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Families for Children (FFC) is a not-for-profit, non-sectarian organization that exists to fulfill the needs of children and young adults with physical and/or cognitive disabilities.

By providing housing, education, specialized medical care and vocational training, FFC helps these individuals to reach their full potential, and live with dignity in a loving environment

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<http://www.familiesforchildren.ca>

or click on one of the following links:

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We accept E-transfers now and have designated the email address of FFCdonation@gmail.com exclusively for this use.

Happy New Year! We would be lying if we said we were sad to see this year end. It's been challenging and looking forward to next year is brightening our spirits.

A quick reminder for 2023 donations. Any e-transfers received by December 31st, 2023 will be accepted for this year.

If anyone prefers to mail in cheques, they must be in the mail this weekend in order to receive the postmark we require for it to qualify as a 2023 donation.

All donations using credit cards should use the Canada Helps link above.



Sashi and Sandra in 1978/79 in India

In 1979 Sandra adopted Sashi from our project in India. He was nine and desperate to come to Canada. So much so that he reminded her every trip she made that he wanted to come back with her.

Finding a family willing to take a nine year old was a challenge so in the end she decided to adopt him herself.

In the ensuing years Sashi became a chef and opened his own restaurant on Yonge Street at Summerhill and Sandra was able to make a last visit to see him.

Through the covid crisis a film of Sashi's journey was made.

This film will premier at the [Palm Springs Film Festival](#) (click on the above blue text for the link or on the poster on right). A trailer including historical clips of Sandra are in the trailer. The poster on the right shows a white arrow where to click to view the trailer for the film.

The film will be released in various film festivals before being available to stream. We will make this information available when it is available to us.



Poster for Sashi's film in Palm Springs



Sandra and Sashi on her last visit to his restaurant

As many of you know we are not affiliated with any religion. At both projects we celebrate all the holidays throughout the year so the children have a variety of fun and are treated to whatever each holiday affords them.

Naturally this week its been all about Santa and Christmas. The children dressed up, were given treats and gifts then a special meal. Most of the time these meals are donated with a sponsor choosing a meal that contains ingredients we aren't able to afford to give them.



Sweet fruit cakes in Dhaka



Enjoying a holiday meal in Dhaka



Mohammed celebrating in India

Our staff work through the holidays regardless of which one we happen to celebrate and as usual their dedication is what makes these types of celebrations possible through out the year.

Sponsors who want to send gifts or cards to the children should note that cards make it through the mail unscathed and the children love receiving them. Packages are always rifled through so we suggest any birthday or holiday gifts chosen on a site like Amazon India as these packages always seem to make it to us in one piece.

Our goals for next year will be expanding our physio and occupational therapy sections, adding some new papercard patterns and changing all the wheel chairs that our children use daily. We are looking to expand our outreach in Dhaka and assist our community in India.



Enjoying cake in India



The boys on an exciting trip to Black Thunder Water park

We wish everyone the happiest of New Years and thank you for all the cards and well wishes sent to us this year. The Families for Children family is amazing and we are all grateful each day to each of you.



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