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Year-End Update

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Thank you for your generous gifts to support our projects

We are very pleased with the transformative work the Afghan Institute of Learning is accomplishing. As the year comes to an end, AIL has 47 learning centers providing a quality, holistic education to more than 31,000 students by 1,053 trained teachers. More than 1,600 people have attended AIL's leadership workshops, and nearly 320,000 women and children have benefited from AIL health services and education.

Every successful program empowers AIL to expand their reach into new communities asking for their assistance. In 2017, AIL plans to reach even more women and children. Key projects include:

- Establishing a TV station to reach rural Afghans with education and health programs
- Opening Herat's first Women's University

AIL needs your support to achieve these goals. Will you consider a gift of \$25, \$50, or \$100 to help AIL educate 2 million more Afghans through their TV station? How about a more substantial gift of \$250, \$500, \$1,000 or more to enable Afghan women to get a college education? A gift in any amount is greatly appreciated!

There are two easy ways to give:

- Mail your check made payable to Creating Hope International to: Creating Hope, P.O. Box 1058, Dearborn, MI 48121 USA
- Donate online by credit card at creatinghope.org or afghaninstituteoflearning.org

On behalf of all those served by AIL, we offer our gratitude for your financial support.

AIL's core values lead to a cultural shift through community-based learning

Today we can proudly say that Afghans of all ages and gender in the communities where AIL works are healthier, more prosperous and more able to solve their own problems. They now accept that ALL members need education — girls, women, boys, men. And they are working together to keep their communities safe. This kind of remarkable community development is a result of the core values at the heart of AIL's mission. Learn more about Dr. Sakena Yacoobi's proven steps to successful community development in the enclosed brochure.



Children learn traditional Afghan songs in the new pre-school at a learning center.



Schoolgirls sing and recite the poetry of Rumi.



Leaders of Learning Centers meet with AIL staff to share successes and solve problems over tea.



Afghan youth meet to discuss their role in bringing peace and security to Afghanistan.

AIL Program Highlights

Afghanistan evolving one listener at a time

Radio Meraj has become an important vehicle for educating Afghans and enlightening their minds to new, more positive ways of looking at their lives.

- As of May 2016, Radio Meraj reaches more than 2.7 million listeners
- Won the national award from NAI-Support Open Media in Afghanistan
- Increased broadcast time to 18 hours daily
- Airls 15 programs with five running daily including, *The Voice of Meraj*, a program that is the voice of the people to government officials. Listeners can call in and share their concerns and problems related to the injustice in the government.



Law Clinic grows and helps more women

AIL's Law Clinic works on a variety of cases affecting poor women, including custody battles, protecting property or inheritance rights, and securing justice in cases related to child marriage, marriage without consent of the girl, and abuse.

- 168 women visited the clinic since its opening in 2015
- Visited by the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan
- Staff participated in the International Women's Rights Symposium



Reaching out to youth

- Leadership students start school parliament
- High school student leaders plant trees
- Youth hike and bike for a healthier life
- Girls learn to speak with globally recognized public speaking workshop *Toastmasters*
- Leadership class for disabled girls



Workshop for disabled women and adolescent girls

In October, AIL Herat held the first leadership workshop for 32 disabled women and adolescent girls at the National and Social Foundation for the disabled. It was a great success! One young woman, who has no feet, said,

"I have been trying to be a filmmaker, and have produced one short documentary. Now, after participating in this workshop, I am inspired about how to develop my unique ability, even though I am disabled. I believe that now I will be able to produce award-winning documentary movies and films showing the pain and misery of Afghans."



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