



Child Foundation

Dear Child Foundation friend,

Not long ago, a small group of passionate teenagers reached out to Child Foundation. Adelia, Hani, Kate, Kenny, Kirsten, Preston, and Sahar are high school students living in New York and I want to share with you their creative generosity for children in need.

This powerful team founded a charitable student club at Great Neck North High School to raise money. They held bake sales and tutored fellow classmates in subjects like math and physics for free. Classmates were encouraged to donate what they could toward the club's goal: Helping vulnerable children stay in school. They named their group "The Child Foundation Club."

And when the coronavirus pandemic shut down schools and limited club activity, they didn't stop. By that time, they had already raised about \$1,200 for our children. Then, this club asked, "**what more can we do?**" How could they further support students living in countries like Afghanistan and Iran who now had even more barriers to their education? How could they encourage our Child Foundation social workers?

Now, The Child Foundation Club is starting its own "Seven Days for Children" campaign to raise awareness about Child Foundation's mission and the obstacles that our sponsored children face. [Here's a sneak peek of their video campaign](#)

I am personally so encouraged by how selflessly this small group of teenagers have raised money for Child Foundation children while, at the same time, fostering learning in their own community.

Together, we invest in the future by supporting the youth.
May we not forget just how worthwhile and bright the youth are.

Navid Seyedali, President



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Iran Sponsorship Update

The new iteration of our Iran Sponsorship Program is in the final stretch of development and the first food order is imminent.

We are still committed to a program that:

- **Reaches every student.** We now have an agreement with a large, independent chain grocery store that will distribute the food throughout the country. The grocery store will hold the food until families can take their Child Foundation Iran-issued documentation to pick up their package. This grocery store has branches in all but two cities where our sponsored children live so now the Child Foundation Iran office is ironing out final details to ensure those children have reliable access to what sponsor dollars purchased for them. Alternatively, Child Foundation is working on an Amazon-like online ordering and delivery system to compare against the traditional chain store distribution.
- **Benefits students and their families.** The pandemic has made food insecurity a bigger problem in Iran and we are carefully coordinating to ensure that we purchase quality food at reasonable prices and amounts.
- **Operates efficiently.** The unprecedented chaos in the past four months has given both the Child Foundation USA and Child Foundation Iran offices incredible insight into interconnectedness of the new Iran Sponsorship Program. Closed offices and canceled meetings blocked progress many times. However, we have confidence that this program will be more efficient and reliable because of what we have learned throughout the pandemic.
- **Withstands unexpected turbulence.** From purchasing to customs and distribution, we have prioritized independence from government institutions and strong partnerships with vetted organizations to facilitate the program. This Iran Sponsorship Program will be stronger and more shock-resistant than ever.
- **Abides by regulations in both countries.** We promised that our program would continue to abide by laws in both Iran and the US and we are delivering on that promise. While hurrying the program adaptations could have led to earlier



outcomes, Child Foundation carefully consulted lawyers at every stage and continue to seek professional advice. It is a time-consuming process but worthwhile. This week we presented the finalized food package and delivery system to our OFAC-specialized legal team. We are pleased to announce that we have received workable guidance ensuring your generous donations will appropriately be delivered to your children to help them stay in school.

We are poised to place the first food order and expect rice to be shipped to Iran, passed through customs, and distributed throughout the country in the weeks to come. This information and more details will soon be found on our website so stay tuned. In the meantime please send questions to CFMain@childfoundationusa.org.

Sponsor a student for a bright future



Mohadeseh is 15 years old and a motivated student in ninth grade. She is from Maragheh, Iran. She works hard and has earned a perfect GPA. She lost her father ten years ago when he drowned. Her mom works hard to provide for the family but doesn't make much money. She weaves carpets, but it is a daily paid job and not dependable. Life for the family is difficult.



Diba is nine years old and in third grade. She is from Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan and wants become a nurse. She lost her father two years ago in the war against the Taliban and now her family struggles. Diba's mother is a janitor in a wedding venue with a low income. She tries to bring leftovers from venue dinners to save money. Diba's older brother is in 6th grade and works part-time for very little to buy books and notebooks for his own classes.

Child Foundation's Legal Means of Aid to Iran

Child Foundation is proud to stand by the people of Iran despite how difficult it is to send aid. We are actively involved in all four of the below actions in Iran:

1. Under OFAC's General License E, Child Foundation can transfer funds in the case of a natural disaster such as [the flood in Sistan and Baluchestan province](#).
2. Under OFAC's General License E, Child Foundation can transfer funds in the case of humanitarian aid such as the [coronavirus outbreak](#).
3. Child Foundation's [Iran Food Package Program](#) for our over 6,000 students is needed more than ever and legal as importing food is not a sanctioned activity.
4. Child Foundation's efforts to [secure medical supplies](#) that are hard to come by inside of Iran are also legal as importing medical supplies is not a sanctioned activity.

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