CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)

Mercantile Bank Foundation has begun operations since 2000 with a view to enforcing Bangladesh Bank’s guidelines for carrying out broader Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity through the Foundation. The Foundation currently performs CSR programs in a more organized, standardized, and sustainable manner.

MBF has been undertaking a range of activities over the past twenty years with the sole purpose of helping its target people to improve the quality of life.

In addition, the Foundation has completed the comprehensive exercise and finalized the list of 1013 students for 2019 Mercantile Bank Abdul Jalil Scholarship Program and has already arranged for the distribution of scholarship money. The activities of the Foundation, amongst others, such as follows:

- Provide facilities for treatment through hospitals, clinics, medical and eye camps;
- Initiatives in increasing social wellbeing and poverty alleviation;
- Distributions of blankets and winter cloths among the needy & depressed people;
- Provide/render monetary and/or other assistance / help for the rehabilitation of people affected by natural and other conditions calamities such as grain, burning, famine, cyclone, earthquake, hurricane, disaster, plague, drought, etc.
- Providing scholarships to poor, well-deserved students;
- Promoting educational, science, social and other related charitable activities.

Mercantile Bank Award-2019

Every year Mercantile Bank Foundation provides an esteemed award to the nationally notable intellectual personalities of the society for their brilliant performance in their respective fields.

The Scholars who have been honored with Mercantile Bank Award-2019 are as under:

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<th>Arenas</th>
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<td>Education &amp; Culture</td>
<td>Dr. Tofail Ahmed</td>
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<td>Freedom Fighter and Liberation war based research</td>
<td>Captain Shahabuddin Ahmed, Bir Uttom</td>
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<td>Economics and Economics based Research</td>
<td>Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute, Mymensingh</td>
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<td>Commerce and industry</td>
<td>Mr. Abul Kashem (Abul Khair Group)</td>
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<td>Sports</td>
<td>Mr. Mosharraf Hossain Khan (Swimming)</td>
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MBL Young Bankers’ Appreciation Award 2019

‘MBL Young Bankers Appreciation Award’ is the name of inspiration which boost up the young banker to be future leader in financial industry. On the occasion of 20th anniversary of Mercantile Bank Limited, Bank awarded 5 young talented bankers at a flamboyant program held at Hotel Intercontinental Dhaka.

This award was delivered to 5 young bankers selected through a 5-step competitive process. Bangladesh Bank Governor Mr. Fazle Kabir handed over the certificates, crest & cheques of Tk. 200,000 Lac each to the awardees. The Award recipients were Mr. Uzzwal Kumar Singha, AVP, IFIC Bank Ltd., Mr. Sirajul Islam, AVP, AB Bank Ltd., Mr. A.K.M. Hossainuzzaman, FAVP, Mercantile Bank Ltd., Mr. Tawhid Khan Majlish, FAVP, Mutual Trust Bank Ltd., Mr. Mohammad Arafat Hossain, FAVP, Bank Asia Limited.

Education Scholarship Program

“Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all” with this motto of SDGs Mercantile Bank Abdul Jalil Education Scholarship has made a bridge of hope for poor meritorious students who enthusiastic to materialized their dream. Since 2011 we have been walking together with those strenuous students. Education Scholarship program is an explicit expression of MBL’s motive towards building the nation through extending hands of assistance to the future generation of the country.

In 2019, MBL provided scholarships among the students who have successfully passed (with minimum CGPA of 4.50) J.S.C, S.S.C and H.S.C to carry on their further studies. Through this program, we engage to build self-respect and capabilities to make career, educational and life-changing journey. The details information of the education scholarship program is as under:

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Scholarship Amount (BDT in million)</th>
<th>No. of Beneficiary</th>
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<td>J.S.C</td>
<td>5.06</td>
<td>421</td>
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<td>S.S.C</td>
<td>5.27</td>
<td>351</td>
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<td>H.S.C</td>
<td>5.01</td>
<td>237</td>
<td>1 Year</td>
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<td>Graduation</td>
<td>0.23</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4 Years</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>15.56</strong></td>
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In 2019, MBL awarded scholarship worth BDT 15.56 million among 1,013 poor & meritorious students who passed in 2018 under three category of J.S.S, S.S.C & H.S.C.
Institutional Support
Mercantile Bank has donated of BDT 17.62 million to different educational institutions during the year 2019.

Disaster Management
Mercantile Bank Limited donated 75 thousand pieces of blanket to Prime Minister’s Relief and Welfare Fund to support the cold stricken poor people of the country. Morshed Alam, M.P., Chairman of Mercantile Bank Limited handed over the blankets to the Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Gonobhaban on 02 November 2019.
Health & Medical

MBL CSR is working for the end of preventable deaths of newborns, water-borne diseases and other communicable diseases, deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents, deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination. Those areas are also emphasize in SDGs. Mercantile Bank donated BDT 15.55 million to different hospitals and individual patients during the year.

Mercantile Bank Donates to Gonoshasthaya Dialysis Centre

Mercantile Bank Limited donated Tk.25.00 lac to the Gonoshasthaya Dialysis Centre to establish an Ultra Modern Dialysis Unit consisting of specialized bed with audio and video facilities. Bank’s Managing Director & CEO Md. Quamrul Islam Chowdhury handed over the cheque to Dr. Mohib Ullah Khondoker, coordinator of Gonoshasthaya Dialysis Centre on Tuesday (05 March 2019) at the Bank’s Head Office.
Mercantile Bank Donates to SWAC

Mercantile Bank Limited donated Tk10.00 lac to the Society for the Welfare of Autistic Children (SWAC) as part of Corporate Social Responsibility of the Bank. Bank’s Chairman A.K.M. Shaheed Reza handed over the cheque to SWAC Chairperson Subarna Chakma on Sunday (31 March 2019) at the Bank’s Head Office.

Sports, Arts & Culture

Mercantile Bank always supports promotion of art and culture. As a recognized benefactor of culture, MBL takes some non-profit initiatives every year. Cultural institutions have been donated to organize cultural events in different times. Moreover, the Bank supports the writers, musicians and other performers in their inventive and creative activities. As earlier, in 2019 MBL contributes to organize and celebrate different cultural and traditional festivals. Mercantile Bank donated BDT 0.6 million to various institutions for development of sports, arts and culture during the year.

Other Social Projects

The Bank also donated BDT 5.93 million to other social projects during the year.