# The Moms Against Poverty's Annual Benefit Gala



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Welcome to Moms Against Poverty's 15th Annual Benefit Gala here at the majestic Palace of Fine Arts. This gala is a celebration of the hard work we have all put in throughout the year and we thank you for taking part in these festivities. As our most treasured supporters and community members, we lovingly refer to you as our Moms Against Poverty family. As much as this event is a celebration it is also a great opportunity to reunite in our mission to fight against childhood poverty by being their hope through providing Hunger Relief, Education, Orphan Care, and Health Care.

We have a magical evening planned for you tonight. We hope you enjoy the food, music, entertainment, silent auction and many little surprises we have lined up for you throughout the night.

Moms Against Poverty's essential work would not be possible without your generous support. Thanks to all of you who stood by us over the years and thank you to all the newcomers that are just joining our loving community. No matter how long you have been a supporter, we hope you know what a difference you have made in the lives of over 2.55 Million children and families who live in dire circumstances and the continued need to help tens of thousands more each year.





#### **EVENT PROGRAM**

#### 7:00 PM

Doors Open Hors d'oeuvres, Food & Cocktails Silent Auction Opens Music by Gypsy Tribe

#### 8:00 PM

Welcome Remarks and Acknowledgment of Major Sponsors by MCs Ella Sogomonian & Aristotle Athari

#### 8:30 PM

Vocal Performance by Fared Shafinury

#### 9:00 PM

Dinner Buffet Closes

Moms Against Poverty Global Impact
Presentation and Video with Ella &
Aristotle
Project fundraising with Houshang Touzie
and Jasmine Samsami

#### 9:45 PM

Brazilian Dancers by Earth Circus

#### 10:00 PM

DJ and Dancing by DJ Dr. T & Nima Sepehr Silent Auction Closes

#### 11:00 PM

Bar Closes

#### 12:00 AM

Gala Ends
(Please respect the strict city sound ordinance and exit quietly.)

### MC & PERFORMERS



Ella Sogomonian

KRON 4 News Anchor & MC



Aristotle Athari
Comedian, Actor & MC

# Mariam Peretz & the Nava Dancers



Houshang Touzie
Actor





DJ Dr. T & DJ Nima Sepehr

and Special Guest Attendee:

Max Amini
Stand-up Comedian









# Get ready to make a real difference!

# School Project Live Auction Iran

Tonight we are bringing you this great opportunity to support the refurbishment of a student dormitory for Shahid Hashemi-nejad Teaching College. By raising up the next generation of teachers, we can help support education in such an impactful way.

The project will take an old office building and bring it up to code, provide restrooms, and equip it so that it can function as a dormitory for Iran's future teachers. This school is in the Razavi Khorasan province of Iran and serves 9,000 undergraduate students. Help us make these future teachers' dreams a reality!



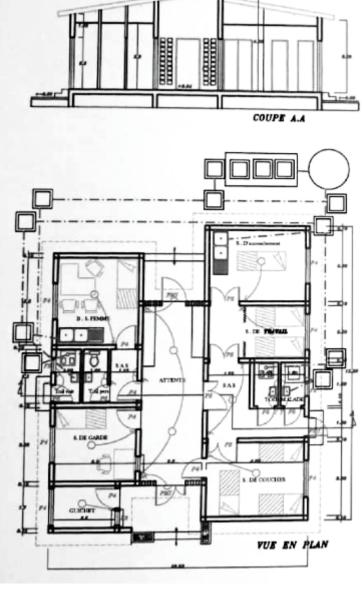






# Live Auction Senegal

As important as education is, ending poverty goes beyond building schools. Future generations deserve a chance to make it to school-level age. Presently in Senegal, 1 in 30 pregnancies result in the death of the mother or the infant within the first two years. Better health care is needed for expectant and postpartum mothers, as well as young infants while their immune systems develop.

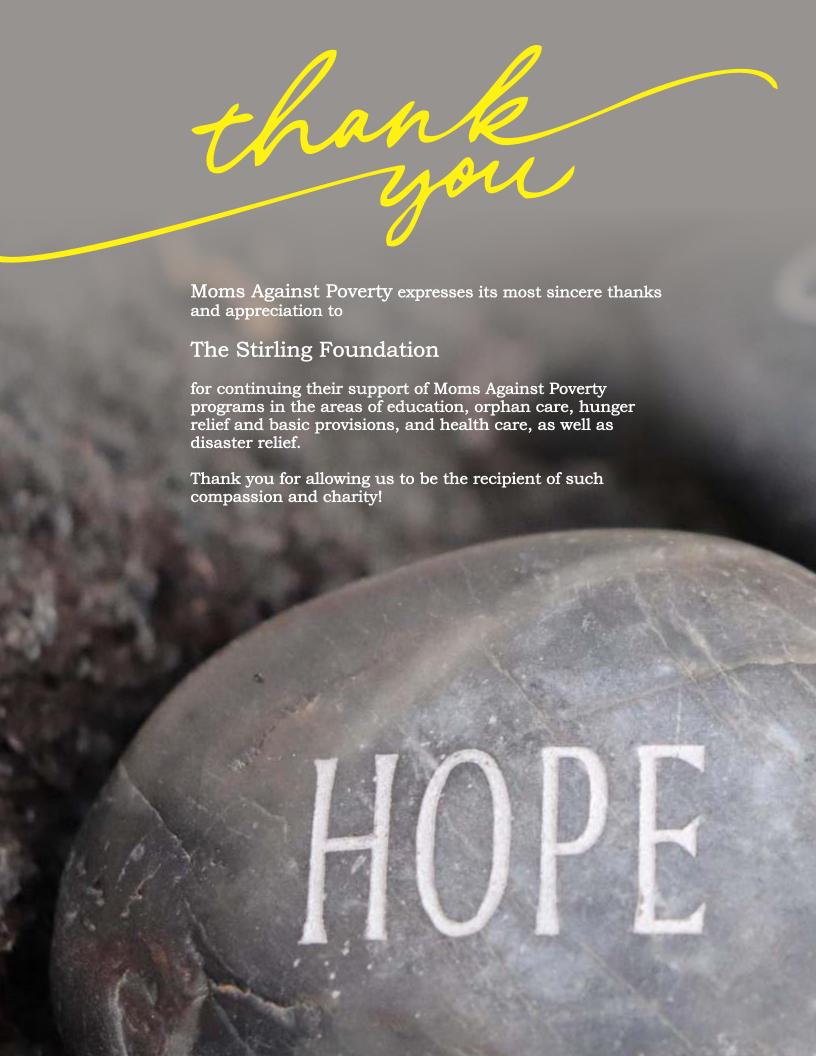




This project is to construct a facility specifically for mothers and children on a plot of land near the local medical clinic. The proposed facility will be approximately 1,400 square feet and include a delivery room, two acute care rooms with a total of five beds, an examination room, a consultation room, restrooms, and a waiting room. It will be led by a midwife with nursing assistants staffed by the nearby medical clinic. Please help us provide the proper care to these young mothers and babies so that they have an opportunity to see a better tomorrow.









# SILENT AUCTION







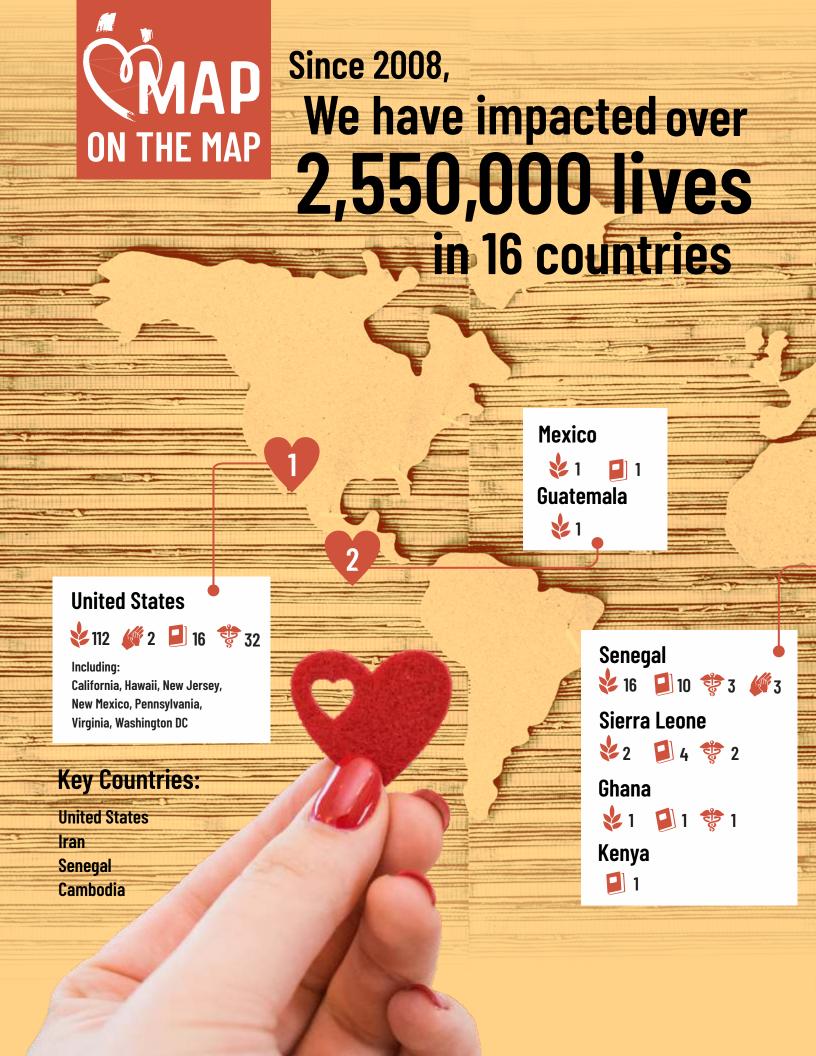


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The silent auction is located in the round room behind the food tables.

Happy shopping for the support of the world's children.









#### Samaneh & Siavash Tahbazof

Because of Samaneh & Siavash Tahbazof's compassion and generosity, we have created access to education for thousands of children in Iran and around the world. As a Champion level sponsor this year, your funding of a school for children on the spectrum in Hamedan province of Iran will support 1,000s more children in the years to come. Thank you for building a pathway out of poverty for children in impoverished communities.







#### Oskouy Family Foundation



We thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to **Moms Against Poverty** and impoverished children. Your great sense of patronage has been essential in our growth. This year with your Champion level sponsorship and the funding of a boys middle school in the Tehran province of Iran, you have created a legacy of equal access to education for children in need.





#### Galorah & Ali Keshavarz



**Moms Against Poverty** expresses its most sincere thanks and appreciation to **Galorah & Ali Keshavarz** for continuing their support of our programs. Through their Champion level sponsorship this year they will be funding the build of a girls elementary school in the Fars province of Iran. Thank you for allowing us to be the recipient of such compassion and charity!





#### In Loving Memory of Davood Molayem

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**Moms Against Poverty** extends its utmost appreciation to this year's anonymous sponsor for their generous contribution in memory of their beloved **Davood Molayem**. You are celebrating the life and legacy of Davood by investing in the education of thousands of impoverished children in Iran. Thank you!









Ali Foughi



**Moms Against Poverty** hereby acknowledges and thanks **Ali Foughi** for his generosity by becoming a Champion sponsor this year. His funding of a new school in Iran is humanitarianism at its finest. Our organization is made stronger every year through the support of strong philanthropy such as this.









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Simin Malek & Mo Rastegar





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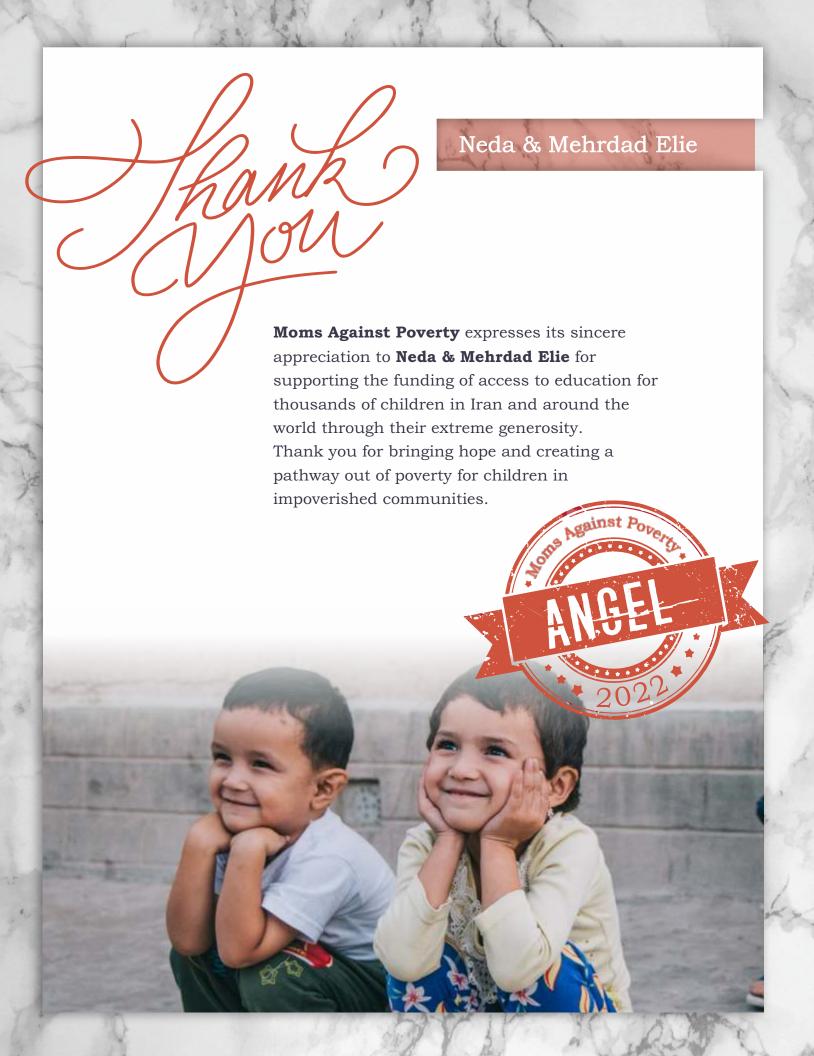




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With deep appreciation to **Anonymous Donor** for his commitment to changing the lives of children in need through his charitable giving to

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Thank you for becoming a Steward level sponsor of this year's benefit gala.

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Thank you, **Mariam Firouzi**, for your support of **Moms Against Poverty's** mission to create a better future for children in poor circumstances. Your Steward level sponsorship of this year's gala will help so many in need receive the care they deserve.



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Ali Missaghi

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**Moms Against Poverty** expresses its sincere gratitude to **Ali Missaghi** for his Steward level sponsorship of this year's benefit gala. Thank you for helping to build a pathway out of poverty for children in communities in need.

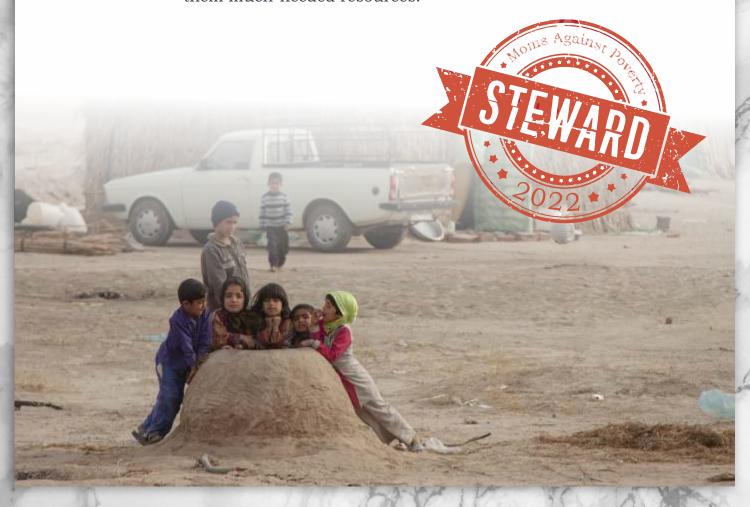




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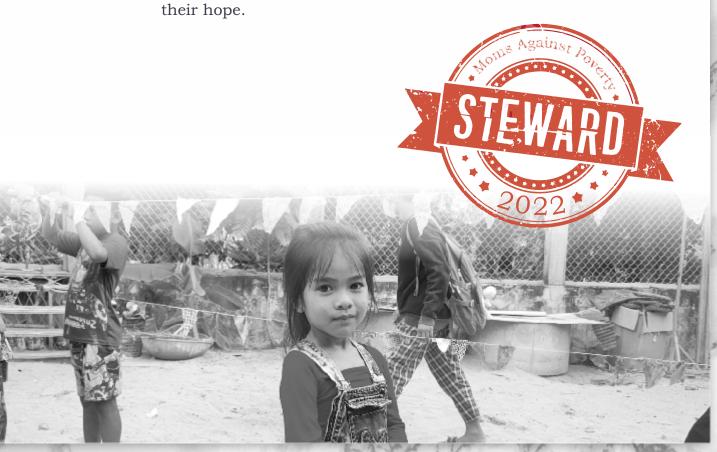


Thank you for entrusting us with your charitable giving. Together, we are easing the suffering of children in need and giving them much-needed resources!





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Sima Talai

# thank

Thank you, **Sima Talai**, for this year's Steward level sponsorship and continuing to support **Moms Against Poverty's** fight against childhood poverty through our global programs of Hunger Relief, Education, Orphan Care, and Health Care.



## Anonymous Donor



**Moms Against Poverty** is indebted to this **Anonymous Donor** for their advocacy for our mission and funding our projects throughout the years. Thank you for becoming one of tonight's







Houman Behzadi & Shirin Birjandi



We express our sincere thanks to

Houman Behzadi & Shirin Birjandi

for becoming Custodian sponsors of tonight's gala. Thanks to such contributions, **Moms Against Poverty** may continue its work in communities in need.



# Donna & Eric Colson

On behalf of all the children who are the recipients of **Donna & Eric Colson's** compassion and generosity, we thank them for supporting **Moms Against Poverty** as a Custodian sponsor of this year's benefit gala.

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**Moms Against Poverty** welcomes **Kenny Gharib** amongst this year's Custodian sponsors. Thank you for entrusting us with your charitable giving and helping to ease the suffering of impoverished children around the world.

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Mahnoosh Ghobadi & Reza Koshnevisan

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We thank **Farhad Pakravan & Negin Lotfi** for their support of **Moms Against Poverty** in its mission to eradicate childhood poverty. Thanks for sponsoring tonight's benefit gala as a Custodian level sponsor.

## Hojr Sedaghat Pisheh



Thank you, **Hojr Sedaghat Pisheh** for your support and patronage of the 2022 benefit gala as a Custodian sponsor. **Moms Against Poverty** is only able to support the impoverished children with support of donors like you.



Shahab Sadat-Tehrani & Nazila Habibizad

**Moms Against Poverty** extends its deepest appreciation and gratitude to **Shahab Sadat-Tehrani & Nazila Habibizad** for being long-standing supporters and sponsoring tonight's gala as Custodian sponsors.

Geeta Pirouznia & Babak Hedayati



Thank you, **Geeta Pirouznia & Babak Hedayati**, for becoming one of this year's Custodian sponsors and for continuously supporting **Moms Against Poverty's** global programs. Success is a community effort, and we sincerely thank you for being part of ours.





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Sufi & Baha Hariri

Thank you for advocating for  $\boldsymbol{Moms}$   $\boldsymbol{Against}$   $\boldsymbol{Poverty}.$ 

Thank you for supporting and generously contributing throughout the years.

Thank you for helping us advance our programs, aimed at eradicating childhood poverty around the globe.

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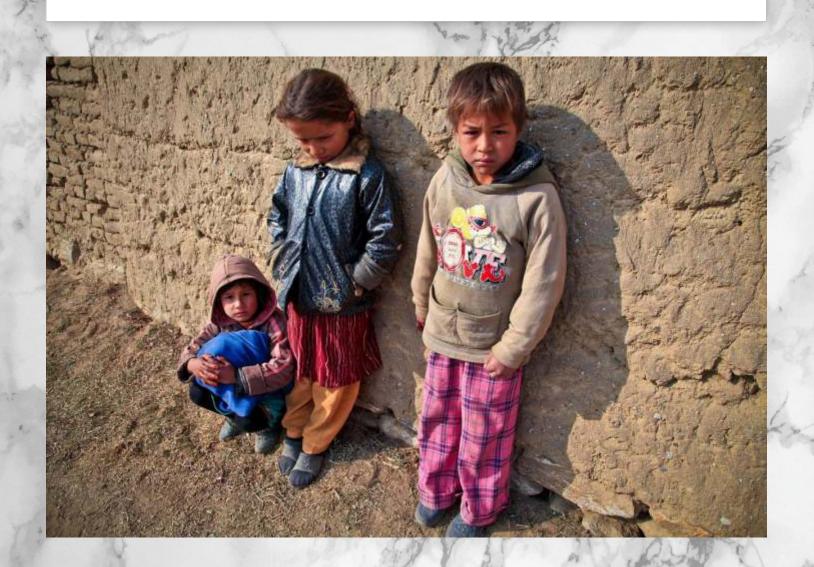
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On behalf of the entire

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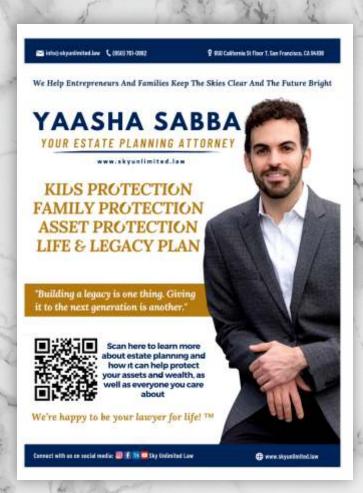
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