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Farid Ahmad repairs bicycles in Kabul, Afghanistan, but dreams of becoming a doctor. The 16 year old lost his leg at age three after detonating a mine left in an abandoned tank where he was playing. His family was displaced because of conflict and they were unable to afford the medical care he needed. After returning to Afghanistan he joined the family bicycle repair business. He realized that "there are many disabled people in Afghanistan and we need to work hard and show people our abilities, which is not easy." Farid would like to study to become a doctor to help lift his family out of poverty and help his community.



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