



Greetings!

Our favorite time of year is back to school. Why? This is the exciting time children step into new learning environments charged with excitement and opportunity. There is so much coming their way to learn and experience.

As you know, our children are going through a lot right now that really complicates their access to education. As the fifth wave of COVID washes over Iran and immense uncertainty permeates Afghanistan, families are worried and vulnerable. (Please scroll down to the Afghanistan update for more on what we have learned from team members on the ground.)

Child Foundation is gearing up to prepare as many students as we can to take the first step into their new school year and succeed. Otherwise, students either walk in unequipped or don't walk in at all.

So, join us in getting our kids off to a good start by sharing in their musical performances and traditions.

On **Friday, August 20th, 2021, at 5:00 pm PST**, Child Foundation celebrates the new school year with our free virtual *Beats and Backpacks Bash for Back to School*. For the first time, this special "bash" brings children from around the world together, performing in their traditions. This is dancing and music from Iran, Afghanistan, Cambodia, Nepal, Tajikistan, the US and Canada. I know you care deeply for our sponsored students, so join us this Friday with your family, especially children, and enjoy a good tune.

The proceeds of this event will be used to purchase laptops, tablets, uniforms, and other school essentials for children, in Iran, Afghanistan, and other programs.

Here is where you will find the Zoom link to join at 5pm. [include link]
COVID complications and instability in Afghanistan are serious concerns for our children and I am confident together we will work to keep these young scholars learning and in school, one way or another. I am excited to see you all at the Beats and Backpacks Bash!

With Gratitude,
Gary N. Gamer
President and CEO

Join us!

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Beats & Backpacks Bash

Child Foundation's
back to school fundraiser

Save the date
August 20 @ 5 PM PST

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Afghanistan in crisis

The changes in Afghanistan have been sudden and, of course, very concerning. Child Foundation is tracking the situation closely and doing all we can for the 900 children we support there and potentially others in need.



Information can change rapidly, so let me pass information on to you that is current as of today.

First, there have been no reports from social workers of our sponsored children and their families facing violence in the last few days.

Second, our staff (including administrators, social workers, and volunteers) are safe and passing along updates daily if not multiple times a day.

Third, the new Taliban government has announced that children will go back to school, including girls though, undoubtedly, they will face greater restrictions than prior to the Taliban takeover.

Fourth, we will learn a lot about the new landscape with the incoming government in the next few weeks and you can count on more updates.

What this government's policies will look like in different regions of the country remains unclear at this early time. We will do everything possible to stay connected and supportive of children in Child Foundation's Afghan program through staff there. This includes continual assessment of how sponsorship can function effectively in this new landscape.

Child Foundation is committed to not only the children we support in Kabul and Mazar-e Sharif but their others in these communities and those displaced and otherwise harmed by the violence and upheaval. We've already delivered \$15,000 worth of food stuffs to 300 families earlier this month and will send

more resources as the banks reopen.

You can be a part of this emergency response by giving to the Afghan Crisis Fund.

Our work in Afghanistan will surely take some twists and turns and we will continue to update you. Be assured we will be both nimble, creative, and flexible in finding ways to remain focused on one child at time for a better future in Afghanistan and around the world.

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This is emergency assistance that will help us protect the affected communities in Balkh province, especially single mothers and girls who are more vulnerable in the current deteriorating security situation.



Kaenaat is a lovely five-year-old girl from Afghanistan. She learns poetry well and sings to her mother. Kaenaat's father died of a stroke four years ago.

Kaenaat and her family stays at her grandfather's home which only has two rooms. The family does not have basic appliances. They only have a few blankets, old rugs, and a few kitchen utensils. Kaenaat wants to help children in the future to get out of poverty.



Fahim is an 8-year-old from Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan. He likes playing games and football. He has a twin brother, Naeem. His parents and 15-year-old sister died in a car accident; their car went off the road and fell into a valley. Fahim's brother left school to find a job and help his family financially. They live in a rented house. He needs your help to stay in school.

[**Sponsor a child**](#)

Volunteer of the month



With unbelievable energy, Kamyar Mosavat joined the Child Foundation family as both a sponsor and passionate volunteer. His creative support and expertise in the CF Future Leaders group has helped spread our mission, especially at Clubhouse where he has hosted several events. You will get an awesome chance to meet him at the Beats and Backpacks Bash for Back to School Friday, August 20, at 5:00 pm PST when Kamyar will be one of our live speakers. From the bottom of our

hearts and on behalf of our phenomenal students around the world, thank you Kamyar jan!

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Child Foundation's legal means of aid to Iran

Child Foundation is proud to stand by disadvantaged children in need of education in Iran and also those harmed by disasters. All of our humanitarian and emergency support in Iran, and other countries where we support children, is in compliance with best practices of charities and laws, including sanctions imposed on Iran.



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