Family is oblige and grateful to all officials of FPCCI.



## ZAID AND HIS DIFFICULT PHASES OF LIFE

Zaid endured all difficulties and pains patiently, as normally all thalassaemic patients have to face. But a long nightmare started when he went through splenectomy which leads to severe stitch sinuses. It took about six months to be completely healed. But he kept his hopes alive, bore all pains bravely and continued studies with passion.

Another challenge was waiting for him, as he was trapped by MENINGITIS and its related severe consequences. OH, My dear brave and active son was completely bed-ridden for few weeks, resulting in a year back of academic year. Then he was forced to be on a wheel chair for eight months and lastly transfer to crutches. After long and regular physiotherapy that terrible phase was over.



## ZAID AND HIS ACHIEVEMENTS:

He resumed his CA studies with in-born passion and enthusiasm. He successfully qualified for articulation in a world-renowned firm, that was another milestone he passed by dignity.

Secondly, after a long correspondence with TIF, he was luckily awarded by sponsorship to attend Abu Dhabi Congress 2013, which came true to meet all international thalassaemic fellows and exchange each other's experiences. By all his own, he made all arrangements, from visa, air ticket booking and hotel reservations.

But ALMIGHTY ALLAH TAALAH, had some other plan. He called back this beautiful soul to the gardens of Paradise on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 just only few days before the most-awaited conference. He was diagnosed of Liver Cirrhosis just four days before his departure.



## ZAID AND HIS PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

Zaid always emphasis on these words at any forum or in all TV shows,

”if a person is morally and mentally strong he can achieve any goal” and

“Life is continuously challenging me and I am not going to give up till end “

YES ...!!! Very true, he fought all ups and down of his life bravely and with a dignified way



## CONCLUSION

Though, I really miss the presence of my dear little angel in every breath of my life.

I am grateful to my LORD ALLAH TAALAH, that he blessed me with such a beautiful soul. Who came for a short visit to this world but left strong signatures for others

ZAID was a wave of HOPE

ZAID was a dawn filled with OPTIMISM

ZAID was a canal of HAPPINESS

ZAID was very special beyond WORDS

ZAID should not be lost so EARLY

