



THE POPLI KHALATBARI CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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We are approaching the close of another successful year and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and update you on our accomplishments. Your ongoing donations, our annual fundraiser and proceeds from the sale of "Sofreh: The Art of Persian Celebration" fuelled us with the funds to support our ongoing commitments in Iran and worldwide. We also recently held a reception in New York & San Francisco to re-introduce PKCF to the Iranian-American community and are thrilled about the prospects of engaging our friends in the United States. We believe 2016 holds much promise as PKCF expands its footprint. PKCF's longstanding commitment to education serves as the theme of this newsletter, and so we would like to share with you updates from five schools and vocational centres. PKCF currently funds the education of 1559 girls and boys across Iran! Our Iranian NGO partner, Nikan Charity assists us in supervising the schools/centres.



Hakim Farabi Vocational School - Bam

The 2003 Bam earthquake prompted PKCF to construct a vocational school for girls which was inaugurated in 2007. 280 girls attend the school, receiving vocational training in fashion design/sewing, homemaking and childcare,

computer science and photography. Three girls were recently accepted to Al Zahra University in Tehran, a huge accomplishment for the girls and the school!



ILIA Centre for Afghan Refugee Children – Shahre Rey

583 Afghan refugee children attend this school in two shifts daily from grades 1-9. PKCF funds all school overheads by paying for rent, teachers, personnel, school uniforms, meals, medical needs, excursions, sport activities, maintenance and repairs of the school building. PKCF recently established three extracurricular programs with the help of student volunteers Tarik Ben-Brahim and Yasmin Booth: a football program for 150 boys, a volleyball program for 40 girls and a sewing centre. Girls in the sewing centre manufacture all uniforms for ILIA's younger children and receive a small salary for their work. ILIA's football team has won the Tehran championship amongst street and working children centres two years in a row. There is so much to be proud of at this well-run centre!



Momtaze Ghaleh Ganj Boarding School - Kerman

The Momtaze Ghaleh Ganj boarding school for girls ages 12-18 was inaugurated in September 2014 in Southern Kerman with PKCF supporting construction of the school. PKCF anticipates enrolment will close to double this year, from 125 girls to 230 girls. The school affords education and housing to girls from very deprived rural areas where education for grades 6-12 is otherwise unavailable.



PKCF Vocational School – Tehran

The Vocational School was constructed by PKCF in 2005. 380 girls ages 14-18 attend a three year course where they receive training in the following: physical education, accountancy, computer sciences and industrial design. Rental of the school gymnasium and other school facilities earns the funds needed to maintain and improve the school.



Jafar Abad Elementary School – Ghazvin

PKCF constructed this co-educational school in 2006 and fully refurbished it in 2014. 126 village children attend this school. PKCF funds all school overheads by paying for school uniforms, meals, medical needs, excursions, sport activities, maintenance and repairs of the school building.

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