

Greetings!

I am so proud to report that the Child Foundation family has grown considerably in 2020. Everything you see listed below should make you as hopeful as we all are. It should also show you just how busy we've been and why the very last bullet point is such a big piece of news.

Donors are providing more significant and impactful support to students in more countries.

- Our program in **Afghanistan** has matured its services to holistically address families' needs and nearly doubled the number of children we now support.
- The **Indonesia** program has a new social worker supporting new students.
- More students in the **Cambodia** program will receive scholarships and older students have bikes to travel to school.
- The **Tajikistan** and **India** programs are brand new and badly needed.
- The **Nepal** program is expanding to remote areas where vulnerable girls want to learn but are at risk due to poverty.
- We've transitioned the **Iran** program to a Cosponsorship Program. Our sponsors' impact will be independent of political forces and target a growing need in Iran's economy: Food security. (See the report from our Iran partner below!)

We have risen to the COVID-19 challenges facing our students and staff.

- **Extra resources** got to our largest student populations in Afghanistan, Iran, and Cambodia where the virus was and continues to be disastrous.
- As previously reported, our donors funded the purchase and shipment of **medical equipment** to Iranian hospitals that struggled to help patients.
- We prioritized **staff support** to protect our local community and facilitate remote work.

The Child Foundation team is maturing .

- The **volunteer team** is more active and developed than ever for translations, fundraising, graphics, and videography support. [And you can join too!](#)
- We have hired **more staff** to professionally improve our programs and donor services. [And we are still hiring!](#)
- Finally, we hired a **full-time president** to lead this growing Child Foundation family.

For the last 26 years in operation, Child Foundation has been led by highly qualified presidents dedicated to our mission but working on a part time basis as volunteers. To better support our growing community, we need a full-time president to lead.

After hundreds of applications, the search committee shortlisted 20 qualified individuals. We selected six outstanding applicants and our hiring committee thoroughly assessed the candidates in interviews. **I am excited to announce our new president in the next newsletter on September 25, 2020.**

Everything we've accomplished in 2020 so far is thanks to your support as a donor, volunteer, and advocate. Your dedication powers Child Foundation and the little

scholars growing up within our programs. **Now it's time for Child Foundation to take the next step with a full-time president.**

Sincerely,

Navid Seyedali
President

Encourage and sponsor a bright student

School's In, Plug In



School's in session. Help us plug Afghan students in for class. Afghan schools are recording and disseminating lessons to students by USB to protect families from COVID-19. Unfortunately, not everyone is ready. Right now, 253 children do not have televisions to watch the lessons on. And 27 families have no electricity.

To ensure these talented students have access to their classes, they need a battery and solar panel to power a television. [Donate just \\$56 to buy a television so a child can plug in for class.](#)

If your sponsored child is among those who needs equipment, our office will inform you by email.



Report from Iran about Student Food Cards

Child Foundation's partner in Iran provided an update on the development of the Iran Cosponsorship Program.

We reported last month

From our partner in Iran:

Distribution of Refah Student Food Cards as a food supply strategy to families of disadvantaged students

COVID-19 has not only claimed the lives of many all over the world, but it has also caused extensive social damage to

that more than one million pounds of food are being imported to Iran now for these families.

Our students' guardians will claim the imported goods using the Student Food Cards issued by our partner.

We are confident that our young scholars will be better able to focus on their studies with your encouragement and support of their families' needs.

Questions? Read our [FAQ](#)

families, especially to those in financial need.

To address the sponsored students' financial needs during this difficult economic time, Child Foundation, with the support of its sponsors outside of Iran, has provided 2800 Refah Student Food Cards to students. These cards can be used to purchase groceries. During the second phase of this project, 1,600 Refah Student Food Cards were purchased and distributed to students in need all over Iran. The purchase and distribution of 400 more Student Food Cards is currently in progress.

Distributing Student Food Cards was in line with Child Foundation's strategy to provide aid in a non-monetary form to protect families' dignity, save time and energy, and allow students to choose based on their needs.

Furthermore, by converting non-monetary aid to Student Food Cards, Child Foundation is striving to bring the joy of family shopping while protecting students' dignity and promoting compassion.

More pictures will be sent in the coming days as the project progresses.

Sevil Tabrizi is our August Volunteer of the Month



We love the scores of individuals who help us deliver excellent programs and communications. Generally, we internally recognize our outstanding volunteers but the Child Foundation team is just too proud of these phenomenal people and what they do for our entire community.

Our Volunteer Engagement Specialist, Ellie, can always count on Sevil from New Market, Canada. Sevil is a Persian-English volunteer translator who works on projects like profiles, letters, reports, and videos. Always flexible, she approaches her translation assignments with eagerness and an open heart. Our work just isn't possible without people like her.

Sponsor a student



Shaahin is 12 and a talented fifth grade student with a good academic standing. He lives in Borujerd, Iran. His father was a tailor, but unfortunately, isn't around now. Shaahin has two sisters. His mother works in a non-profit school and receives a small monthly salary, and Shaahin also attends that school, and the school principal does not ask for tuition payments from the family after seeing the family's situation.



Ali Dad is a 7-year-old boy from Afghanistan. He is a high spirited but obedient child. He loves playing marbles and ball with neighbor kids. And he is extremely excited to start school next year. Their regular meals are only bread and tea. Ali Dad's older siblings were forced to drop out of school due to the family's poverty. Ali Dad's father carries water containers every few days on a dolly.

Double your impact

Don't forget that your employer may be eager to match your donations to Child Foundation. [HERE](#) you can find a list of the organizations who currently match funds.



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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