

Sepehr Charity Foundation



Sepehr Charity Foundation is a non-profit, non-political, and non-commercial institution. It was established in June 2004, after the horrific Quake of Bam which happened on December 26, 2003.

Sepehr Foundations currently operating in the following zones:

- To shelter and to supervise Sepehr Children
- To train and to provide employment opportunities and rehabilitation for the patients with spinal cord injuries, also people with physical and mobility disabilities
- To train and to provide employment opportunities for women heads of household and self-dependant girls.
- To shelter and to take care of unassisted elderly people
- To train and to provide rehabilitation and vocational training for mentally handicapped children and adolescents
- To train and to provide rehabilitation for deaf children and children with impaired hearing and their family
- To provide social care & clinical management

The activities of Sepehr Foundation are first and foremost centered in the city of Bam and its suburbs. It however with the grace of God, has the intention to expand its activities into other deprived areas of the country providing the relevant license from the State Welfare Organization is issued and the necessary funds raised.

In December 2013, the Foundation was provided with the license to establish a family-like child care center to accommodate Sepehr **children ages 3 - 6 years** old in the city of Babol in Mazandaran Province.

We hope that this initiation will lead to the creation of Sepehr Children Village in this city.

operations of Sepehr Charity Foundation in the city of Bam

Based upon the records released by official sources concerning the needs of the victims of the Bam Quake and the estimated receivable aids, initiatives were taken to construct five Centers in various areas of the city of Bam to shelter 100 orphan children and adolescents, as well as a compound called Sepehr Complex to shelter 120 unassisted elderly and 120 patients with spinal cord injuries. The total capacity of the four Centers and the related compound was foreseen 240 individuals. It was also decided that a well equipped clinic and comprehensive rehabilitation Center in the said complex should be constructed to provide efficient hygienic, therapeutic, and rehabilitation services to the victims of the said Quake.

Field researches and studies conducted from autumn of 2006 to September 2007 by psychologists, psychiatrists and a mobile group consisting of a physician, a physiotherapist, a nurse, and a caregiver, also interviews with patients with spinal cord injuries in the city of Bam and its suburbs confirmed that despite their injuries and handicaps most of the patients with spinal cord injuries are in fact capable of working and conducting a targeted activity providing they are taught a profession and are presented with suitable grounds for employment. Thus, it was decided that the building which was constructed for the purpose of sheltering

patients with spinal cord injuries should change its utility and be transferred to a place for their employment and vocational training.

As the employment of the patients with spinal cord injuries without the assistance of a number of healthy people is practically impossible, the target group of Sepehr Charity Foundation was expanded to include women heads of household and self-dependant girls so that they would offer assistance to the patients with spinal cord injuries whilst at work and at the same time take shelter under the umbrella of Sepehr Charity Foundation as care-seekers.

Consequently the training and employment of a considerable number of women heads of household and self-dependant girls who had lost their parents in the Bam Quake was included in the Organization's objectives.

The active presence of Sepehr Charity Foundation in the city of Bam led to the identification of other care-seeker groups such as mentally handicapped children and adolescents, deaf children, blind children, etc. who due to the lack of sufficient and efficient resources were desperately in need of suitable shelters. Therefore, the Organization decided by amending its association articles, to provide services to a wider range of care-seekers.



Sepehr Children Shelter

In sheltering the orphan and neglected children and adolescents the Organization has adopted the method of family-style Centers so that by creating a home and family ambiance for the orphan children and adolescents to present them with the possibility of living the vulnerable years of their childhood and adolescence in the warmth of family bonds.

Up to the present day, Sepehr Charity Foundation has constructed five apartment units in five zones of the city of Bam to accommodate 20 to 25 children and adolescent in each. The task of housing Sepehr Children in the said Centers commenced in October 2006 and was completed in September 2007.

Further, Sepehr Foundation has succeeded to obtain and to equip building of 350 square meters to take care of **3 to 6 year-** old children.

The said Child Care Center has the capacity for 14 children under six years old and has been

operating since its opening in March 2013.

Sepehr Children are pursuing their education in the best schools of the city, whether state-run or private ones. As for those children who lacked proper education prior to joining Sepehr Family, private tuition was arranged to assist them make up for their weaknesses in all required subjects and fields in order to be able to join the others and continue school syllabus.

In order to identify and to develop Sepehr Children's talents, they are regularly offered training workshops in

creative subjects namely computer, painting, rug-weaving, handicraft and creative writing. Teaching of the Holy Quran and religious decrees, reading literary works in prose and poems are also included in the standard programs of Sepehr Children.

In order to maintain their physical fitness most of Sepehr Children participate in sports classes such as football, swimming, basketball, football and chess.

In order to cultivate the conduct of Sepehr Children in their social life and to introduce them to ethics and religious practices, with respect to their age attending Friday Prayers, official functions, festivities and mourning ceremonies, as well as group praying at local mosques are included in their foreseen activities.

Inviting university professors to conduct educational and psychological assessment workshops also clergies to conduct lectures and sermons, are furthermore part of the routine and periodical programs in Sepehr Centers. Sepehr Children also benefit from recreation and cultural camps which are organized regularly and in different provinces of Iran by Sepehr Charity Foundation. Whilst promoting a sense of curiosity and expedition these camps attempt to introduce Sepehr Children to the folk culture, tradition, natural and human geography as well as the social conditions of various regions of Iran. Moreover, the interaction of such events with the organized training workshops would reinforce the children's sense of teamwork and responsibility.



Sepehr Children Center No. 1

Build area: 718 square meter

This Center houses children of 3 to 6 years of age and was launched in October 2006

The land of this Center is donated to the Organization by the family of Late Ms. Zahra Fakhari.



Sepehr Children Center No. 2

Build area: 926 square meter

This center is situated in two separate buildings.

- Building "A" has a built up area of 676 sq. meters and is used for children and youth aged between 6 to 12. It became operational in February 2006. The land lot used for this center is donated to Sepehr by the family of the deceased Mrs. Elaheh Isma'ili and the major portion of the construction costs for this center is met by Sarcheshmeh Copper Investment Co.
- Building "B" which has a built up area of 250 sq. meters is devoted to female youths aged between 12 and 18. It has begun operation in October 2013.



Sepehr Children Center No. 3

Build area: 1275 square meter

This Center houses boys of 12 to 18 years of age and was launched in September 2007

One and a half portion of the land of this Center is donated by Mr. Abbas Sayadi and most of the construction expenses are met by Iran Tractor Manufacturing Co.



Sepehr Children Center No. 4

Build area: 894 square meter

This Center houses boys of 6 to 12 years of age and was launched in September 2007

The construction costs of this Center are mostly paid by SAIPA Automobile Manufacturing Co.



Sepehr Children Center in the city of Babol

Build area: 350 square meter

This Center has started its operation in March 2013 and is devoted to 3 to 6 year- old children.



All family-style Centers are equipped with private bedrooms for children, library, computer room, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, and courtyard.

Sepehr Children Council

Sepehr Children Council has been established to allow Sepehr Children to participate in decision making process with respect to the administration of their own upbringing centers also to conduct the developing of their abilities in taking part in social activities in adulthood.



Sepehr Children Council pursue the following goals:

- To promote mental and intellectual skills in developing group decisions.
- To reinforce the sense of responsibility and healthy competition.
- To promote self-awareness and self confidence amongst the children.
- To provide development and training needed for social interaction in various settings.
- To employ Sepehr Children's potentials and capabilities in the administration of Sepehr Centers.
- To promote the sense of solidarity, mutual respect and friendship amongst the children.
- To develop skills for group interaction and consultative activities during the adulthood stages.

Based upon the procedures developed with the cooperation of Sepehr Children, the children in each center (aged 6 to 18 centers) elect three people as the members of the central council during the annual national assembly.

This council, with the cooperation of Children's specialized committees for culture and arts, science and education, the Koran, sports, and health, actively participate in the administration of the Centers in relevant areas and responsibilities assigned to the committees. Members of the Councils shall have exemplary qualities amongst all children at a center in areas of good manners, sense of responsibility, orderly conduct, and high academic performance. The Councils' meetings are held once every two weeks.

Each Committee is required to provide a report of its activities to the Council at the end of the month. One of the educators in each center acts as a guidance counselor for Sepehr Children's Council at that center.

The formation of Councils promotes the children's sense of responsibility and self-motivated participation in the administration of the Centers and their effective participation in their own path in life.



▲ Sepehr Children Center No. 1 in Bam

We thank the Lord God that the adopted approaches have been successful and that four years on since the first sheltering of Sepehr Children, there are today significant changes for the better in their mood and attitude, education, religious and social aspects of life evident.

18 of Sepehr Children completed their secondary school in 1389/2010-2015 and ten of them admitted at university after having passed the entrance exam. 17 of Sepehr Children got married having received the support of the Organization. It is the prime interest of Sepehr Charity Foundation to continue supporting all of Sepehr Children to complete their university degree, to find a respectable employment, to get married and start a family.



▲ Sepehr Children Center in Babol



▲ Sepehr Children Center No. 2 in Bam



▲ Sepehr Children Center No. 4 in Bam



▲ Sepehr Children Center No. 3 in Bam

Sepehr Complex

The Bam Quake caused:

- a number of Bam inhabitants' spinal cord injuries. They have consequently become socially marginalized.
- a great number of elderly men and women to lose every member of their family. They are consequently left to live a somber lonely life with no hope and no joy for future.
- a significant number of women to lose their husbands and thus become breadwinners for their children.
- a number of adult girls to lose their parents. They are therefore forced to manage their living on their own.

In order to help the patients with spinal cord injuries return to a kind of normal life and social activities, to assist women heads of household and self-dependant girls to live a respectable life and in return offer services to the unassisted elderly so that they too could have a decent life, Sepehr Charity Foundation established Sepehr Complex. This complex retains Centers for vocational training, employment, and rehabilitation of patients with spinal cord injuries, women heads of household, self-dependant girls, and housing of unassisted elderly. Sepehr Complex is built on a 38000 square meters land of which 10000 square meters is devoted to the constructed buildings. It consists of the following Centers:

- A-00 Elderly common room
- A-01 to A-10 Group of Centers to sheltering unassisted elderly
- C-00 Day-care clinic and Sepehr comprehensive rehabilitation Center
- C-01 Hydrotherapy hall
- C-02 Mechanotherapy, electrotherapy, and work therapy halls
- C-03 Vocational training and knitting workshop
- D Vocational training and automobile cables tree production workshop
- M-01 Service complex
- R-01 Residential units for visiting physicians and specialists



Vocational training and employment Center for patients with spinal cord injuries and women heads of household and self-dependant girls



Parallel to the construction of Sepehr Complex, in the autumn of 2006 psychotropic meetings and interviews with 120 patients with spinal cord injuries were arranged at their residences in order to achieve a better understanding of these victims' physical conditions and state of minds. In the purpose of these meetings and interviews with the patients with spinal cord injuries has been to check up their physical and psychological conditions as well as to establish their personal details including their age, education, gender, housing condition and marital status. The likely mentally disordered victims were also taken under consideration and care giving questionnaires were filled out for all of them. The assessment of the researches and studies done unfolded that patients with spinal cord injuries were mostly young and in the active ages of their life. With an average age of 35 and in spite of their spinal cord injuries, 92 percent of this group showed the ability to carry out works. They however, were in need of targeted jobs and meaningful activities to live on. Psychological studies established the fact that unless provided with a profession and daily occupation in line with their post traumatic stress and physical state, this group of victims would be stricken by an increasing decline of self-esteem, apathy, fatigue, and a deterioration of their physical and mental health. Consequently, it was

decided that a vocational training and occupation division for the patients with spinal cord injuries should be established in Sepehr Complex. Following the studies and researches which were initiated in the second quarter of 2007 on the patients with spinal cord injuries, a mobile group of experts consisting of a physician, a physiotherapist, a nurse, and a caregiver was assigned to regularly visit patients with spinal cord injuries in their residences, to identify their inflectional illnesses and seek treatment, to dress their bedsores and to offer them preliminary care giving and moral support in order to prepare them to attend vocational training and occupation workshops in Sepehr Complex.

The construction of the vocational training and occupation Center for patients with spinal cord injuries and women heads of household and self-dependant girls and the installation of the required equipment was completed in Aug 2007 and two automobile cables tree production and knitting workshops began their operation in September 2007. The job opportunities created in these two workshops were significant enough to embrace all of the jobless patients with spinal cord injuries in the city of Bam and its suburbs as well as a considerable number of women head of household and self-dependant girls. In total 150 care - seekers are engaged in jobs offered by these two workshops.¹

¹ Sepehr Charity Foundation, in cooperation with Nik Andishan Charity Foundation, has equipped and commissioned a textile workshop for the employment of women and girls in need of aid, under the structure of a cooperative company in the city of Larestan. Currently 30 women in need of aid having completed the relevant training courses are working at this workshop.

Automobile Cables Tree Production Workshop



Knitting Workshop





Social Empowerment of Care-Seekers

The social empowerment of care-seekers is of Sepehr Charity Foundation's prime objectives. The Organization believes that by creating suitable job opportunities for the care-seekers and at the same time by leaving the management and handling of their affairs to the care-seekers themselves and limiting its role and activities to providing grounds for their development and offering guidance and guidelines in the fields they require, it could help the care-seekers to regain their social empowerment and materialize its objective.

For this reason and for the purpose of encouraging the patients with spinal cord injuries, women heads of household and self-dependant girls who are engaged in jobs at Sepehr Complex' workshops to accept the direct responsibility of the procurement and purchase of raw materials, production, marketing, and the sale of products and to create a transparent collaboration between the employees and the employer, Vafaye Sepehr Cooperative in collaboration with Bam City Cooperative Department was established.

The patients with spinal cord injuries, women heads of household and self-dependant girls are members of Vafaye Sepehr Cooperative and whilst working in cables tree production or knitting



workshops and receiving a salary, as a party to the contract with the said

cooperative benefit from the social security insurance allowances. Sepehr Charity Foundation oversees the management and activities of this cooperative and up until now has supported it financially as well as having assisted its procurement of raw materials and marketing of the goods produced and the administration involved. This assistance will continue for as long as the cooperative would require it.

According to the fact that the customers of Vafaye Sepehr Cooperation are obliged to honor the international quality standards and that respecting these standards are also obligations for the manufacturers, the Cooperation's vehicle cable tree workshop following

intensive and continued trainings for its workforce, succeeded to gain the ISO 9001 standard license in 2011. Necessary steps are underway to obtain the ISO TS certificate, which would put this workshop in the category of cable car batch producers with the quality and standard acceptable to Auto Manufacturers in the country.

Amongst the positive effects in the presence of spinal injury patients, women heads of households and self-dependent girls in Vafaye Sepehr training and employment workshops is the enhancement of their self-confidence and self-reliance, which would allow them to find employment in society for themselves and other locals after acquiring necessary skills and experiences.

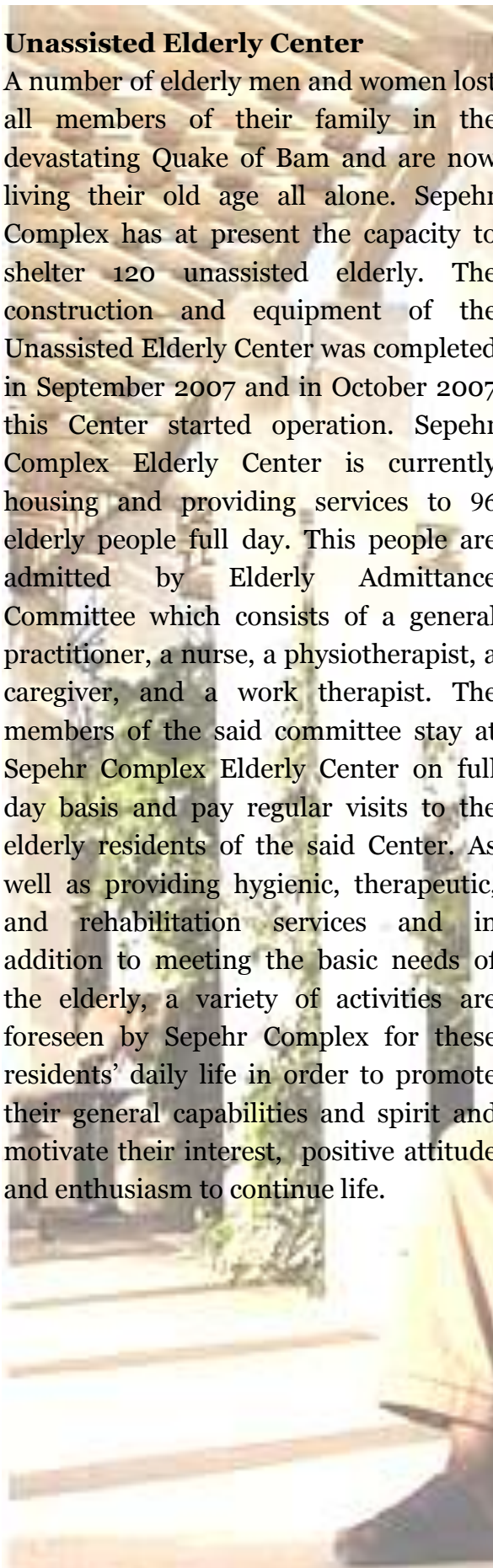
Some fifteen women heads of households and self-dependent girls have established garment production units in their county with the support of Sepehr Foundation, and ten individuals with disabilities and spinal injuries have moved on to established small workshops to sustain their own employment as well as creating job opportunities for some others.

In addition, necessary conditions have been prepared enabling 40 self-dependent girls to get married through Sepehr's financial and psychological support, thus allowing these girls to pursue a normal path in life.



Unassisted Elderly Center

A number of elderly men and women lost all members of their family in the devastating Quake of Bam and are now living their old age all alone. Sepehr Complex has at present the capacity to shelter 120 unassisted elderly. The construction and equipment of the Unassisted Elderly Center was completed in September 2007 and in October 2007 this Center started operation. Sepehr Complex Elderly Center is currently housing and providing services to 96 elderly people full day. This people are admitted by Elderly Admittance Committee which consists of a general practitioner, a nurse, a physiotherapist, a caregiver, and a work therapist. The members of the said committee stay at Sepehr Complex Elderly Center on full day basis and pay regular visits to the elderly residents of the said Center. As well as providing hygienic, therapeutic, and rehabilitation services and in addition to meeting the basic needs of the elderly, a variety of activities are foreseen by Sepehr Complex for these residents' daily life in order to promote their general capabilities and spirit and motivate their interest, positive attitude and enthusiasm to continue life.



Some of these activities are as follows:

- Learning handicrafts and leisure hobbies such as sackcloth and velvet-weaving
- Contributing to the vegetable and melon plantation in the Complex farm.
- Participation in one-day excursion and pilgrim camps in the city of Bam and its suburbs
- Attending Sepher Complex' and City of Bam's recreation-cultural programs organized on various occasions



To address the wide-ranging needs of Sepehr Charity Foundation's target groups, a day care Clinic as well as a comprehensive Rehabilitation Center have been established in Sepehr Complex. Sepehr's Clinic and Rehabilitation Center are equipped with Electrotherapy, Laser-therapy, Mechanotherapy, Hydrotherapy, Work-therapy, Speech-therapy and Audiometry Units to not only answer the needs of the patients with spinal cord injuries who are employed by Sepehr Organization and the elderly who are housed in Sepehr Complex, but also to offer therapeutic and rehabilitation services to all other patients.



Day Care Clinic and Sepehr Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center

At present, one general practitioner, one orthopedist, one physical medicine specialist, and one dentist are permanently stationed at the day clinic of Sepehr Complex while the Medical, Dentistry, Outpatient Surgery, and Electrocardiography Units of the Complex offer medical services to all patients. Based upon the hygienic and therapeutic needs of the care-seekers who are covered by Sepehr Charity Foundation, specialist physicians in various fields namely as Neurology Surgery, Dermatology, Kidney and Urinary Channels, Gynecologist, etc. are periodically deployed to Bam to visit the care-seekers at the Complex Clinic and to offer necessary therapeutic services and advice.





▲Sepehr Complex Clinic – Medical Unit



▲Sepehr Complex Clinic – Dentistry Unit



**▲Sepehr Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center –
Mechanotherapy Unit**

All patients with spinal cord injuries who are currently employed at Vafaye Sepehr Cooperative’s workshops and also the elderly

residents of Sepehr Complex as well as outside mobility-physically disabled and brain-damaged patients, in accordance with their prescription issued by expert physicians and under the supervision of experienced specialists are regularly using various units of Sepehr’s Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center.

The Day Care Clinic and Sepehr Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center began operation in September 2007, and currently admit a minimum of 60 patients on a daily basis.

We thank God that continual rehabilitation of patients with spinal cord injuries who are engaged in jobs at Vafaye Sepehr Cooperative workshops has brought about good results and led to a substantial physical improvement in them. Further the empowerment of these patients at production workshops has notably increased in comparison with the day they were admitted at Sepehr Day Care Clinic and Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center to begin their treatment.

In September 2007, 34 patients with spinal cord injuries who were suffering from bedsores received treatment and following an intensive care, persistent attention and dressing and in some cases surgery their wounds were cured.

Sustained rehabilitation and medical care has enabled some of patients with spinal cord injuries to use a wheelchair in a relatively independent manner, certain have been able to walk using a walker and others have even been able to set aside the walker and walk with a stick, and some have further stopped using the stick totally and are capable now to walk independently. A number of the patients with spinal cord injuries who were suffering from an immense pain caused by the displacement of their backbones have undergone surgeries and now can once again experience a painless life. Regular work therapy of brain-damaged patients has helped some of them to regain control of their neck. It has enabled some to sit and assisted a few even to stand up and walk.



▲Sepehr Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center – Mechanotherapy Unit



▲Sepehr Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center – Treating Patients in Electrotherapy Unit



▲Sepehr Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center – Treating Patients in Electrocardiography Unit



▲Sepehr Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center – Images of Hydrotherapy Care-Seekers



The major portion of the costs associated with the mechanotherapy equipment at Sepehr's Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center has been donated by the Hamburg-based **Hafiz Charity Society**.



▲Sepehr Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center – Mechanotherapy Unit



Centers for Training, Rehabilitation, and Vocational Training of Mentally-disabled Children and Adolescent

Although mentally-disabled children and adolescent have been marginalized in social life, they nonetheless seek their dreams and hope that their loneliness would end and that living a meaningful decent life would one day be possible for them. This dream could only be materialized through training, rehabilitation, and Vocational Training of these innocent rehabilitation-seekers. Considering the lack of an institution in the city of Bam to offer services to this lonesome layer of society, Sepehr Charity Foundation, decided to establish two boys and girls training, rehabilitation, and vocational training Centers for mentally-disabled children and adolescent in the City of Bam. In this Centers which began operation in the of summer of 2008, the main objective is to assist the mentally-disabled children and adolescents to become capable of living a relatively independent life and to acquire the necessary skill to work in a profession. Experienced professionals therefore in various training and development techniques, speech-therapy, work-therapy, psychology, and rehabilitation sectors through teaching of literacy, ideas, self-sustaining skills, safety subjects, and social and individual activities assist the rehabilitation of these children and adolescents' physical states whilst vocational training in pottery, marquetry, knitting, handicraft, doll making, farming, and rope weaving workshops equip them with the required skill to work in a profession.

Up to the present day, nearly half of the mentally handicapped children and adolescents in the City of Bam and its suburbs have been identified by Sepehr Charity Foundation's mobile group and admitted at Sepehr Centers for Training, Rehabilitation, and Vocational Training. Currently 70 mentally handicapped boys and girls who have been sheltered at these Centers are pursuing their education, rehabilitation, and vocational training. Providing commuting services, holding recreation-cultural camps, participation in handicraft exhibitions organized in the city and province, setting up stands to display the products manufactured by this group of care-seekers in various exhibitions, organizing counseling workshops for the care-

seekers' families, holding religious festivities and mourning ceremonies, and offering midday meals and one full warm meal are part of the services offered at these Centers. The said two Centers were constructed by the Association of Iranian Civil Engineers and Architects in Hamburg and Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe Charity Organization, and donated to Sepehr Charity Foundation who put them in full operation after completion and the installation of equipment.



▲ Center for training, rehabilitation, and vocational training of mentally handicapped children and adolescents



▲ Training of mentally disabled children and adolescents

Center for Training and Rehabilitation of Deaf children and their family and Children with Impaired Hearing

Deaf children although capable of recognizing compassion and empathy, are nonetheless deprived of hearing the language spoken around them and are incapable of uttering words comprehensibly or meaningfully. Proper training and rehabilitation programs for deaf children between the age of 2 and 6 are indeed crucial in enhancing the chance of these children to enjoy a more normal life in their adolescence and adulthood.

The absence of efficient services for the children with hearing and speaking disabilities and their families in Bam incited Sepehr Charity Foundation to establish its Center for Training and Rehabilitation of Deaf children and their Family and Children with Impaired Hearing in the summer of 2008. Necessary equipment for this Center was subsequently obtained and experienced specialists were hired. The attempts of this Center are focused on giving proper training to the mothers of these children, and also providing hearing aids, and on these children's visual, work-therapy, and speech-therapy in order to enable them to pursue a relatively more normal life.

Up to present day, some 40 children with hearing impairment have been admitted to this center and have undergone training and rehabilitation together with their mothers (totaling 80). The presence and training for mothers ensures continued training and rehabilitation for children at home and is therefore inevitable.

31 children have experienced hearing and speech following the provision of hearing aids and speech therapy sessions. 14 children required surgery and cochlear implants which, despite high costs, was carried out by Sepehr Charity Foundation and they have re-acquired hearing and speech abilities following the surgery and speech therapy sessions at Sepehr Center.

Currently four children are in queue for cochlear implantation surgery.

The hard work of the experts and the instructors of this Center has made it possible for 10 of the sheltered children by Sepehr Charity Foundation to begin education in the academic year of 2010/11 in normal schools.

Currently 18 children together with their mothers, that is a total of 36 individuals, are benefiting from the education and rehabilitation services provided by and at this Center. Commuting services, midday meals and warm lunches are some of the services offered by this Center.



▲Center for training and rehabilitation of deaf children and their family and children with impaired hearing – Speech



▲Center for training and rehabilitation of deaf children and their family and children with impaired hearing – Audiometry

The hard work of the experts and the instructors of this Center has made it possible for 18 of the sheltered children by Sepehr Charity Foundation to begin education in the academic year of 2010/11 in normal schools.

Currently 24 children together with their mothers, that is a total of 48 individuals, are benefiting from the education and rehabilitation services provided by and at this Center. Commuting services, midday meals and warm lunches are some of the services offered by this Center.



Implementing Infants' Hearing Screenings

Within the framework of the Organization's rehabilitation and prevention welfare programs, Sepehr Charity Foundation in collaboration with the Center for Hygiene and Health of the City of Bam began the implementation of the "Infants Hearing Screenings" project in the City of Bam and its surrounding villages in November 2009. Through this plan, infants undergo hearing tests at birth and such tests are repeated in case of any uncertainty in results.

Since the start of Sepehr Charity Foundation's activities in this area and up to June 2014, OAE and ABR screening tests have been conducted for over 3700 newborns in Bam and surrounding villages as well as in Normashir and Reegan regions. This project aims to identify the hearing illnesses of infants and if required, to take rehabilitation measures such as offering hearing aids, providing hearing education services and instruction on hearing aids use and maintenance and other related services, therapeutic surgery or consultation with ENT specialists.

As it is the time between infancy and childhood when a child learns to talk the implementation of this project and taking relevant initiatives at early stages of childhood are essential in identifying the possible hearing and speech disabilities and vital in seeking solutions to improve the child's hearing and speech abilities. The Audiometry Center of Sepehr Charity Foundation is the only Medical Center in the City of Bam is equipped with most advanced hearing test devices and therefore competent to fulfill the said project. Infants and children who are diagnosed with hearing disability from the hearing test process, can benefit free of charge from the services provided by Sepehr Charity Foundation's center for training and rehabilitation of hearing impaired and deaf children and families.



Implementation of vision screening for children

In addition, Sepehr's mobile expert units have been involved in the vision screening plan at daycare centers in the city of Bam, healthcare centers, and surrounding villages based on an authorization from Bam Provincial Health Department.

Through the implementation of this plan, the vision ability for children in the age of one to six is tested using photo chronometer device and any cases of amblyopia is recorded and the child is referred to the health department for further treatment.

From the start of the vision screening plan by Sepehr Charity Organization in the city of Bam and surrounding villages until 2013, a total of 9777 children have been screened and 778 cases have been diagnosed with possible disability and referred to Bam Provincial Health Department.

Since 2010 Sepehr Charity Foundation with the cooperation of Kerman provincial health organization, has undertaken a plan for vision screening for children between one and six years of age in the city of Bam and surrounding villages. This activity is carried out with the use of photo chronometer, which is only available at Sepehr Charity Foundation.

Throughout the year, from end October to early December, amblyopia prevention plan is executed across the country. One of the permanent stations for vision test is situated at Sepehr Charity Foundation. During the current plan under execution, this station operates daily in two morning and afternoon shifts. In



Fundraising Endeavors

Since a great number of Iranian and foreign real and legal entities potentially capable of financially support Sepehr Charity Foundation in the implementation of its projects in the City of Bam were aware of the Organization’s initiatives, and were in fact seeking opportunities to assist the projects concerning the orphan children and adolescents, patients with spinal cord injuries, women heads of household and self-dependant girls, unassisted elderly, training, rehabilitations, and vocational training of mentally-disabled individuals, training and rehabilitation of deaf children and children with impaired-hearing and their families, the Organization decided to approach them. Thus, approximately 7000 Iranian and foreign real and legal entities, including the Grand Ayatollahs and Hujjat al-Islams, professional societies, unions, syndicates, and business associations, chambers of commerce, charity organizations, banks, investment companies, industrial manufacturing corporations, mining production enterprises, food production companies, physicians, surgeons, managers, benevolent people, and so on and so forth were informed in written form of the launching of Sepehr Charity Foundation, its initiatives, and its ongoing plans and projects in the City of Bam and its suburbs.

Out of 7000 Iranian and Foreign real and legal entities corresponded with since the launch of Sepehr Charity Foundation in June 2004 concerning fundraising , 1822 real Iranian entities, 212 legal Iranian entities, and 22 foreign legal entities welcomed the opportunity of participating in this noble cause and responded positively to Sepehr Charity Foundation’s assistance request. May the Lord God bestow on them his blessings. Over the course of the past 11 years, the aid received (including cash, equipment, consumable items and goods, corporate stocks and immovable assets) has been allocated to the following costs:

- purchase of land (43000 sq. meters),
- award of construction contracts (for 16000 sq. meters of buildings),
- ownership registration,
- utilities (water, power and phone) connections,
- construction permits
- municipal construction completion fees,
- equipping Sepehr Complex
- equipping the training, rehabilitation and job training center for the disabled individuals and women heads of households and self-dependent girls,
- equipping the training and rehabilitation center for boys and girls with mental disabilities
- equipping the training and rehabilitation center for hearing impaired children and families
- equipping the daily clinic, as well as costs for many other items including food, clothing, health care ,training, etc. for nearly 500 needy beneficiaries.

Contributors	Number	Unit
Iranian Real Entities	1822	Individual
Iranian Legal Entities	212	Corporation and Company
Foreign Legal Entities	22	Corporation and Company
Grand Total		

**The details of cash foreign donations received from the date of
establishment to March 2016**

No.	Contributors	Amount	
		Euro	Dollar
1	Alfried Krupp Von Bohlen und Halbach Stiftung	1.000.000	-
2	ThyssenKrupp Help for One Word E. V.	1.000.000	-
3	ThyssenKrupp AG	4.677.000	-
4	Iranian Muslim Assosociation of North America - IMAN	-	843.000
5	Verein der iranischen Bauingenieure und Architekten e.V.	283.500	-
6	Siemens AG	250.000	-
7	Islamic Development bank	167.981	-
8	FATA S.P.A	50.000	-
9	Herrenknecht AG	25.000	-
10	Wirth Maschinen -Und Bohrgräte-Fabrik GmbH	20.000	-
11	Hansa Group AG	20.000	-
12	BILD hilft e.V. "Ein Herzfür Kinder "	20.000	-
13	Europäisch-Iranische Handelsbank AG	25.000	-
14	Mr. Harald gaspers	1.000	-
15	Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe	109.144	-
16	Mr. and Mrs. Werner	100	-
17	Charity Hafez e.V.	141.968	-
18	Mr. M. A. Khosrawi	600	-
19	Mr. Syed Saeed Bokhari	-	100
20	Mr. Peter-Mario Kubsch	-	2.500
21	Mr. Hamid Garmestani	-	150
22	Others	3.000	