Who is Child Foundation?

Child Foundation:

An international non-governmental organization, registered nonprofit in the United States

Programs help motivated children living in poverty remain in school

A support system for children regardless of their gender, race, religion, or ethnicity

A resource to young patients in need of scarce medical assistance

Relief to children and their families in times of natural disasters

Compliant with laws and regulation of OFAC

Child Foundation 2019 Annual Report

Message From the President

Dear extended family members of Child Foundation USA,

This year we celebrated Child Foundation’s 25th birthday. An organization that began in a young couple’s Portland, OR basement in May of 1994 by helping a few children is now a reputable organization assisting thousands of children worldwide.

In 2019, our sponsored children from Indonesia to Iran numbered more than 6,000. The total number of children supported by our sister organization in Iran grew to approximately 11,000, the number of generous donors supporting Child Foundation USA in 2019 was 5,725. Our programs focus on education of vulnerable children. This year we also raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support flood victims in Iran, cover medical expenses for children suffering deadly afflictions, warm homes of Afghan children with coal, equip computer literacy efforts in Cambodia, and much more.

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$498,000
Donation for Iran flood victims

800
Families sponsored after Iran flood

$439,785
Total Facebook donations

300
Afghan families given winter coal

Where do we work?

Our program locations
- Afghanistan
- Cambodia
- Iran
- Indonesia
- Nepal
- United States

Affiliate offices
- Afghanistan
- Australia
- Canada
- Germany
- Iran
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom

Child Foundation USA office

Portland
Child Foundation continues to help disadvantaged Iranian children successfully stay in school. Many early graduates of the program are now current sponsors to motivated children at risk of dropping out to marry early or find a job to support their families. The graduates using their education to build up their communities and pay forward support they received in their youth are the best indicator of the program’s success.

“...I always look at Child Foundation as a gardener, someone who plants a small sapling in soil and cares for it until it becomes a giant tree. Then, everyone benefits. I was supported by Child Foundation for more than 10 years. It all started in 2007 in the city of Amol where I am from. Now I am a medical doctor. I work in a village close to Iranshahr of Sistan and Baluchestan, and feel proud that my medical services are the result of all Child Foundation gave me for so many years. I will never forget it.”

“...now that I have succeeded because of your kindness and love, I have no wish but to see your face one day and pray for you from the bottom of my heart… I am currently living in a village close to Ilam which is 130 KM away from Kermanshah doing my medical residency… I hope one day, I can continue this path you have started and thought me to take.”
In 2019, Child Foundation provided children with emergency assistance in the aftermath of the deadly flooding that covered 23 of Iran’s 31 provinces from mid-March to April 2019. Golestan and Mazandaran had as much as 70 percent of its average annual rainfall in a single day. Several large dams overflowed, particularly in Khuzestan and Golestan. About 1,900 cities and villages across the country were affected, more than 140 riverbanks burst, more than 400 landslides were reported, and around 12,000 km of road was damaged. According to UNICEF, more than 1,000,000 children were affected and about 1,000 schools were destroyed or damaged. Child Foundation sent $498,000 to help flood victims utilizing our OFAC General License E. Our Facebook fundraising generated $271,161 from 7,000 donors alone. The money raised supported 800 acutely vulnerable children and their families, as they rebuild their lives and re-enroll in school.

Child Foundation USA supports many programs in Afghanistan through our sister organization. Beyond the signature sponsorship program helping hundreds of children gain access to education, we fund a medical program at Mazar-e-Sharif Hospital for children living with a genetic disorder called thalassemia. The program provides medical treatments, blood transfusions, blood drives, caretaker education, and even transportation for pediatric thalassemia patients. Our donors also make vision screening and health education activities available. We want to holistically address an important barrier to education especially felt by families in need: health.

Further, Child Foundation USA continues its Coal Campaign in Afghanistan, providing one of the only sources of heating during the winter months for 300 families in Mazar-e-Sharif. Near the end of 2019, the price of coal rose and our donations could not provide a full winter’s supply. Next year, we aim to coordinate enough for each of the 300 families with children.
Our program in Indonesia is designed to support students including those seeking vocational training or university education. The students are especially motivated and struggle to meet the financial demands of such programs without support. Two examples this year illustrate what a difference generosity can make.

A young woman named Clarista thrived under our program over the last 8 years. In September, she graduated from UNIKOM Computer University majoring in Engineering and Computer Science. Her parents never achieved this level of education. We are proud of her hard work and grateful for the sponsors who facilitated her university education.

Child Foundation USA launched its sponsorship program in Nepal shortly after the country was struck by a devastating earthquake in April of 2015. While disaster relief aid made up the bulk of our efforts in Nepal initially, we became acquainted with an organization, Empower Nepali Girls, that is passionate about the injustice marginalized Nepali girls face. Their work on the ground makes our sponsorship program in Nepal possible. Currently 100% of those we sponsor in Nepal’s capital, Kathmandu, are girls.
Child Foundation USA’s Cambodia Sponsorship Program started in 2019. Although our program is small, it is developing. This year Child Foundation was able to fund a computer lab for students. For the past two years, our partner organization in Cambodia, Angkor Kids Center, has been implementing a Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) system to equip the community’s children with skills important for gainful employment in adulthood. They successfully established basic computer classes and this year our organization purchased ten new computers for the center.

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**US-Mexico Border:**
The crisis at the US-Mexico border was well-covered by media and we responded to the needs of thousands of innocent refugees stuck in dangerous limbo. Child Foundation USA joined with a local charity, Kino Border Initiative, to aid migrant women and children asylum-seekers in Nogales, AZ. Your donations helped meet the basic needs of women seeking refuge from violence in their hometowns.

**Back to School:**
Child Foundation USA found ways to support vulnerable children in the Portland, OR headquarter’s backyard. We joined with Community Partners for Affordable Housing to provide backpacks and school supplies for children living with housing insecurity. Our staff enjoyed engaging with the other volunteers and the 160 children receiving the tools they need for the 2019-2020 school year.
Where is Friend’s Home?

In memory of the famous film of late Abbas Kiarostami, “Where is Friend’s Home?”, Child Foundation USA raised funds for children living in stark and dangerous housing conditions. Thanks to our wonderful donors, the families now live in homes where they feel safe and warm. The children can now put all of their energy into their studies.

Case 1: Nastaran
A 9-year old girl from Ardebil who lives with her single mother. Her sister was kidnaped, injured, and now suffers from psychological instabilities. The family was evicted by their landlord.

Case 2: Ghazal
Ghazal, a young girl from Ahvaz who was living with her single mother who suffered from cirrhosis, a liver disease. They were evicted and living in a half-built structure belonging to another family. It had no amenities and was unsafe.

Case 3: Zahra
Zahra and her single mother were living in a small room, constantly harassed by their landlord with inappropriate suggestions. Our sister organization’s social worker discovered the critical situation.

Income
- Contributions: $4,599,940
- Donated material & services: $6,207
- Other income: $1,785
- Net income: $4,607,932

Expenses
- Program services: $4,264,870
- General & administrative: $89,260
- Fundraising: $165,484
- Total expenses: $4,519,614

Assets
- Increase in net assets: $88,318
- Net assets, beginning of year: $1,049,882
- Net assets, end of year: $1,138,200

Accountability
Child Foundation prides itself on being a transparent organization with very high standards. We voluntarily perform an annual audit through Hoffman, Stewart and Schmidt, an independent licensed auditing company. The results of the audit will be available on our website under our Financial Reports.
2019

Donors
Advocacy

As the delay of our OFAC license renewal began to negatively impact our sponsored Iranian children, Child Foundation USA initiated advocacy and formal inquiries through our donor community. Our task force informed donors of the delay and helped them reach out to members of Congress who could inquire of the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) in the US Department of the Treasury about our application’s progress. Overall scores of volunteers contacted their representatives and senators to follow up on our case. From California to New York, volunteers and staff-alike connected with members of Congress to convey our situation and attest to our programs’ impacts. In October, Child Foundation was invited to a panel discussion organized by the Atlantic Council’s Future of Iran Initiative. The panel detailed the effects of US sanctions on humanitarian activities and access to basics like medicine. Our panel representative emphasized the dire situation that our 6,000+ sponsored children face due to sanctions and the delay of our OFAC license renewal. In the end, our efforts were successful. In late November, we secured a decision from OFAC. Unfortunately, our renewal application to send stipends to Iranian children was not approved. We enter the year 2020 with both hands busy; we are adjusting the Iran program to a food package system and seeking insight into the decision to obtain a different outcome as soon as possible.
Child Foundation would not be able to do what it does without the dedication of our wonderful volunteers. Our volunteers are integral to our mission, and one of the primary reasons why we are able to keep costs down. This past year, volunteers in Los Angeles and Irvine, California helped organize our Nowruz Bazaars in their respective cities, where thousands of visitors attended to support and donate to our organization. If you are interested in volunteering with us, please visit our website for more information: childfoundation.org/page/joinus

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