



Greetings!

On behalf of thousands of vulnerable children enrolled in school through your support, I want to thank you. This week we gather our loved ones around the Thanksgiving traditions and connect with others we can't visit over Zoom. In this pandemic there is hope as we can look back at 2020 with gratitude that so many like you have stepped up to respond to the needs of children in need.

UNICEF estimates 24 million children globally will drop out of school due to COVID-19. **Thank you** for fighting to prevent this with us. **Thank you** for helping thousands of families in Iran with emergency care packages and in Afghanistan with crucial supplies. **Thank you** for helping send medical equipment to Iranian medical centers so COVID-19 patients can breathe.

As the pandemic devastates families and their livelihoods, the basic necessity of food can rise to the top of family concerns. **In this Thanksgiving period, invite children from around the world to your tables. You can provide not only nutritious meals, but hope that there are people like you who care enough to help.**

The perseverance and genuine curiosity that Child Foundation children demonstrate in every progress report and letter is awesome to behold. Let's do all we can to ensure childhood is not snuffed out by the pandemic's brute force on families and livelihoods.

With gratitude,

Gary N. Gamer
President and CEO
Child Foundation

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Get Ready to Give: Giving Tuesday

You can amplify your impact! Facebook matches \$7 million dollars donated on its platform this coming Tuesday. So get ready to give! Matching begins Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 11am PST and will continue until the \$7 million runs out. Each donor can be matched for up to \$20,000. **Eligible fundraiser is [here](#).**

Coldest winter in 100 years!



Experts forecast that Afghanistan's winter will be the coldest in the last 100 years. Families with little are bracing but need our help. Our partner staff in Afghanistan describe what Afghans sometimes do if they have no heater or access to fuel.

Social workers report children can be sent to scavenge for burnable trash. They burn what they can find but this is a time intensive process that can take kids out of school. Additionally, burning trash is hazardous in the home.

Mothers sometimes also store containers with hot water (heated when they turn on their stove to cook) under blankets that family members can snuggle up near. This presents burn risks and is not enough to stamp out the cold.

Another option is to collect and burn coal dust with burns dirty, causing a lot of smoke.

Many families go without entirely, except for the precious few times the family turns on equipment to cook.

You can make a difference for these families. Donate to provide a winter's worth of fuel to a family with children.

You can help one family stay warm all winter with a \$100 donation.

Who are our weaving mothers?

We are excited to share that 10 mothers have received looms and equipment to weave their own carpets and improve their families' economic standing.

All mothers in our program are the sole breadwinners in their families and are skilled

weavers. However, because they did not own their own equipment before, our weaving mothers worked with borrowed tools for meager wages.

The dawn of this project is a new day for families who were scrapping by. How can you fish without a line and pole? And what if the pole you use belongs to someone else? How much of that fish will you get? Together, we can ensure that these hardworking mothers receive better incomes.





Fatema Gul is a calm 14-year-old from Afghanistan. She was a top student but dropped out in 6th grade when her father died of kidney failure. With the help of Child Foundation, Fatema Gul is ready to test into a higher grade and she's excited to return to school. Her family lacks basic household necessities and do not have enough food.



Bahare is 15 and from Karaj, Iran. Her parents divorced. She and her family lived with her grandfather's (paternal) rented house with her two other uncles, until with the help of the Child Foundation, they were able to rent and move into a separate apartment. She and her brother are in ninth grade. Their mother works at a restaurant trying very hard to make ends meet.

Sponsor Fatema Gul or Bahare

Award-winning workplace & we're hiring!

Child Foundation is honored to be recognized as one of the 100 Best Nonprofits to work for in Oregon. And we are hiring to add to our small but mighty staff. The Child Foundation team in Portland, Oregon makes the magic happen for our children. You can find the Digital Content and Social Media Coordinator job description [here](#).

October Volunteer of the Month

We depend on our volunteer team. **Sahar Askary Hemmat** is one of the talented volunteers who brings passion and unique skills to our organization. Her translation



work helps connect donors with sponsored children and she uses her artistic talent to help share the Child Foundation mission. We are grateful she's part of the Child Foundation Family.

Join our volunteer team to support the education of talented but vulnerable children around the world. It takes all kinds

to do the work we do! Email Volunteer@childfoundationusa.org



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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