



Love all  
around the  
world

روز مادر مبارک  
(Happy Mother's Day)

## Greetings!

Today is an especially meaningful day. Today we think about our loved ones and their needs. Why?

## It is Valentine's Day here and Mother's Day in Iran.

Many of us grew up with strong maternal figures who taught us the importance of telling the truth, hard work, hospitality, and our studies. We hold these lessons close to our hearts.

At Child Foundation we celebrate the sheer willpower and devotion of our sponsored children's guardians. Often the main breadwinner is a mother ["maadar" in Persian] making ends meet as best she can with warmth in every tiresome chore and pot of rice. There may not always be saffron in that rice, but there is love.

You can help support the loving parents and guardians of our sponsored children with food and a sense of security. Each letter from a sponsor and check-in from a social worker is a reminder that they are not alone. The love of our donors traverses oceans, borders, and politics. **Click here for the update about our Iran program to learn how we plan to put food in front of your sponsored children.** We can and we will.

Navid SeyedAli,  
President & CEO

**P.S.**

**Sponsoring a child**

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Valentine's Day = Great gift

**DONATE**



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**Fundraising update**



Generosity from around the world has resulted in more than \$120,000 in donations for the victims of the floods in Sistan and Baluchestan province. Those familiar with Iran's socioeconomic landscape know already that this province is one of the poorest parts of the country and a great number of our children live there. We are excited we can send them disaster relief funds under the OFAC General License E.

Donors have asked us great questions about how and when the funds will be disbursed. Thank you for thoroughly looking out for the children in Sistan and Baluchestan province. Thankfully, other organizations have stepped in to meet immediate needs. We will use the funds you have donated for community recuperation. As you read this, our sister organization in Iran is researching best options and we will keep you updated.

Last year your generosity overflowed when floods affected most of the country. We raised \$420,000 and sent \$498,000 (\$72,000 from our general fund) to purchase shoes and school supplies, and sponsor for one year 800 children with no grade requirements. Our intent was to encourage kids to return to school after the devastation as families rebuilt their lives. **These 800 children are still receiving stipends from that campaign but the year will be up this summer and then hundreds will become eligible for monthly sponsorship... by YOU.**

You can find more information about last year's flood from our past newsletters ( **April 12, May 1, May 10, June 7, and June 14**) on our **website**.

Child Foundation audits our sister organization in Iran every year to make sure all funds are spent accordingly and a report is delivered. Our transparency is a major reason why **Charity Navigator has awarded Child Foundation its highest award** of four stars for several years ongoing.

Please continue to raise awareness of Sistan and Baluchestan provinces' needs. You can join **almost 3,000 donors on Facebook** or our **website**.



**Iranian schoolchildren holding up the school supplies your donations helped purchase in 2019 for enrolled students affected by floods that began in 2018.**

## Coal for Afghan families: A promise delivered

What a success! 🎉



Coal delivery to our Afghan families in Mazare Sharif is done. We are grateful **to the donors**, Afghan volunteers, and our Afghan affiliate office who made it all possible.

360 families received coal. Because our staff secured a good price, we were able to help extra families whose children are laborers, not students.

And we are humbly reminded of how important sponsorship is. Our mission is to keep kids in school and out of the labor market or marriage until they are ready adults. Finances should not decide who gets a basic education and who doesn't.

**More than 100 Afghan kids are waiting to be sponsored.** You can help pay their tuition and living expenses with your monthly contribution.

## Share your love



**Fatemeh** is a 13-year old student from Eilam, Iran. She is currently in 7th grade. Her father cannot work, and her mother is a housewife who can no longer tailor for a living due to vision impairment. Fatemeh has one brother and two sisters who are in school as well. The family lives in an owned house shared with Fatemeh's aunt and their primary sources of income are through donations and government subsidiary programs.

**Daryoush** is an 11-year old student from Yasouj, Iran. He is currently in 4th grade. His father passed away. Since Daryoush's mother has remarried, his grandfather has custody of him. He is elderly and unable to work. Daryoush's uncles and his grandmother live with them too. Daryoush's grandmother suffers from poor mental health. His older uncle works as a construction worker, but his younger uncle is unemployed. The family lives all together in an owned house.

**Serajuddin** is a 7-year old student from Mazare Sharif, Afghanistan. He is currently in 1st grade and wants to become a teacher in the future. He has a younger brother and three older siblings who are in school as well. His father passed away and his mother him and his siblings. She works as a tailor and maid to make ends meet but it is not enough. The family lives in an owned house with Serajuddin's uncle's family.

***With your support of at least \$30/month, Fatemeh, Daryoush, and Serajuddin can remain in school and build a better and brighter future for themselves and their communities.***

## Nowruz Bazaar: Artistry & family fun

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**CHILD FOUNDATION NOWRUZ BAZAAR**

**MARCH 15, 2020**  
**11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
**HILTON-COSTA MESA**

19th Annual Nowruz Bazaar  
**SUNDAY MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
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**The new year is upon us and Child Foundation invites one and all to our annual Nowruz Bazaar – Sunday, March 15th – at the Hilton in Costa Mesa at 3050 Bristol St.**

Join us in celebrating the thousands of Iranian and Afghan schoolchildren Child Foundation donors support while ALSO gathering your haft seen materials. Enjoy traditional food, inspiring artistry, cultural kids' activities, and live performances by Kooban band, Arezu Kuchakan, DJ Taha, Negar Estakhr, and our fabulous MC, Ms. Azita Shirazi. Everyone in the family can enjoy the Child Foundation Nowruz Bazaar. Parking is free and charitable entrance fee is \$2 per adult, kids under 10 are free.

Whether it is food packages, tuition payments, medical supplies for pediatric patients living with thalassemia, or bicycles for Afghan children... **Your eidi gifts can make such a difference to our Iranian and Afghan kids also celebrating the new year.**

Artisans interested in sharing their beautiful Iranian-inspired art at the Bazaar or anyone with questions can contact the Nowruz Bazaar Team.

**Email the Volunteer Team.**

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## The long ride to school

Did you know that the Afghan school year begins after Nowruz? You can help us prepare the students. Extreme weather in Mazare-Sharif hampers school transportation where many students walk back and forth more than 2 KM.

Let's get them rolling!

**Purchase a used bicycle for these students** with long distances ahead of them for just \$30.



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