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THE POPLI KHALATBARI CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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PKCF has been more active than ever this year with several events that have raised funds for our projects and raised awareness for the work we do around the world. It is only April and we have already celebrated Chaharshanbe Suri at the Mosaic Rooms which has become an annual PKCF event, a team of first-time runners completed the North London half-marathon raising £5,500 for the Jafarabad village school in Ghazvin, and we are preparing for our annual fundraiser at the Kensington Roof Gardens on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2017.

Our CEO recently returned from Iran where she, local representatives and our charity partner, Nikan charity, inspected our establishments across the country. Our schools and centres provide 1140 children with a safe and nurturing environment to live and grow and thousands of children benefit from the hospitals we support. It is with genuine excitement that we would like to announce the launch of two new major projects this year: a fourth home for the Bachehaye Ma orphanage and an education centre, Bachehaye Aftab, for Afghan refugee children in Kerman.

Finally, PKCF benefited from all proceeds of the UK sales of the first edition of SOFREH: The Art of Persian Celebration. We are pleased to announce that the second edition, published by ACC Art Books, has just been released. To learn more about this publication please visit [www.sofrehartofpersiancelebration.com](http://www.sofrehartofpersiancelebration.com).



## Bachehaye Ma Expansion

Bachehaye Ma is the crown jewel of PKCF projects, managed by the dedicated, loving and highly competent Roshanak Tavakoli. She has created a nurturing environment for 54 children, from childhood to adulthood, several of whom now attend university. All plans and funding have been approved for the building of a new home in the Bachehaye Ma compound which will enable them to welcome more children by housing the older boys on a floor of their own. Construction commences this month with a completion date of summer 2018. Stay tuned!

*Meet Parissa – a Bachehaye Ma child*

Parissa joined Bachehaye Ma when she was 12 years old, the only person in her family to survive the Bam earthquake. She finished a university degree in tourism management, joined an airline company full time while she was still living at the Bachehaye Ma homes, married a colleague and has now set up her own home. She is an inspiration to the children at Bachehaye Ma and to us!

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Bachehaye Aftab

PKCF remains dedicated to the welfare and education of Afghan refugee children, and will support Bachehaye Aftab, a centre that provides education and lunch to 69 Afghan refugee children below the poverty line. The centre also provides literacy, hygiene, and emotional development classes to the parents in an effort to promote an environment of care at home.



Thank you

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PKCF would like to thank you, our friends and supporters, for your ongoing generosity without which our work would not be possible. We are energized by the success of our projects and by the growing support we are receiving worldwide. On behalf of the children who are thriving because of you, please accept our heartfelt gratitude.



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