



The Year of 2021 has been a key time for Bat For a Chance, announcing partnerships with the likes of The MCC Foundation, The Foundation of Goodness and the Sussex Cricket Foundation. Enabling Bat For a Chance to start to find its feet in the charitable world of cricket. These partnerships will build on the charity's simple ethos



**Helping bring smiles to those less fortunate through the provision of cricket kit**



In January, we partnered with The Foundation of Goodness in Sri Lanka. The Foundation of Goodness was established by Kushil Gunasekera following the 2004 tsunami that devastated the lives of thousands of Sri Lankans. Sri Lankan legend and at the time MCC President Kumar Sangakkara was on hand to deliver the kit to five deserving schools (pictured). It was a key moment in Bat For a Chance's development as a charity as we received media attention from The Cricketer, Wisden and the Caribbean Cricket Podcast.





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We then went on to support cricket in Africa, more specifically working with the Ugandan cricket association and sending kit to Sierra Leone to help their regional and national teams develop.

The English cricketing summer however has been a crucial part of the year so far for Bat For a Chance as we started work with ACE, The MCC Foundation and the Refugee Council. Through our close links with The MCC Foundation we were able to support any beneficiaries who applied for kit support in any of their 54 hubs up and down the country, with a real focus on the grass roots game here in the UK.



Our focus then broadened to refugees in light of the recent crisis that has gone on in Afghanistan, we have managed to provide access to cricket for 5,000 refugees, Afghan and Syrian. This was through growing our partnership with the MCCF to support the cricket hubs they fund in Syrian refugee camps in Lebanon. Whilst also working with Cricket Without Boundaries as their kit partner enabling us to send softball kit to a Nato and US army base in Kosovo where around 3,000 Afghans are temporarily being held. Early in the year we had also sent kit to Bosnia where we further supported Afghans on their journey to a better life.

Amongst all of this, there is however one story that must be told, the one of a young Afghan refugee aged 15. Around mid-July we received a request from a foster parent based in Kent who had recently taken in the young refugee. Having been pulled off a boat just a month before being taken in by the family I don't think shell shocked does justice what the young teen must have been feeling. However from the outset it became clear to his foster parents that cricket was his passion, a fantastic example of what the sport we all love has done for the war torn country.



Through our local connections the foster parents reached out asking for kit, it was an honour to personally drop off a bag of cricket kit and general clothes to this inspirational young man, whose cricket journey will help him integrate into a new life here in the UK. This is simply what Bat For a Chance is all about!

In the next 2 years we have headline kit drops planned to India, Pakistan and The West Indies. A donation of **£50** will cover the cost of 1 local kit collection here in the UK, A donation of **£100** will cover the cost of shipping 1 kit bag via air, with **£1250** covering the costs of an entire overseas kit drop. We are reliant on the support of our generous donors and would welcome your continued support. Please **click here**, this will take you to our fund-raising page.

We are grateful to all of our supporters and partners for providing us with the kit and financial support to make this all possible and we look forward to developing our relationships with future partners.

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