

SACIF 2024 to 2025 Report

We believe that;

“Children have the right to enjoy and be granted the chance to attend school and receive desirable educations, and be helped with basic supplies of life while attending school”

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1.Current SACIF Board Of Directors (BOD)

Particulars:

1. Dr. Peyman Raoofi (board member and SACIF's Chairman)
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Note:

Behrouz Najarian (SACIF Founder and President) Resigned as SACIF's president on November 21, 2024
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His decision was prompted by personal challenges, health issues, and a desire to make room for other volunteers to take on leadership roles, ensuring the continued progress of the charity towards its goals.

2.Few quick pieces of information about SACIF:

1. Established in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada on December 2019
2. SACIF's Board of Directors members are volunteering their time without any salaries or compensation
3. SACIF helps the underprivileged children in Canada and outside Canada with their educational and school attendance needs and issues

3.Supports/ Partnership

Ongoing activities, programs:

As we believe in making a lasting impact on the lives of children in need, continued activities:

- Assisting **PALS Autism School in Vancouver**, participating in their event, and vice versa, sharing views on the path of reaching their goals through school's various programs, in addition to continuous donation to their school
- Assisting **Backpacks Buddies in Vancouver**, thru provision of donations for their cause
- Collaborating with **WOF (World Orphanage Foundation)** for sponsored children in Tanzania, Africa
- Starting to support First Call BC in Vancouver, Canada
- Soon starting collaboration/partnership with **AFRA Charity** in Calgary, AB, Canada, <https://afra.ca/> , MOU signed (Business No: 706313889RR0001, Registered Name: AFRA CHARITY FOUNDATION)

- Soon starting collaboration/partnership with **TPOP** foundation in Vancouver BC, Canada, <https://thepowerofplay.ca/> , MOU signed (Business No: 769318213RR0001, Registered Name: The Power of Play Foundation)
- Contacting other Non-profit Foundations to find feasible manners of collaboration:
Conducted meetings with several non-profit organizations including but not limited to, those in Vancouver and Calgary that hold CRA charitable numbers to explore potential collaborations on educational and cultural projects, conditional upon establishing a proper Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

4.Events

-Managed 3 events in 2024:

1. One taking part at **Iranian Nowruz celebration**,
2. One as a **Musical program** and
3. One as hiking in West Vancouver, **honoring World Children's Day**.

In addition to that, SACIF chairman, Dr. Raoofi- UNICEF's Honorary Ambassador- uploaded his speech on SACIF website/media, talking about the significance of World Children's Day

Events main purposes:

1. Increase awareness of SACIF in Vancouver/Canada and globally by promoting our initiatives through mass media, advertisements, and social media uploads (photos, reports, clips, etc.).
 2. Raise funds for SACIF programs.
 3. Recruit more qualified and passionate volunteers to support SACIF's goals through participation in various events and programs.
 4. Involving schoolchildren in SACIF's events, as far as it is found appropriate, safe and constructive for them.
- During the music event instructed several interested schoolchildren of ages 6 to 12 about the aims of event, and allocated a table to them (while being supervised) let them serve refreshments, talk with audience about SACIF charity during the breaks and gather donations.

➤ **A report on Nowruz Market 2024 event:**

On March 9th, 2024, SACIF had a booth at a "Nowruz Market" held for celebrating spring equinox A.K.A Nowruz. The event was mainly booth-driven and some music played by a DJ. More than ~500 people visited the booths. SACIF prepared and provided visitors with Nowruz traditional Haft-Seen boxes (mini Haft-Seen boxes containing 7 items as required for a Haft-Seens, meaning items which start with letter "S" in Farsi language) also artistically designed decoration eggs, all at very low prices to raise some funds for charity. SACIF's representatives were present for most of the event. We also had a big informative banner, some brochures and a tablet at our booth to get people's information in case they were interested in volunteership or hearing about future events. Among many respectful visitors at our booth, we may name **Mr. Fin Donnelly from MLA office of Coquitlam and the mayor of Coquitlam (Mr. Richard Stewart)** who got familiar with our charity's mission and vision.

➤ **A report on The second public gathering of SACIF (the first live musical/cultural event) after the "COVID Pandemic" era:**

Event was held on October 5, 2024, from 3 pm to 6 pm, at the beautiful Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in North Vancouver, BC, with the sincere cooperation and assistance of the church officials. SACIF's musical and cultural program was carried out by amazing job of event hosting of Ms. Ghazal Kazemnia and Ms. Naghmeh Keshavarz, with the close collaboration and support of Vancouver's prominent musician and conductor Mr. Amir Islami and Mr. Sepehr Hojjati the founder of VANCHOIR another very talented musician and composer and fabulous performance of the Nunvazan music group, as well as the close assistance of Mr. Homan Roshanravan -in the field of providing technical services for adjusting instruments and audio equipment -(Sound System Services – Classic Studio), the tireless work of Mr. Ali Haghaghatjoo the freelance professional photographer took care of the required photography matter for the whole duration of the event, and last but not least, with presence of dozens of devoted hard-working and eager volunteers. The two main goals of this program were fundraising in order to prepare funds for programs to help the needy children during their education and attendance in schools, along with introducing the mission, and future plans of SACIF to the audience, which was carried out in the framework of a cultural musical program and captured the audience's deep attention.

A: Music and Art programs

In this program, a group of young promising musicians and artists led by prominent musician and conductor Mr. Amir Eslami (NONAVAZAN Orchestra / VANCHOIR Iranian Choir / Iranian Music Society of BC) performed some pieces of Iranian music for an hour mesmerizing and impressing all the audience with the guidance of the musicians and the amazing talent of the band members.

-Mr. Reza Kianyan, a great musician and pianist who recently settled in Vancouver, also presented his original performance, a special piano piece called “Moment of Love” which he has composed in honor of SACIF charity, and a piano duet with his very talented son, Abtin who accompanied him with his Clarinet, and both were praised and applauded by the audience.

- Ms. Asal Ahadi of Chichaklar Dance Company another young and wonderful dancer in Vancouver, performed two beautiful and artistic dances – Iranian dance to the song “My Home” by Marjan Farsad and a dance to the song of the children’s movie “Toy Story” song – as beautifully as possible and They made the heavenly environment of the event brighter and joyful.

B- Speeches programs (SACIF chairman and event’s Sponsors)

-Dr. Peyman Raoofi, the prominent psychologist, chairman and member of the board of directors of SACIF (also a member of the board of directors of the American Iranian Psychological Association, the Los Angeles County Psychological Association (LACPA), the ProFamily group and the founder of Global Children’s Health), delivered a short but very informative speech talking about the Millennium Declaration, which in 2000 specified the basic values for international relations (determining and explaining the Millennium Development Goals for the realization of values around the world by 2015). He also compared and demonstrated the fact that SACIF’s goals, mission and visions match the defined Millennium Declaration values. His speech text both in Persian and English have been prepared for further information and publication in the media. He stated that unfortunately today more than 64 million children of school age are out of education, while research shows that our acts of kindness, generosity, and volunteering can help improve our mental health and that of the community. We should go as far as to ensure that in every land of the human community: Every child lives a healthy life, Every child survives and grows, Every child lives in a clean and safe environment, Every child is protected from violence and exploitation and Every child learns with the necessary conditions (learning opportunities are provided for them).

-Mrs. Sara Kazimi, the founder of the famous non-profit foundation WOF – World Orphanage Foundation, registered in America: Sarah is one of SACIF’s long-time supporters and collaborators who lives in America, however travels frequently to Afghanistan and Africa and stays there for several months each year to check and control the services WOF has provided for the vulnerable children through his foundation’s offices. Despite the 12-hour time difference between the broadcast time and her place of residence in Afghanistan, she enthusiastically managed her time to stay awake and virtually elaborate about the goals of WOF and the joint services of SACIF in Afghanistan (implemented a few years ago) and later in Tanzania. She also answered to a few questions asked by audience regarding WOF activities and its mission. Mrs. Kazemi is quite active in Afghanistan, Africa, India and America helping orphaned and destitute children in various fields such as providing education and training facilities, building sanitation and drinking water systems by digging deep wells and has saved thousands of children and families in the most deprived areas, the circle of activities of this exemplary and philanthropic lady is still expanding.

-PALS Autism Society School-Vancouver: Pulse is one of the most important educational organizations in Vancouver, for many years SACIF has allocated funds as a sponsor to help the implementation of their projects. Ms. Katy Harandi, the chairman of the board and the president of the association, Andrea Kasunic, the executive director, and Allison Arai, the company treasurer, were present at event and talked about expectation of the PALS from individuals, organizations and authorities to support the school. PALS School of Autism is a private primary and secondary school in British Columbia for children and adolescents with autism, designated by the Ministry of Education as a special education school, and has an approved PALS year-round before and after school care program. It offers its education, training and programs using effective and scientifically validated methods, based on the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).

-Kimia Social Arts Society in Vancouver: **Mrs. Lili Molavi and Niusha Mogharebi**, members of the association’s board of directors, expressed their views on the goals of this active and effective association in the Vancouver community. The Alchemy Association managed by Dr. Zohra Ansari has succeeded in bringing together different communities without borders and promoting healing through art. Their goal is to increase health, empower people, and inspire a global movement toward peace, love, and happiness. The mission of this association includes cultivating a healthy lifestyle for those who are struggling with challenges, they are believers in the necessity to respect the earth, respect and pay attention to our past and ancestors and the beautiful land in which we live.

-The Women’s Association of Yaran in Vancouver was one of the other great sponsors of this event, which has been formed in Vancouver on March 8, 2023 in order to raise the level of awareness and knowledge of women in cultural, social, legal, economic, educational and women’s health fields. It has significant activity in these very important fields in everyone’s life, especially families and women.

In addition to the members of the board of directors and other active members of SACIF and hardworking volunteers, the following organizations, groups, and sponsors participated and accompanied SACIF in its Event:

– **NONAVAZAN Orchestra / VANCHOIR Iranian Choir / Iranian Music Society of BC, Iranian Arts Centre, PALS Autism Society School-Vancouver , Burnaby Financial Services, Ms. Maryam Rashidzadeh the graphic designer who has been voluntarily helping SACIF for several years at no cost, Mr. Ali Haghighatjoo (Narrator and Photographer another dear cooperators that for years have assisted SACIF at no cost), Classic Studio (Mr. Hooman Roshanravan), Mr. Reza Kianyan a musician and pianist and his son, ABtin playing Clarinet, Ms. Asal Ahadi of Chichaklar Dance Company, Daneshmand Magazine which generously has posted our ads at no cost, WOF-World Orphanage Foundation, Kimia Social Arts Society, and Women's Association of Yaran, Hamafza Synergistic Network (Vancouver, BC)**

➤ **Collaboration with organizations and a few amazing individuals, during Music and Hiking events:**

Several organizations and individuals helped us during our 3 events, to name a few:

- Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in North Vancouver (venue of our music event)
- Iranian Nonavazan-Vanchoir music groups
- Parvaz TV, which recorded the hiking event
- Hamyaari Media keeps reporting SACIF's events
- Daneshmand magazine keeps printing SACIF's advertisements, in several occasions
- Mr. Morteza Pourbakht the founder of **the informative and professional Hamafza Business website (Hamafza Synergistic Network -Vancouver, BC)** continually assisted SACIF in many ways
- **Ms. Maryam Rashidzadeh the Graphic & Product Designer** has been voluntarily helping us for several years in Vancouver

➤ **Message from SACIF's President to the audience at SACIF's Music event held on October 2024**

Ladies and Gentlemen;

As, once John Dewey the famous American philosopher said,

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself"

We are thankful for your time and presence, and deeply appreciate those who have been supporting SACIF's cause , ever since we commenced our hard journey towards the priceless goals and objectives, underlined beautifully, in Save A Child International Foundation website.

Believing in the paramount significance of education in life of children all around the world,children who are going to make the infrastructure of the mankind's future, eventually, this Canadian registered charity foundation has been established in Vancouver, with a group of earnest and decent people, striving hard to keep children off streets, preventing them from getting abused and involved in illegal activities, attend schools, stay at schools and achieve the highest desirable education level they seek for, and not being forced to join the young street gangs, doing just about anything and accept any kinds of harsh jobs to earn some money, in order to survive, while missing the most basic required asset for all human being, to grow fairly and appropriately, in a society, ...I am talking about, Education .

Obviously this could only be achieved through assistance, attention, and contributions made by people with great hearts, like you.

Some Artists in Canada, who will be introduced by hosts soon, have dedicated some of their works and time to our event, passionately and modestly, are about to take part in this fundraising musical event today.

Thank you all for your unwavering support and for making tonight's event a success. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the future. May god bless your beautiful hearts

....and not to forget our slogan, for a fact, that "**saving the world starts with saving a child**"

President,

For SACIF's board of directors

- **Hiking Event in West Vancouver, honoring World Children's Day:**

➤ **Impact Analysis of the 'Hike for Child' Event on the Community, 24th November 2024 (Event in West Vancouver):**

-The Hike for Child event not only achieved its immediate goals of raising Funds and Awareness but also created a ripple effect of positive change in the local community and beyond, especially with media coverage on Vancouver Parvaz TV(Vancouver's Farsi-speaking broadcast TV show ,Mr. Majid Mahichi) and announcements, and printing event's reports through Hamyaari Media Inc. (Port Moody, BC, Mrs. Sima Ghaffarzade), printing event's posters by Daneshmand Magazine, West Vancouver, BC (Mr. Moe Emady) . Also stores which openly accepted to post all SACIF event 's related advertising posters in their stores (Caspian Market Corp. - an Iranian groceries store, and Lougheed Mini Mart - an Afghan/Persian groceries store both in Maple Ridge, BC) and Sahand Bread and Kebab Hut, in Coquitlam , BC(an Iranian Traditional Cuisine Catering & Take-Out store).

-Over 60 volunteers were involved in various manners, based on their specialties, for hours (a few of them more than 100 hours for 3 events and). Some were specialized in design and painting related to kids painting workshop utilized during November Hiking event in West Vancouver.

Below is a detailed analysis of the event's broader impacts:

1. Community Engagement and Participation

Increased Community Involvement. With over 60 participants in the gusty morning of 24 November 2024, plus 9 dedicated volunteers, the event brought together individuals from diverse backgrounds to unite for a common cause, supporting vulnerable children in hardship. This inclusivity fostered a sense of solidarity and collective action within the community.

2. Volunteer Development

The volunteers gained valuable experience in event organization and community service, which strengthens their commitment to future initiatives. Some specific contributions included design and painting expertise for children's workshops during the hiking event.

3. Financial Impact

The event successfully raised about \$7,500 in donations.

5.A Financial Report

Jan - Dec 2024

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income:

SACIF's Events 4,004.58. , Gifts 13,938.17., Total Income: 17,942.75

Expense:

Advertising and Promotion 1,704.65., Bank Service Charges 620.97. , Business Licenses and Permits 40.00

Donate./purch. supp. and assets:

To Back Pack Buddies (Vancouver, BC,) 754.81

To First Call BC (Vancouver) 257.50

To Kanoon Zanan (Vancouver, BC) 150.00

To PALS Autism Society (Vancouver, BC) 2,195.60

To WOF (Tanzania, Africa) 2,395.72

Total Donate./purch. supp. and assets 5,753.63

Events & Meeting: 3,265.20

Insurance: 60.00

Office Supplies: 615.46

Telephone Expense: 64.20

SACIF Website: 924.43

Total Expense: 13,048.54

Net Ordinary Income: 4,894.21

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6.New and future activities

- **Donations:** Started donating to **First Call Child & Youth Advocacy Society in Vancouver, BC**, in late 2024 and aiming to continue this support in 2025.
- **Communications:** Continuing to communicate and meet with several recognized entities in Vancouver for available grants. We have already had productive meetings with city authorities and the Vancouver Foundation, tapping into resources that can significantly benefit SACIF. This support will enable SACIF to operate effectively and execute its plans. Our proactive approach, which kicked off in 2024, after some slowdown we had to undergo due to Covid pandemic era, involves engaging with key organizations in Vancouver to secure available grants.
- **Establishing Offices:** Currently studying the possibility of establishing SACIF's own office(s) representatives in Iran and Africa as well as collaborating with well-established and reputable charitable foundations anywhere inside and outside Canada, that focus on supporting underprivileged children.
- **Future Events:** SACIF has been honoring World Children's Day during November month and is determined to keep that trend for 2025 and years to come. Musical events are to be held as well, having schoolchildren/youngsters involved in different aspects of the event, as before. Additionally taking part on several other significant occasions such as **Nowruz and Yalda nights** are considered.
- **Advertising Efforts:** Finding additional avenues for advertising SACIF, we seek new opportunities to raise awareness about SACIF through magazines, radio, and television. Our advertising campaigns will effectively communicate our goals and highlight our events. We are grateful to the two magazines and one television station that supported us by publishing and broadcasting impactful reports and advertisements in Vancouver.

- **Future Collaborations:** Exploring partnerships with several CRA registered charities, in Vancouver and Calgary-based non-profit foundations. Conducting meetings with them on potential collaborations on educational and cultural projects

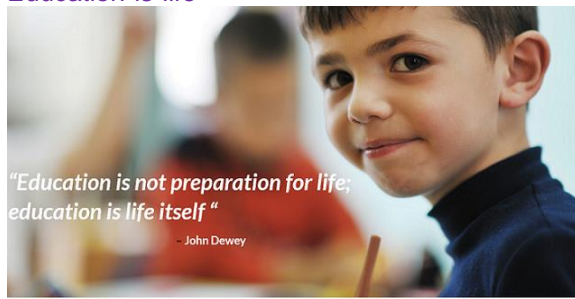
Also one of SACIF's board of directors has been travelling to Iran for several times and continually is meeting with several well-reputed charities in Iran to find partners and trying to establish SACIF's office if feasible in underprivileged regions in Iran to start sponsoring and helping vulnerable children there as soon as possible.

- **WOF** is to introduce more vulnerable or orphaned children from Africa-and potentially India- on SACIF's website. By showcasing these children's stories, we aim to attract compassionate sponsors who can help transform their lives.

Dr. Payman Raoofi, SACIF's Chairman talked on World Children's Day at SACIF's event, October.5.2024



Education-is-life



PALS Autism school receiving SACIF's first donation



Sara Kazimi, the founder of WOF, Participating Virtually at SACIF's event October.5.2024



Nonavazan band at SACIF event- October.5.2024



Kids Volunteers' Table, Helping SACIF-music-Event- October.5.2024



Asal Ahadi of Chichaklar Dance Company at SACIF Even.October.5.2024



Hike for Child event held on November.24.2024

Hike for child
Join us for a hike honouring children's day



Date: Sunday ,November 24th, 2024
Time: 9:00AM - 12:00PM
Location: Dundarave, -Ambleside Trail,
West Vancouver ,BC
Starting point: Dundarave Beach,
West Vancouver,BC

Purchase your ticket through: Eventbrite or SACIForg