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"Salam. I have been residing MKF hostel since 2009. I maintained outstanding grades in my primary and junior school tests. This year I took SSC test from Arts group. I thank this organization for all their help to pursue my education. Without your help it might not possible for me to reach this stage. I lost my father when I was a little boy. My mother is still alive. My goal in life is to be an honest chief justice of Bangladesh Supreme Court."

#### - Mahammad Rezvi Hasan



Mamunur Rahman

"My name is Mamunur Rashid. I have been residing at MKF's hostel since 2011. My father died when I was a little boy. I am very grateful to this organization for taking care of me to pursue my education. I did remarkably good in my primary and junior level tests. I took SSC test this year. I might not get this education without your help. Thank you all you have done to me."

# **Diversified Educational Foundation** Education, Food and Shelter for Orphans & Poor

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### **Our Mission**

DEF offers a comprehensive and effective approach towards helping orphans and impoverished children break the recurrent cycle of poverty and illiteracy through education. The effects of poverty and the deprivation of basic human needs on young children are devastating. We are dedicated to providing them with an unwavering, cherishing, and enriching environment to help create better futures. We provide opportunities for either education or vocational training so they can reclaim their human dignity and become productive members of society.

### **DEF Organizational Structure**

The Diversified Educational Foundation, established in 2008, is a 501(c)(3) organization registered with the IRS and the State of Michigan. We work with our sister organization in Bangladesh, the Manab Kalyan Foundation, which is registered with the NGO Bureau and the Social Services Ministry of the Bangladeshi government. We operate these organizations with no overhead costs; 100% of our funds raised are used on our projects. DEF is subjected to yearly audits conducted by a certified accountant and monitored by the government for an annual renewal of certification. MKF payroll includes one full-time resident teacher, one imam, three part-time teachers, one coordinator-caretaker and a cook. Everyone else involved is a volunteer.

## **Our Facility**

Manab Kalyan Foundation, our sister organization in Bangladesh, has rented a big residential home for the accommodation of 57 kids of different age groups. Apart from residential accommodations, the building also has classrooms for studies, a prayer room, and a computer and library room. Our plans to expand the facility include purchasing a building or suitable land to build a permanent home for the kids. Donations are encouraged to help support the process for this future expansion.



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#### **Standardized Test**

This year, seven of our students participated in the secondary school certificate standardized test. Three of them graduated with golden GPA 5, the highest possible grade to be achieved. Four of them maintained GPA 4. We are delighted with their exceptional performance.

We encourage them to stay in the MKF hostel for their higher secondary education. Some of the donors already committed to pay for their continuing undergraduate studies. These children are serious about their education. They want to gain the necessary knowledge to become productive citizens in the community. A part of their success come from their own motivation, and another part from the dedicated teaching staff; both assets to increasing education in poverty-stricken areas.

## Athletics

Students are encouraged to participate in sports in the school athletics meet and sports activities. These kids are physically fit and love a little competition. Our kids are prize winners in the annual sports meet in their schools.





#### Assalaamu alaikum and Ramadan Mubarak—

Each year, we hear some version of the phrase to worship during this Ramadan as if this Ramadan was your last. Abu Huraira related that Rasulullah said: "Many people who fast get nothing from their fast except hunger and thirst, and many people who pray at night get nothing from it except wakefulness" (Darimi). This year, let us make our intentions to worship God as He commanded us. Let us use our time this month to support those in need. None of us know if we will see the next Ramadan. In the meantime, we can do our part to improve our world.

DEF is honored to be able to invest strategically in the lives of these young people in Bangladesh. Our work breaks the cycle of poverty and will, inshallah, have an impact in the lives of these young people and their families for generations to come. May Allah bless our intentions and reward us for our efforts.

"Who is it that would loan Allah a goodly loan so He may multiply it for him many times over? And it is Allah who withholds and grants abundance, and to Him you will be returned." (2:245)

#### From one of the students—

"My name is Md. Khaled Mahbub. I was a student of Manob Kalyan Foundation (MKF). I just graduated from Sirajganj Multilateral School with golden GPA 5. My family was not well to do. On the top of that, my father, the only earning member, died of a road accident when I was a boy. I then started living with my grandfather. He was our only support, but he was also not well off financially.

On the 2nd January of 2012, I arrived at MKF. I still remember that it was a Tuesday. After coming to MKF, I was very sad for the first few days as I missed my home and my family very much. Within the next few days things were getting better as I started mingling with others. Also, I received encouragement from the teachers and the support from Nipa Auntie who introduced me to MKF. All the MKF students go to local public & private schools. Accordingly, I was also admitted to a school in grade 5.

The day starts in MKF by getting up in the morning and completing Fajr prayer. Then we used to recite the holy Quran for a while and gathered in the study room to prepare our homework with the help of MKF teachers. After breakfast we used to head towards our schools. Upon returning from school, we used to have our lunch. I actively took part in sports and other activities in the afternoon. After Maghrib prayer, we studied again. Afterwards, we had dinner, prayed Isha and went to bed. For the next six year, I kept to this disciplined schedule at the MKF hostel. There were other boys like me who also left behind their families and stayed here with us. We used to eat, sleep, play and get lost in memories. MKF arranges an educational trip every year. We enjoyed it very much. Even though we did not get all our photographs taken, we still very much hold those pictures in our hearts. May be, that is why, I was feeling so bad when I left the hostel.

If someone asks me who influenced your life most? I will say Nipa Auntie, my mentor. One time I did very bad in my math test. Watching my sad face, Nipa auntie gave me some inspirational words. Her words turned mathematics, the most un-interesting subject to my most favorite subject. Also, MKF fulfilled all of our requirements whenever we needed. I extend my respect to MKF administrators. Some people say, there aren't any good people in this world, but I say there are still good people who are the reason why underprivileged kids similar to me get the opportunity to pursue their education.

Finally, I want to share one of my dreams. Once I find myself established, I will surely help other underprivileged children like me. I want to express my gratitude to all of you helping MKF. Nipa Auntie, Mahbub Uncle and Moudud Uncle have promised to bear my future expenses for my continuing education. With their help, I dream of a life in which I've reached my goals. I am asking for your prayers in fulfilling my dreams."

**Picnic** 



This year, the kids went for an excursion to Shopnopuri in Dinajpur, an artificial amusement park. The park has rides, zoo, a garden, lakes, and an art gallery.

#### **Donors' Get Together**



DEF hosted a donor gettogether on July 2, 2017 at Tawheed Center of Farmington Hills in Detroit, Michigan. The event provided а qood opportunity for our board members and volunteers to meet with donors from the Michigan area. The Board of Directors presented DEF activities and responded to very good constructive questions from attendees. All expenses for hosting this event were shared by the DEF Board of Directors.

Donate to the Diversified

Educational Foundation:



Please help us to break this cycle of poverty, illiteracy, and desperation for these 57 students as well as all future students. We cannot do it without your help. Thank you for your support.

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