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### **Dear Supporters,**

We would like to extend our warmest wishes for a healthy and peaceful Nowruz, a new Spring to you, yours and all Iranians around the world.

Economic challenges made last year a particularly difficult one for PKCF and Iran. Our CEO and Iran representatives spent the months of August and September 2022 inspecting the ongoing projects, assessing their needs for planning purposes and given very difficult general conditions, ensuring equitable distribution of food and sanitation packages to the neediest Iranian and Afghan families. We also had the opportunity to assess the progress of construction projects for the Saati Middle/High School in the village of Jafarabad, Ghazvin and PKCF elementary school in Hichan, Baluchistan.

In this newsletter, we would like to share highlights from Bachehaye Ma, Jafarabad Village Elementary School, Saati Middle/High School, Kaykee Village, and PKCF Elementary School. These are all projects that have been launched and maintained with your generous support. PKCF's medical fund, Artisan Centre, various other schools and Football Program have also gone from strength to strength. We will update you on those initiatives in our next newsletter.

Your invaluable and unwavering support through donations, participation in our Xmas Bazaar and most recently the Young PKCF Chaharshanbeh Suri event is greatly appreciated. Although we are living in trying and uncertain times, we are determined to fulfil our mission of helping those in greatest need and will hold our Annual Summer Garden Fundraiser on 22 June 2023 where we hope to welcome and thank you in person.

With heartfelt gratitude and warm wishes for 1402,  
**The PKCF Family**



### **Bachehaye Ma (BM), Our Children - Kerman**

Many of the children who arrived in the aftermath of the earthquake in 2007 have now finished their education and/or higher education and are not only looking after themselves but also helping with those who came to BM afterwards.

- We are delighted to report that several of the girls married in 2022 with their weddings held at Khaneh Mah, Our Homes; they were each provided a dowry. In addition, quite a few are now proud owners of their own homes with babies on the way.
- The older boys who finished their schooling and military service now live on their own and hold well-paid jobs.
- Several of the girls who received their university degrees have opted to continue with their higher education while living in Our Homes and helping their new siblings.
- The sewing project continues to be a great success. Clothes were first sold online, but now the Popli boutique, located in an upmarket mall and managed and staffed by the older children, earns a profit for BM and the children who run it.
- Souroush, who joined BM at the age of 3 and is now 17, is a Paralympic swimming champion and has earned medals in all categories. In September he will be representing Iran at the Paris Paralympic competitions. Some of us will attend to cheer him on.
- BM is currently home to 90 children. New arrivals from the age of 3 are welcomed by their older siblings and settle in without difficulty. While most of them are healthy children, Roshanak Tavakoli takes in children who have been rejected by other organisations.

We encourage supporters to visit the projects. In February 2023 our dear supporters Hossein Ramezani, Bita and Fereshteh Ameri, Parvin Sadat-Tehrani, and Yekta Mortazavi spent an entire day at BM with our CEO and Roshanak Tavakoli whose management, care, love and discipline has enabled BM to shine.



**Jafarabad Village Elementary School and Saati Middle School/High School, Jafarabad, Ghazvin**

The Elementary School was initially constructed in 2006 and recent refurbishments were completed in September 2022. The 134 girls and boys are thriving. Two mothers, who were once students and whose four children currently attend the school, are members of the Parent Teacher Association and determined to ensure the school excels for future generations. The Saati Middle/High School is currently under construction using best-in-class design and materials. Pargol and Nazgol Saati are honouring their parents' memory by partnering with PKCF to build a school for the children of Ghazvin. The school will be completed in early summer and fully furnished by early September 2023.



### **Kaykee Village, Baluchistan**

Our CEO has visited Kaykee Village twice in the last year and is delighted to report that the provision of water, toilets and baths has attracted new families to the community. One hundred families with an average of six adults and children currently inhabit the village under the supervision of Roshanak Tavakoli. PKCF supplies staple foods every three months, ongoing medical treatment and payments to bus older children to a nearby village for schooling.



### **PKCF Elementary School, Hichan, Baluchistan**

Under the supervision of Roshanak Tavakoli, PKCF commenced construction of the elementary school in 2021 and has made great progress. The Ministry of Education has provided forty percent of costs for split coolers, furnishings, computers and laboratory equipment. PKCF is hopeful that the remaining sixty percent of items will arrive by the summer and has pledged to make up all shortfalls in order to prepare the school for inauguration in late August. In February 2023 our CEO and a supporter, Ali Ladjevardi, visited and inspected the finished work and some of the equipment provided.



#### **Distribution of Food and Sanitation Packages, Cities across Iran**

- In January 2023, 575 packages were distributed in Baluchistan, Kerman, Karaj, Shahr Rey and vicinity to the neediest Iranian and Afghan families (each with an average of 6 persons per family).
- In March 2023, 550 packages were distributed in Shahr Rey and vicinity and to the victims of the earthquake in Khoy, Azerbaijan.
- Funds remain in the project's account for the distribution of additional packages to 350 families in Baluchistan and Afghan refugees in Shahr Rey in May 2023