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Afghan Students

Safely on the Path to Education

In Their Own Words:

Afghan College Students Speak on International Women’s Day

Dear Friends,

Last Saturday, we had the privilege of hosting a heartfelt International Women's Day gathering, where 10 of our incredible ASRF college students joined us via Zoom, along with their host families and many special guests.

Together, we reflected on two powerful questions: **“After growing up in Afghanistan and moving to the United States, what is the most important thing you want people to know that women need today?”** and **“What has ASRF meant to you?”**

The students, young women and young men, shared moving stories of their journeys—from the hopes they carried while still in Afghanistan to the support and opportunities they've found here. Their answers were filled with courage, gratitude, and a deep sense of purpose. It was a beautiful reminder of how ASRF has not only opened doors for education but also created a community where these young people can thrive and empower others.

Our goal is that all of these students live successful and fulfilling lives, accomplishing their dreams of leadership and giving back to their community.

We are grateful for the support of our entire ASRF family.

Sincerely,

Steve, Irene, Donna, and the ASRF Team

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“Growing up in Afghanistan and now living in the US, I've seen first-hand that women, especially in places like Afghanistan, need more than just sympathy. They need real opportunities, access to education, financial independence, and a voice that's heard and valued in society.”

- Sahar

“The most important thing a woman needs is freedom - whether it's for education or work. They have value in society. I hope one day all women of Afghanistan will get their rights and their freedom. Happy International Women's Day for all of us!” - Khatera





“ASRF made the possibilities and their support didn't just help me survive, it helped me transform my life and shows how much strength and kindness there is in the world. I'm grateful for all the things they did to make this new life possible for me.” -Email

“ASRF has given me more than education - it's given me hope, and belief that I can achieve my dreams. It showed me that I'm not alone - that there are people in the world who are willing to help and they believe in the young generations and talents...

To other students - I know the future can feel uncertain but your dreams matter, and here, we are here with each other to support and empower each other for a brighter future.” - Maqbola



We’re still on the ground and in the air, moving students! Incredibly, we’ve brought 12 students over in the last 8 weeks, with 3 more coming into San Francisco tonight and we’re intensely focused on saving more girls as our world grows more uncertain every day..

Thanks again for all your support of this monumental effort!



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It takes a minimum of \$15k to move one student. If you are ready to invest in rescuing one of these Afghan girls so she can continue her education in freedom and safety, please contact us to discuss this.

Contact us:

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