



Supporting Children's Dreams: A Sponsorship Profile

A Story of Strength, Heritage & Community

About 2 years ago, a young man named Salim reached out to Grow Your Reader Foundation (GYRF) with an urgent request: his village, Pahariapara, desperately needed a school. With only two low-quality government primary schools and a literacy rate of just 20%, education was a major challenge, especially for girls. Once, every family lived in traditional mud houses, connected to the land and their ancestors in this village. Over time, these homes were abandoned for brick or tin structures, and mud houses became a symbol of poverty.



We started our collaboration with the Global Fund for Children (GFC) in November 2023 and adopted a community-led approach. This approach did not just change how we worked, it reshaped how we think about social impact and sustainability. We realized that communities are not problems to be fixed, but powerhouses of wisdom and solutions.



Instead of building a school for the community, GYRF adopted a community-led approach, listening first to the villagers, understanding their strengths, and celebrating their heritage. Slowly, a shift began. The community reflected on its heritage and started to see traditional mud houses not as symbols of poverty, but as sustainable, affordable, and climate-appropriate structures. Their culture and craftsmanship became something to celebrate rather than erase. One man, Gafur Chacha, 80 years old, became the heart of this journey. He was the last living master of traditional mud construction. He began teaching youth how to build with mud, and young people joined him with excitement and pride. A local family donated land, and we partnered with an architectural firm "PERCEIVE" who co-designed the school alongside the community. Villagers also contributed mud, wood, and bamboo, and managed utilities, while GYRF supported labor and food costs.



Together, this collective effort, achieved by blending traditional building techniques with modern design, resulted in:

- A **70%** reduction in construction costs
- A reduction of approximately **2,000 tons** of carbon emissions
- A decrease in classroom temperatures by **3°C**
- A **5%** decrease in humidity levels
- The revival of traditional architectural heritage



Beyond construction, the community actively contributed to a climate-focused, contextual curriculum, integrating local knowledge, values, and experiences into classroom learning. Today, the school serves 60 students, supported by local teachers, and has become a vibrant community hub where grandparents, parents, and youth share stories and wisdom. Pahariapara is reimagining education as a space where everyone contributes, gender inclusion is ensured, and environmental stewardship is nurtured.

Mst. Achiya

Gender: Female

Age: 6 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Asadul Islam

Guardian's Occupation: Day Labourer

Mst. Tuli Akter

Gender: Female

Age: 6 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Md.Mujaffor

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Md. Mehedi

Gender: Male

Age: 6 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Md.Rashed Mia

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Mst.Taslina akther

Gender: Female

Age: 5 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Golap Mia

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Md. Mohibullah

Gender: Male

Age: 5 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Babul Mia

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Mst Bipasha

Gender: Female

Age: 5 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Atikul Islam

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Mst Rafia

Gender: Female

Age: 5 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Rofiqul Islam

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Mst Jannati Akther

Gender: Female

Age: 6 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Md Abdur Razzak

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Md Esrafil

Gender: Male

Age: 6 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Md Billal Hosen

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Alif Hosen Towhid

Gender: Male

Age: 5 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Zahangir Alam

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Md. Hossain

Gender: Male

Age: 6 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Lal Mia

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Tashrifa Akther

Gender: Female

Age: 5 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Md Salim Mia

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Omar Hossain

Gender: Male

Age: 5 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Md Kamrul Hosen

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Mafia Akter

Gender: Female

Age: 6 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Amirul Islam

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Ariful Islam

Gender: Male

Age: 6 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Md.Delower Hossain

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Abdur Rahman

Gender: Male

Age: 5 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Md Ozi Ullah

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer



Hosen Ali

Gender: Male

Age: 5 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Md Al Amin

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Sadia Akther

Gender: Female

Age: 5 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Saddam Hossain

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Hafsa Akter

Gender: Female

Age: 5 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Md .Hazrat Mia

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Mst.Jakia Akther

Gender: Female

Age: 6 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Md.Jolil Hosen

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Hasibul Hasan

Gender: Male

Age: 5 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Md Rashad Mia

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Siam

Gender: Male

Age: 5 Years

Grade: Pre-primary



Guardian's Name: Amirul Islam

Guardian's Occupation: Job (Abroad)

Afrin Akther

Gender: Female

Age: 6 Years

Grade: One



Guardian's Name: Amirul Islam

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Kohinur Akther

Gender: Female

Age: 7 Years

Grade: One



Guardian's Name: Abdul Karim

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer



Solaiman

Gender: Male

Age: 6 Years

Grade: One



Guardian's Name: Shahzahan

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Taskia Akther

Gender: Female

Age: 6 Years

Grade: One



Guardian's Name: Md Ayub Ali

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Md Sanaullah

Gender: Male

Age: 6 Years

Grade: One



Guardian's Name: Md Faruq Hosen

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Md Saiem

Gender: Male

Age: 6 Years

Grade: One



Guardian's Name: Abu Saied

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Md Momin

Gender: Male

Age: 6 Years

Grade: One



Guardian's Name: Md Billal Hosen

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Mst Marzia

Gender: Female

Age: 6 Years

Grade: One



Guardian's Name: Mahbubul Haque

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Fahad

Gender: Male

Age: 7 Years

Grade: One



Afrin Akther

Gender: Female

Age: 6 Years

Grade: One



Guardian's Name: Abdur Rahim

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Monika Akther

Gender: Female

Age: 6 Years

Grade: One



Guardian's Name: Amir Hamza

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Tamima

Gender: Female

Age: 6 Years

Grade: One



Guardian's Name:

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer



Md. Abu Saad

Gender: Male

Age: 6 Years

Grade: One



Guardian's Name: Khirul Islam

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Mashfia Akther Mim

Gender: Female

Age: 6 Years

Grade: One



Guardian's Name: Mojibur Rahman

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Himon

Gender: Male

Age: 6 Years

Grade: One



Guardian's Name : Md Shanim Mia

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Azaharul Islam

Gender: Male

Age: 6 Years

Grade: One



Guardian's Name: Amirul Islam

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Mst Taslima Akther

Gender: Female

Age: 6 Years

Grade: One



Guardian's Name: Lal Mia

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Hafsa Akther

Gender: Female

Age: 6 Years

Grade: One



Guardian's Name: Md Al Amin

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Mim Akther

Gender: Female

Age: 8 Years

Grade: Two



Guardian's Name: Md Ismail Hossen

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Sadia Akther

Gender: Female

Age: 8 Years

Grade: Two



Guardian's Name: Ziaur Rahman

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer



Shaharuba Akter Mimi

Gender: Male

Age: 8 Years

Grade: Two



Guardian's Name: Sirajul Islam

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Ariful Islam

Gender: Male

Age: 9 Years

Grade: Two



Guardian's Name: Md Ebrahim Kholil

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer



Asraful Haque

Gender: Male

Age: 9 Years

Grade: Two



Guardian's Name: Anisur Rahman

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Junayed

Gender: Male

Age: 8 Years

Grade: Two



Guardian's Name: Rafiqul Islam

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Md Jahid Islam

Gender: Male

Age: 7 Years

Grade: Two



Guardian's Name: Abu Hanifa

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Junayed Hossain

Gender: Male

Age: 7 Years

Grade: Two



Guardian's Name: Muslem Uddin

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Elias Ahammed

Gender: Male

Age: 8 Years

Grade: Two



Guardian's Name: Md Abdur Razzak

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Ahad Akondo

Gender: Male

Age: 7 Years

Grade: Two



Guardian's Name: Md Hashim Udden

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Ebrahim Kholil Ullah

Gender: Male

Age: 7 Years

Grade: Two



Guardian's Name: Abdus Salam

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Lima Akther

Gender: Female

Age: 8 Years

Grade: Two



Guardian's Name: Abu Saied

Guardian's Occupation: Farmer

Sponsor A Child

Monthly Cost: BDT 1200 Per Student
Yearly Cost: BDT 14,400 Per Student

Payment Method



01315380908 (Merchant)
01745266875 (Personal)



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Bank Name: BRAC Bank Ltd.
Account Name: GROW YOUR READER FOUNDATION
Account Number: 2053773800001
Branch Name: Gulshan Corporate Branch
Type of Account: Current
SWIFT (International Banking Code): BRAKBDDH
Routing Number: 060261726