



## THE POPLI KHALATBARI CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Dear Friends,

We would like to extend a big thank you for enabling us, not only to keep funding our ongoing projects, but also to expand our reach in 2021. Continuing our work amidst a global pandemic has been far from easy, as costs have increased due to both economic circumstances and Covid requirements, and restrictions have made operations much more cumbersome. However, we have delivered on all our commitments, embarked on a new project in Kaykee Village in Baluchistan, and the children in our care are thriving and proving to be incredibly resilient. We are very grateful to you, our global supporters, for helping us bring light to these communities during such difficult times.

We would like to dedicate this newsletter to Bachehaye Ma and its 2021 achievers and our most recent projects in Baluchistan and Kermanshah. Bachehaye Ma ("Our Children") continues to provide us with a gold standard in care and operations. We are also pleased with the progress of recent projects for new/improved infrastructure and school building projects in remote areas of Iran (where aid is scarce).

We have missed hosting our Annual Event over the last two years and seeing you all. We look forward to welcoming you on the **22nd of June 2022** when we will hopefully be able to thank you in person for your steadfast support. In the meantime, we plan to hold smaller events where possible to celebrate PKCF's achievements, gather in more intimate settings and raise much needed funds for our projects.

### **Bachehaye Ma**

As Bachehaye Ma expands under the superb leadership of Roshanak Tavakoli and as our children grow, the centres under this remarkable umbrella of care require even more funding. To this end, we have doubled their budget to ensure they can continue their incredible work. The children have been under lockdown since March 2020 but have been diligently studying online. To facilitate online learning we purchased tablets for all children who needed them and hired local tutors (who have regular Covid-tests) to provide additional tuition in preparation for their exams. In June 2021, the children sat their exams and were all accepted with flying colours.

The sewing workshop has launched **Poplistyle** and currently produces clothing which the girls sell online. Please follow [Poplistyle](#) on Instagram to show support for the girls' entrepreneurial initiative. In addition to the Poplistyle brand, the sewing workshop provides all bedding, new garments and mending for the residents of the centres. This allows Bachehaye Ma to save on overheads and share the profits with the young adults working in the workshop.

### **Some of Bachehaye Ma's 2021 Achievers**

- **Assal** (now 15, joined BM at age 7), recently completed Year 10. She models the **Poplistyle** clothes for the online store.



- **Soroush** (now 16, joined at age 3), recently completed Year 10 and has been chosen to represent Iran in the National Para swimming team in Bahrain in December 2021.



- **Nazy** (22, joined at age 6) completed her undergraduate studies in Psychology at University of Yazd and works full time for Bachehaye Ma caring for the toddlers.



- **Sara** (21, joined at age 6) will begin her undergraduate studies in Accounting at University of Kerman in September 2022. She has also started a full-time job in a company as a Warehouse Manager and helps in the **Poplistyle** workshop by making or mending our children's clothes.
- **Fati** (24, joined at age 8) received a degree in Design and Sewing, manages the **Poplistyle** workshop and is assistant to Roshanak. She is engaged to a fine young man, a civil engineer. They met on the compound three years ago when he was involved with construction of the new homes. After the wedding, she will move out, but will officially be employed at Bachehaye Ma and will continue her invaluable work at the centre.

### Recent Projects in Baluchistan and Kermanshah

Our 2021 project has also commenced in the remote village of Kaykee in Baluchistan. We are pleased that we have managed to direct our resources to those in dire need in the red zone of Baluchistan. The Kaykee Village is home to 99 residents (including 32 children). They do not have access to clean water, proper sanitation infrastructure, nor does the village have a school. The project's parameters include constructing a well, building a water reservoir, building eight lavatories, three public baths and a school. The construction of the well & reservoir

are complete, including new pipelines. Work on the sanitation facilities is well underway and the school is estimated to be ready by January 2022.



***Some of the young villagers in Kaykee***

The work on Hichan Village Middle School in Baluchistan has been slow due to Covid restrictions in this so called red zone. Our new target for completion is July 2022. Finally, we hope that the recently constructed Tazehabad Village Primary School in Kermanshah will open its doors for the new academic year this September.

We have highlighted just a few of the projects we manage and invite you to learn more about our Medical Fund, Football Club, and the other schools and centres we support by clicking [here](#).

Thank you again for your invaluable support! Stay safe and please take good care. 'Beh omid deedar' from our PKCF family to yours.