Dear Child Foundation Stakeholders,

It is so exciting to get to know you and the entire Child Foundation family. As I am learning more about our sponsored children and programs in various countries around the world, I am genuinely moved. I can see there is not just a rich sense of responsibility and generosity, but a heart-felt connection being made between sponsors and children.

I have come into Child Foundation as its President in the middle of the global COVID pandemic. As though overcoming poverty and conflict in some countries is not enough of a challenge, the COVID pandemic compounds the risk vulnerable families in their basic economic, health, access to food and education needs of their children. I am gratified to hear reports of how your support during this crisis is helping thousands of families – particularly in Iran, Afghanistan, and Cambodia. Afghan families are receiving hygiene equipment, extra food, and pamphlets to dispel COVID misinformation. Cambodian classrooms have hygiene equipment to make in-person learning safer. Medical equipment sent to Iran is helping patients breathe while care packages empower families on the brink to use a grocery store gift card to purchase essentials.

There is still an urgent need for care packages to benefit Iranian families harmed by COVID and the economic slowdown. You can contribute to five families’ wellbeing with $100 on Facebook or our website. No overhead costs are deducted for this campaign except bank transactions.

In my years of humanitarian and child services work, I’ve learned that dignity, hope and respect for persons we have the privilege of supporting are essential features for project effectiveness. I can tell the staff, volunteers and Board members of Child Foundation take these values very seriously. This is the culture out of which the mission is implemented. And without you, this mission would not be possible. I assure you Child Foundation will continue to be guided by these values in supporting children to reach the potential each have if only given the opportunity.

May you and your loved ones be safe and healthy.

With appreciation,

Gary N. Gamer
President and CEO
Child Foundation

COVID continues, so must we
Send a Care Package to an Iranian family

The coronavirus pandemic is worsening the wellbeing of the 11,000 Iranian families in our partner network. Families with students worst hit by income loss are our highest priority. For their wellbeing, we must act. The office has already given care packages to families across Iran. We have supported 4,200 so far. But more relief is needed. With a $100 donation, we can put purchasing power into the hands of 5 families on the brink to care for themselves. Our affiliate office is coordinating grocery store gift card distribution so that families can get the supplies they need with dignity.

Child Foundation is maximizing your support by not deducting any overhead costs from donations to any coronavirus and Care Packages for Iran campaigns. Only bank transaction fees are deducted.

This is Emergency Assistance. Child Foundation will utilize its OFAC General License E to send relief funds to our affiliate organization in Iran.

Share this campaign.

Iran Progress Reports are here!

If you have been sponsoring an Iranian student for more than six months, you should receive the student’s progress report in the next week. Most sponsors can look forward to a heartfelt letter (or drawing from our youngest students) and detailed update. We only regret that, despite the efforts of social workers in Iran, this progress report is late getting to you. Due to the COVID pandemic, it was very challenging to reach students living in remote areas. Additionally, some reports still do not include the child’s school report card. Many schools were either late to share this information or unable to do so entirely.

Our sponsors know that if grades have dipped or a full report is simply not possible due to the pandemic’s complications, our eyes are on the long term goals. We want to see each child graduate from school with the tools and passion they need to support themselves and give back to their communities. Each progress report represents a step closer toward those ends.

While video calls are not possible due to COVID-19, we do still encourage sponsors to write letters to their sponsored children. Please do consider this
When a child is able to access, everyone wins. We are so excited to have raised enough funds to get more than 100 of our children in Afghanistan televisions so they can continue their classes. We need your help to get the remaining students what they need. Without this equipment, students are unable to keep up with their lessons and we risk losing them. Donate $56 to ensure another child can continue school this year.

Sara is 16 years old and in ninth grade. She is a very talented student from Esfahan, Iran. Sara’s family lives in her grandmother’s house and pays rent. Sara’s father currently suffers from heart and lung problems and is a cancer survivor. For a small wage, her

Diba is nine years old and in third grade. She is from Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan and wants to go to become a nurse. She lost her father about two years ago in the war against the Taliban. Diba’s mother is a janitor with a low income. She tries to bring the leftovers from
mother cares for an elderly woman three days a week. Sara also has two sisters and one brother. Sadly, her brother passed away when he was five due to heart problems the family could not treat. The family receives a pension due to the medical history of Sara’s father.

Diba’s older brother works to save on some of their living expenses. Diba’s older brother is in 6th grade and works part-time for very little to buy books and notebooks for his own classes. They live in an old house which they rented with a relative’s help.

September Volunteer of the Month

Navid Agha Seyedali may have stepped down as Child Foundation president in September 2020, but he remains a very active volunteer. His insights and hard work over the last 26 years (always unpaid) has improved and expanded Child Foundation’s impact. He served as a volunteer president not once, but twice and on our board in multiple ways over the last two decades. Navid has been steeped in the details of our sponsorship programs, traveling several times to audit programs in Iran and Indonesia.

Inspiring, creative, and full of integrity, Navid exemplifies the generous and heartfelt Volunteer Program year after year.

Honored to be among the 100 Best

Child Foundation is honored to be recognized as one of the 100 Best Nonprofits to work for in Oregon. Our staff is small but mighty and the board of directors takes employee support, ongoing training, and wellbeing seriously. Why? The Child Foundation team in Portland, Oregon makes the magic happen for our children. Look out for new job opportunities on our LinkedIn page.

“We have the same goal and have a good and friendly environment.”
Child Foundation Employee
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.

To learn more about OFAC’s General License E, please visit [here](#).

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