

THE MIRACULOUS LOVE KIDS, ALL-GIRL GUITAR GROUP, ESCAPE AFGHANISTAN, REUNITE IN PAKISTAN



June 6, 2022 (ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN) – After nine months of evading and hiding from the Taliban in Afghanistan, members of the **MIRACULOUS LOVE KIDS** — the all-girl guitar group who collaborated with such music legends as [BRIAN WILSON](#), [TOM MORELLO](#), [SAMMY HAGAR](#) and [BLAKE SHELTON](#) — and their families are safe and reunited in Pakistan, thanks to the ongoing efforts of the group’s founder, American musician **LANNY CORDOLA**.

“The violent mafia outfit known as the Taliban made Afghanistan the largest prison in the world for girls, women, freedom lovers and artists, including our girls from the **MIRACULOUS LOVE KIDS**,” **LANNY** said in a statement. “Fortunately, we were able to get 23 of our girls and their families out of Kabul and over to Islamabad. We’re rounding up guitars and starting to play music again. The future has never been brighter for these kids. I couldn’t be more proud of their courageousness throughout this whole ordeal.”

The story of the **MIRACULOUS LOVE KIDS** and their musical journey to freedom is slowly stirring up momentum and gaining traction. On June 2, **LANNY** and the **MIRACULOUS LOVE KIDS** were featured on [KTLA Morning News in Los Angeles](#). Several new videos of the group have also been unveiled, including [a beautiful rendition of STING's "Fragile,"](#) filmed at the Mausoleum of Nadir Shah in Kabul nearly two years ago. More music and videos are on the way.

Guitarist **TOM MORELLO**, a major supporter of the group, also issued a statement: "Before the U.S. withdrawal on August 15, 2021, the **MIRACULOUS LOVE KIDS** was Afghanistan's only school of music where girls and young women could participate and learn how to play the guitar. I've had the honor of recording with them and we've become friends. After a perilous journey across thousands of miles of danger and Taliban checkpoints, they all have now made it to safety. I'm so grateful for their bravery and to all those who risked much to help them, especially **LANNY CORDOLA**, the school's founder and a real hero."

After hearing the news of the girls' new-found freedom, actor, musician and supporter **KIEFER SUTHERLAND**, who donated guitars to the group and made an appearance with them on **ABC'S 'GOOD MORNING AMERICA 3'**, messaged: "That's awesome. Congratulations." **NANDI BUSHELL**, renowned multi-instrumentalist sensation and another strong supporter of the **MIRACULOUS LOVE KIDS**, added: "I heard the INCREDIBLE news they are now in Pakistan! Please support their journey."

"What began in 2015 with three girls has grown to nearly 200 students learning music as well as basic reading, math and life skills — all funded entirely by grassroots donations," **LANNY CORDOLA** proclaimed in early 2021.

At the time, the **MIRACULOUS LOVE KIDS** had gained considerable attention, collaborating on music and videos with [BRIAN WILSON of the BEACH BOYS](#), [TOM MORELLO of RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE](#), [SAMMY HAGAR](#), and many others. Major media outlets like [ABC](#), [THE BBC](#), and [ROLLING STONE](#) picked up on the story and shared it with the world.

But it all came crashing down on August 15, 2021. **LANNY** reluctantly boarded the last commercial flight out Kabul, Afghanistan, just before the Taliban assumed control of the country. When he landed in Pakistan, he spoke with [TMZ](#) and [publisher Bob Guccione Jr.](#) about the girls' plight and his resolve to evacuate them.

For nine months, **LANNY** held fast in his mission to help the girls and their families leave Afghanistan, play music together again, and have the freedom every human being deserves. He maintained contact and stayed vigilant, considering every option possible to facilitate their escape. In late May, the core members of the **MIRACULOUS LOVE KIDS** were finally able to leave Afghanistan and reunite in Islamabad.

THE MIRACULOUS LOVE KIDS is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization established by musician **LANNY CORDOLA**, who is available for interviews and can be contacted at lcordola19@gmail.com. For more information and to make a donation, go to miraculouslovekids.org.

LANNY CORDOLA began his journey through Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Iraq in 2010, collaborating with musicians on a peace-through-music project.

"After visiting and meeting many kids who were living in poverty stricken areas and conflict zones, I decided to raise funds on their behalf," the musician recalls.

Since then, he has focused on musical projects aimed at raising awareness, resources and funds for some of the most vulnerable children in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Iraq. In the wake of his work in these regions, he formed his own non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization called **THE MIRACULOUS LOVE KIDS**, based on the premise that "it shouldn't hurt to be a child" and "that a kid with a melody in their heart has hope, and with hope all things are possible."

On September 8, 2012, sisters **PARWANA** and **KORSHID** were killed by a suicide bomber in Kabul, Afghanistan. The intended target was U.S. military forces. According to the troops who were there, the sisters sacrificed their own lives to save them.

During a visit to the region in 2014, **LANNY** met with the sisters' family, including their younger sibling **MURSAL**, who had survived the attack. The family was living in absolute squalor, but when **MURSAL** saw the guitar that constantly accompanies **LANNY**, she brightened up and asked if he would teach her to play so she could honor her sisters and other girls living in similar conditions. And with that, **THE MIRACULOUS LOVE KIDS/GIRL WITH A GUITAR** was born.

In February 2016, **LANNY** moved to Kabul, Afghanistan, where he taught guitar, English, and other life skills to hundreds of mostly girls at their **MIRACULOUS LOVE KIDS** Studio until August 15, 2021, when the Taliban became the country's new regime.

To learn more, please go to the following links:

MIRACULOUS LOVE KIDS WEBSITE > miraculouslovekids.org/

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ABOUT LANNY CORDOLA

Born and reared in Los Angeles, California, LANNY CORDOLA's musical epiphanies have led him on many global explorations — from club gigs up and down the Sunset Strip to tours of North America, Mexico, Europe and the Middle East. He has shared musical communion on stage and in the studio with members of THE **BEACH BOYS**, **GUNS N' ROSES**, **VANILLA FUDGE**, **HOUSE OF LORDS**, **NANCY SINATRA**, **ETTA JAMES**, **LITTLE MILTON**, **DONOVAN**, and many others.