

Benafsha, Age 11, Street Shoe Polisher

Become a sponsor of an Afghan Student and impact of his or her life forever!

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TRUST IN EDUCATION Education Sponsorship Program for Afghan Students

Since 2009 Lafayette-based 501(c)(3) non-profit **TRUST IN EDUCATION** has provided an opportunity for individuals, organizations and schools to sponsor children in Afghanistan to get an education. We assist some of the poorest children and their families. Many of these children are working on the streets or doing menial labor to help support their families when we identify them. The families are often without hope of breaking the cycle of poverty within their lifetime. Through our **EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM** we enable children to focus on their education and change the course of their lives. For girls this also means there is less chance of being forced to marry as a young teenager and a greater chance of self-determination as an adult (Afghanistan has long been considered one of the worst countries in the world to be female).

Our program has proven results with students graduating from high school, attending and graduating from university, and becoming professional working adults in Afghanistan. Currently, approximately 80 children are being assisted through our sponsorship program, over half of which are girls. To date we have seen 33 Afghan students within our program graduate from high school. We currently have 14 students studying at the university level and 4 university graduates now working in the journalism, psychology, banking and medical fields.

Your cost to sponsor a student in Afghanistan through our **EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM** is a \$660 per year through high school. Each month our sponsorship program students "earn" \$50 by working hard in school. This regular monthly income provides a family the financial means to allow their child to focus on their education without having to work on the street. The balance of \$60 is applied by TIE towards the expenses of sustaining this program.

To become a sponsor simply fill out the application form available on our website in the APPLY TO SPONSOR A CHILD section under the GET INVOLVED tab. We will also need payment of \$660 for a full year with either credit card or check. Periodically, you will receive information and photos about your Afghan student. Twice per year we do a letter exchange between students and sponsors. Please contact us for more information or to initiate your sponsorship today at tiesponsorships@gmail.com.