

Greetings!

As you read this, kids across the world are getting ready for school or are already settling into their classrooms for the start of a new year. Since the pandemic is still with us, the year is starting out with serious concerns, and we are so grateful to the communities of parents and teachers working to keep children safe while at the same time inspiring a love of education.

Nevertheless, it is an exciting time of the year. We already kicked it off with our Beats and Backpacks Bash for back to school. You can enjoy the fun performances and inspiring testimonies from children from around the world, many supported by Child Foundation [here](#).

The first day of school is so meaningful for children who have every odd stacked against them. No electronics for online classes. Not enough food. Moreover, we know millions of children are facing fewer resources and dampened hopes to stay in school. We also know we can do something about it.

**First**, we must equip our children for school with essentials like laptops or tablets, books and pencils, uniforms, and backpacks. As schools in Iran start online this year, not every child has the tools to access online learning. Quality laptops for so many children are hard to come by in Iran, but we already bought nearly 250 laptops and tablets for our students this school year. Help us send our partner more cash to buy what our children so badly need. [Pitch in for a student's laptop!](#)

**Second**, we must look to the wellbeing of those who are gravely ill due to COVID. For Iran, we are proud to help send much-needed oxygen concentrators. These machines permit patients in need of breathing support to heal at home, freeing up hospital resources. In Afghanistan, we still support the free Mazar-e Sharif Thalassemia Clinic for children. Despite the hardships, medicine and care are getting to children who will surely die without it. [The Medical Assistance Fund](#) makes this possible.

**Third**, we must support those experiencing crisis. We receive daily updates from our partners on the ground in Afghanistan. To protect families and our social workers, staff discreetly check in with families. We know that food and safe shelter are two of the most critical needs right now, and we are making progress on getting resources to our hundreds of families in Mazar-e Sharif and Kabul. Our [Afghan Crisis Fund](#) is a critical tool we will use to alleviate as much suffering as possible. More below.

As the children of the US, Canada, and elsewhere in the world get into a new school year, we roll up our sleeves to get more children back into their classrooms in every country we work in, for every child we can.

Cheers to that freshly sharpened pencil smell and the joy of learning,

With Gratitude,

Gary N. Gamer  
President and CEO

Donate for Back to School



## *More News*

### **Afghanistan Update**

There is considerable fear about the changes and uncertainty regarding civil rights based on prior experiences. There are concerns about the safety of persons involved in humanitarian issues, government employees, and if women and girls will be taken into forced marriages or allowed to continue their education.

And yet, we are hopeful and happy to report several pieces of good news.

**First**, our social workers have accounted for and made contact with all of our sponsored students who remain in Afghanistan. And we have no reports of any children being taken from their families though we have learned that many families are currently displaced, and a few have left the country. Below is a video of an Afghan child updating her sponsor.



**Second**, many of our children are back in school. While the brief report about your child may not specifically mention the child's status in school, we know that boys are being permitted to go to classes. Girls through sixth grade are also being permitted to go back to school though we understand that not every young girl in our program may be able to attend at this time for various reasons. Access to education is at the core of our mission, especially for more vulnerable children like girls, and we are working on securing quality and safe education for as many children as possible.

**Third**, the critical care the Child Foundation-funded Thalassemia Clinic provides in Mazar-e Sharif is continuing. We know that children living with moderate or extreme cases of this blood disorder cannot survive without regular medication and blood transfusions. We are so appreciative that the new leaders in Mazar-e Sharif agree, and the staff of the clinic has been able to get previously ordered medications and provide care to children as they come into the clinic. Pictures are included in this report.

Additionally, about half of our students in Afghanistan received extra sustenance prior to the government change, as seen in the picture below. We are preparing to provide similar goods to families again with the funds donated through the Afghanistan Crisis Fund. In August, families received the following goods:

- 50 Kg Flour
- 10 Kg Rice
- 2 Kg Garbanzo beans
- 2 Kg Kidney beans
- 2 Kg Sugar
- 5 L Cooking oil

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Sushmita is a talented student from Nepal. She likes learning English and making crafts out of paper. Her father is a security guard. Her mother does whatever work she finds like



Siena is eight years old from Cianjur, Indonesia who dreams to become a policewoman. In her free time, she helps her mother with household chores. Her father works as a public

washing dishes and clothes for others, selling vegetables and mineral water. They live in a room and share the bathroom with other families. Her cell phone is broken & her family does not afford to buy a new one for her online classes.

transportation driver and his income went down dramatically during the pandemic. Siena's mother has a small market stall and sells snacks and beverages during weekends to the visitors.

## Sponsor a child

### Serving the sick in Iran & Afghanistan



COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted vulnerable communities. Iran faces a shortage of medical supplies and beds as virus cases spike again. Once again, with your support, we granted \$20,000 to aid our partner, Razi Health Foundation, to purchase oxygen concentrators to help our community recover from the crisis. These machines permit patients in desperate need of breathing support to leave the hospital and heal at home, freeing up resources for patients with more complex needs.

Thalassemia clinic in Mazar-e-Sharif is providing lifesaving care amid conflict and chaos in Afghanistan. However, the future of humanitarian aid stays uncertain in that region. Child Foundation agents report that the second round of Desferal medication (a lifesaving medication for patients living with this challenging blood disorder) was successfully distributed to children in the Thalassemia clinic. To save a child today, [help us buy the next round of medications.](#)

### Helping our local community



Our programs operate outside of the US but helping our local community is important for the Child Foundation family because every child is full of potential and deserves a chance to learn and grow. This year, we partnered with Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) to buy backpacks and school supplies to get the unprivileged children off to a great school start. Supplies were distributed to the low-income families of Greenburg Oaks and Oleson Woods in Tigard,

## Did you know you can launch your own fundraiser for Child Foundation?



So much of what we give children comes from creative donors who bring communities together. Chess grandmasters, authors, doctors, and students of all ages in the US have held their own fundraisers. If you want to host a small fundraiser of your own, either online or in-person, you can set up your own fundraiser page [here](#).



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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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