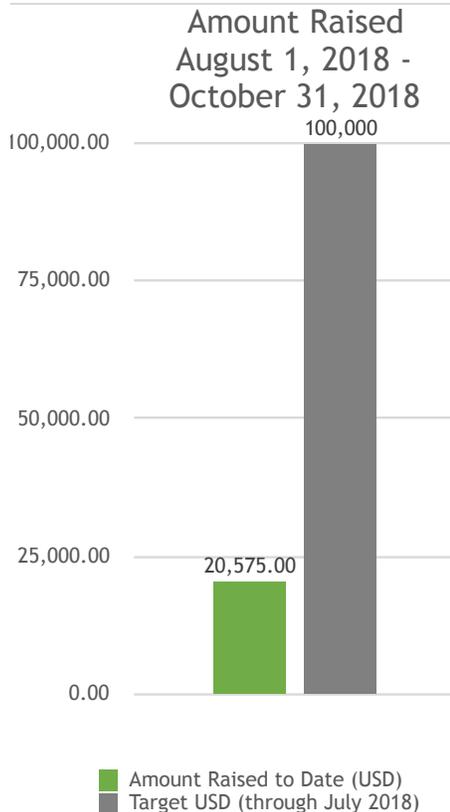


## Fundraising Progress

Special thanks to the Scottish charity the **Souter Trust** in the UK which awarded ECI a **grant of 5,000 GBP** to support our work with special needs children. Thank you!

Our new fundraising goal for 2018-2019 is \$100,000. This quarter, we raised \$20,575. Of that amount, \$2,856 was donated to the Mirza Gul Family Fund to support the education of the seven children from Nangarhar.



# Enabled Children Initiative

## Updates

- Earlier this year, ECI started a fund for seven children from the same extended family in **Nangarhar province** of Afghanistan who had suffered multiple amputations from a landmine in their yard. At the family's request, **ECI used the funds to hire a teacher and pay for school supplies** so the children would be able to continue their education. This week, photojournalist **Andrew Quilty** recounts the children's recovery in a photo essay for



**TIME** magazine which made the cover story of the international edition. In the article, the family emphasized the importance of the children's continued education. An excerpt from the article: "Their recovery continued into the fall, and settled into a routine. They studied together in the mornings and played outside in the afternoons. The children realize now their education is more important than ever. 'There is certain work we can't do now,' Abdul Rashid told TIME. **Hamisha Gul put it more bluntly: 'Without education, they are nothing.'**"

ECI thanks the Lamia Afghan Foundation, the Kabul Orthopedic Organization and ICRC for providing for the children's medical care.



- On August 5, **ArtLords** volunteers visited Window of Hope for an **art therapy session** with the children. The kids were each provided with a bag that contained everything that they needed to paint and draw. The kids loved it. Special thanks to **Omaid Sharifi** and all of the **ArtLords** volunteers.

## Snapshots

The kids at Window of Hope took one last outing to a park before the weather got cold.



Snapshots: **ArtLords** volunteers facilitate an art therapy session, here photographed with **Mursal** and **Zanzameh** at WOH.

- In July, **Frozan** and **Nasir**, managers at Window of Hope, and **Hashem Fatahi**, ECI volunteer, had an introductory meeting with colleagues at the **French Medical Institute for Children** to explore potential ways for FMIC and WoH to partner, including training for staff and discounted fees for the children's healthcare.



- In July, one of the children at Window of Hope, **Beheshta**, passed away due to complications from pneumonia. Beheshta had **severe cerebral palsy** and was chronically malnourished due to physiological complications from her CP. After seeking to improve her quality of life through **telemedicine sessions, regular health visits and physiotherapy sessions**, Beheshta lived longer than we anticipated and was very communicative with her feelings. She had a vibrant smile. She was about 16 years old. She will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, Beheshta.



- This year **Raven Rae Resources and Zwan Family Charity** donated flu vaccines for the kids again (see photo to left). Special thanks!