



## THE CHILDREN OF WAR

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Dear Sumil Shah Foundation For Children,

The Children of War sends its deepest gratitude to your organization for the charitable donation made in the amount of \$1500.00. We are both honored and pleased that you chose to help our organization and are further pleased to hear about the success of The Sumil Shah Foundation's 4th Annual Toy Drive.

The Children of War (TCOW) organization was established in 1993. TCOW is a global charity striving to educate poverty stricken children with the hopes of developing their skill sets so they are better able to contribute to their communities as young adults. Schools funded by TCOW teach children a general curriculum as well as offer vocational classes for adolescent children in hopes of developing workforce skills they will need after graduation. With the help of donors, TCOW has been able to open and operate three schools within the city of Kabul and its outskirts.

TCOW's primary focus has been on the war ravaged country of Afghanistan where over 2 million orphans live in desperate conditions. After suffering over 20 years of war and uncertainty, Kabul has experienced a rapid population influx. Many orphan children from suburban and rural areas come to Kabul to beg for money. Many are without family, shelter, or support and many are turned away as TCOW only targets the neediest children. Students are interviewed during a three month intermediary phase to ensure their living conditions are in fact desperate prior to enrollment. Most of the school boys enrolled in TCOW funded schools were found begging or shining shoes on the streets.

The donation you've made will be used to fund our current efforts in providing school aged orphans in Afghanistan with teachers, classrooms, books, uniforms, supplies, and a daily meal. There are 220 orphan children (160 girls, 60 boys) enrolled in grades 1 through 8, in TCOW funded schools and the need is only increasing. Many children are turned away as resources are scarce. Please visit our website to see how you can help.

TCOW is a small organization and is always in need of more donors. For more information on TCOW, please visit our website at [www.thechildrenofwar.org](http://www.thechildrenofwar.org).

Sincerely,

  
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Founder and President of The Children of War

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