

Athletics

Aside from academics, our students also enjoy partaking in athletic activities. They are especially competitive in the 100m and 200m sprints and long jump events. We had students win the 100m sprint for Grades 10, 7, and 6. Mohammed Hasan won the 200m sprint for Grade 8. Mohammed Sheikh won the long jump event for Grade 10.



Mohammad Ali, a fifth grader, is our wonder boy! He was the 100m champion in the Sirajonj Subdivision meet, a regional sporting event. Mohammad then moved on to the district competition. While he was a bit disappointed to become runner up, we could not be prouder of his achievements. He has set a personal goal for himself to participate in a national level sporting event. Not only has he succeeded athletically, Mohammad is the first-place student in his class! It brings us great joy to be able to cultivate such well rounded individuals.

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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.

New Facility



For the last ten years of DEF and MKF's existence, we have been operating out of a rented facility for the housing of our children in Sirajonj. As part of this effort, alhamdulillah, MKF purchased two 5 story adjacent buildings in the center of the city located conveniently close to all good public schools in Sirajonj. This 24000 sq.ft facility will provide accommodation of over 100 students and resident teachers for our students with a in-house Masjid/prayer room, library room, Computer laboratory etc. We hope this upgraded facility will be a beacon for services for the orphans and poor students in Bangladesh inshaAllah.



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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 (MKF), 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 subject to yearly audits conducted by a certified accountant and monitored by the government for an annual renewal of certification. The MKF payroll includes one full-time resident teacher, one imam, three part-time teachers, one coordinator /caretaker and a cook.

Picnic

This year, the children went on a day trip by bus to the district of Rangpur. They spent the entire day at the "Vinnaya Jagat" amusement park. The children were very excited to be at the park and enjoyed the rides, however the zoo was their most favorite part.

\$525 would support an orphan for a year for his educational, food, boarding, medical and clothing needs.



A dream of future change makers

During my last trip to Bangladesh, I visited the MKF hostel for children in Sirajgonj, Bangladesh. I spent some time talking to each student about their past stories, current conditions, and future goals. The previous living conditions for most of the students were horrific. They were underprivileged kids neglected in society. Some of them did not have shelter and had to occasionally spend the night under the open skies. Many did not know where their next meal was going to come from. Alhamdulillah, things are changed now. They now have dreams and have set goals for a brighter future.

With your generosity, we are able to provide them with shelter, education, food and health care. They excel not only academically, but also in sports and other extracurricular activities. It was refreshing to see their smiling faces, the excitement and the confidence they have built in themselves. Their success come from their own motivation and under the guidance of some dedicated teaching staff. The children are growing up to become valuable members of the society.
-Shafiq Islam

A'ishah (May Allah be pleased with her) reported:

The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) used to strive more in worship during Ramadan than he strove in any other time of the year; and he would devote himself more (in the worship of Allah) in the last ten nights of Ramadan than he did in earlier part of the month. (Muslim)

This Ramadan, the DEF family is grateful and excited to announce that we have closed on a new property in Bangladesh to provide an even better home for the youth we serve. DEF's founder, my late father Mohamed Anwarul Islam (Allah yerhamo), dreamt of one day securing a safe, expansive property for the youth that could be customized for their needs and could be a stable environment for them to learn and grow in. Owning and investing in this building and the surrounding land will, inshallah, provide a deep sense of permanency for the children and for the donors and staff. We will no longer have to consider the impact of losing rented facilities and we will be able to ensure the space is suited to DEF's objectives as needed.

As we move into this next stage of DEF, I am humbled at the thought of my late father's dua being answered in this way, almost 4 years after his passing. He loved this work and had such high hopes for DEF. I am proud to serve alongside board members, staff, and volunteers who have carried forward his legacy. Thank you to all of our donors for continuing to support DEF and my father's vision.

It is our worship in this holy month of Ramadan - the fasts in which we abstain from bodily needs, the prayers where we stand in devotion, the dua we make with raised hands - that gives us as individuals a stable foundation from which to serve humanity. Striving for justice, feeding and clothing orphans, and aiding in the quest for education are all acts of worship. Let us make the intention this Ramadan to do these good deeds for the sake of Allah.

This month is one in which we can make a difference in the lives of over 50 young people. Please donate generously to DEF and pray for the successful transition to our new building and property. As we invest in the youth, we invest in sending good forward for the Hereafter. There is no better time than Ramadan to make this contribution to society and to humanity through DEF.

May Allah reward us this Ramadan for our worship.
Namira Islam, DEF Legal Advisor

Standardized Test

This year, two of our students participated in the SSC standardized testing. However, these test results have yet to be announced.

Seven students obtained a GPA of 5.0 in the Junior level testing. Most of the students go to Multilateral High School (MHS). Three students obtained first place positions for Grades 10, 9 and 6. Two of the students obtained second place positions in the Grades 9 and 8 and two students maintain third place positions in Grades 7 and 6. The MHS management committee were so pleased with these students and all of their accomplishments that they announced a 40% tuition reduction to any student residing in the MKF hostel.

Two of our students received first place positions in Grade 5 within two different schools. We are very proud of all their academic advancements. It is amazing to see how far they have come in such little time. Not long ago, some were living on the streets with no hopes of a future, and now they are excelling in all subjects and proving themselves amongst other top-level students.

Donate to the Diversified Educational Foundation:



Please help us to break this cycle of poverty, illiteracy, and desperation for these 56 students as well as all future students. We cannot do it without your help. Thank you for your support.

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