



Annual Report 2022

Message from our Director



Dear friends and supporters,

I am pleased to share the 2022 Annual Report for Bangladesh Street Kids Aid. Our team has made great strides in supporting street children in Bangladesh, providing essential services such as education, food, shelter, and healthcare.

With your support, we were able to make a positive impact in the lives of hundreds of children through our recreation, creative arts, informal education and wellness programs. This report highlights our achievements and the challenges we faced, including the number of children we helped and the programs we implemented. Thank you for your continued support. We are proud of what we have accomplished together and grateful for your contributions.

Sincerely,

Susie Halsell
Founder & Executive Director



• INTRODUCTION •

**Bangladesh Street Kids Aid is
actively and innovatively
investing in the future of the
vulnerable youth of
Bangladesh.**



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The year **in numbers**



187

Residents stayed
at transitional
home

324

Drop-in Service
Participants

14,140

Meals served
in total

385

Skate sessions
conducted

295

Family visits
by the staff

37

Individual
medical support
given

1,138

Street Outreach
Participants

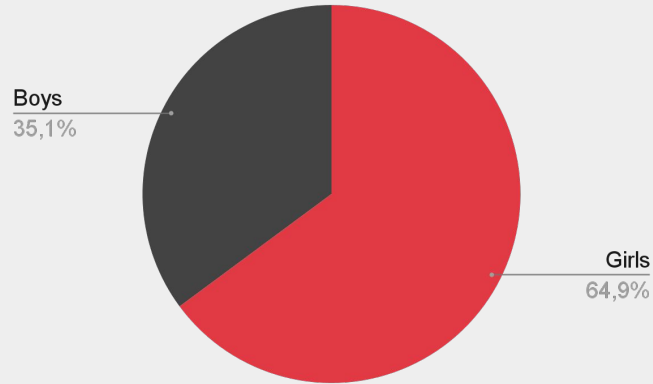
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Educational
sessions
conducted

Educational programs



Gender Division



Subjects taught in class:

- Personal Health and Hygiene
- Drug Awareness
- Social Skills
- Creative Arts
- Environmental Awareness
- Entrepreneurial Skills (Budgeting/Operations)
- Formal Education (Bangla, English, Math, General Ed.)
- Social Justice (Classism, Anti-Racism, Child Rights)

Other activities:



Field trips



Places visited:

- Mymensing
- Khagrachari
- Sajek
- Gazipur
- Mirpur Zoo
- Purbachol
- Memorial Parks of Dhaka City
- Art Academy
- Bangabandhu Museum

The physical well-being of children is positively impacted by spending time in the open air. The fresh air, sunshine and natural environment offer numerous health benefits. Studies have shown that children who spend time outdoors are less likely to suffer from illnesses such as asthma and allergies.

Moreover, the sight of hills and trees, with their lush greenery, has a calming effect on the mind and helps reduce stress levels. The natural environment provides a sensory experience that stimulates creativity and imagination.

Program partners

A special thank you also to our many program partners!

In the year 2022, we were fortunate to receive support from a diverse group of program partners comprising both local and international companies and NGOs. These partners generously donated financial or in-kind resources, and/or consultancy support which greatly contributed to the success of our programs and initiatives. Their support allowed us to expand our reach and provide even more assistance to street children in Bangladesh.

We are deeply grateful for their commitment to our cause and for helping us make a positive impact in the lives of these children. The support of local and international partners demonstrates the widespread recognition of the important work being done by Bangladesh Street Kids Aid. Thank you to all of our program partners for their invaluable support.



BANGLADESH ROLLER SKATING FEDERATION



Major donors in 2022



\$12,500	Johnson & Johnson Foundation Matching Gifts
\$10,065	Susie Halsell BSKA Founder & Executive Director
\$ 10,000	Mohammad & Lori Islam Individual Donor
\$ 9,731	Margaret & Charles Halsell Individual Donor
\$7,500	The Halsell Group LLC Corporate Donor
\$6,750	Ahm & Shamim Qutubuddin Individual Donor
\$4,800	Medtronic Matching Gifts Program



We would like to extend a special thank you to our major donors for supporting BSKA in 2022. Without you, our work could not continue.

Our plans for 2023

Bangladesh Street Kids Aid is proud to announce its plans for 2022 with a continued focus on providing support and care to street kids in Dhaka. Our programs, which include education, healthcare, and recreational activities, have made a positive impact on the lives of countless kids and we are committed to expanding our reach. As we have begun running informal programs in Cox's Bazar midway through 2022, we plan to establish a more formal transitional home for street-based children there in 2023. At this home, both the Cox's Bazar participants and some participants from Dhaka can learn how to surf, skateboard, and become healthy and educated through our programs and services.

As we move forward, we are excited to continue our existing programs and enlarge our outreach to better serve the needs of street kids in Bangladesh.



Board of Directors



Margie Halsell is currently the owner and administrator of a residential care facility for elders with memory loss and dementia. She also founded a non-profit that provides various services for elders. Margie is the main donor to BSKA and we are forever grateful to her for her support.



Trent J. Benedetti is Public Accountant and Financial Planner. He is volunteering as BSKA's Chief Financial Officer. He serves as chairman of the St. Louis de Montfort Parish Finance Council and as Treasurer for the Los Padres Boy Scout Council.



Heidi Lemmon is a pioneer in the now booming business of building commercial skate parks. She also has her own skateboard company "Salt Rags" that specialized in professional quality boards for kids.



Alimul Islam is the owner of the first skateboard shop in Bangladesh, DOB Skateshop. He is also the President of the Bangladesh Skateboarding Community, and a key member of the Bangladesh Roller Skating Federation's Skateboarding Task Force Committee.



Megan Weirich was BSKA's first volunteer in 2011, facilitating daily skating with children in the community. Her journey has encompassed exploring her skill sets in art; studying at U.C. Berkley and earning her B.A. in Art Practice, graduating for drawing and contributions.



Emily Guy is a skateboarder and musician from California, U.S.A. She is studying Social Work at CA State University of Monterey. She is currently working as a MedTech/Certified Nursing Assistant at Senior Living Resources in Santa Maria, California.



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