



Rescue Empower Transform
Afghan Students
Safely on the Path to Education

ASRF Continues to Save & Support Afghan Students



Her real name is Somaya... Last month we sent an urgent request for support to rescue a girl we named "Maeda." **She has been rescued** and is in Pakistan now. Thanks to immediate donor support we were able to expedite her move to safety within 4 weeks.
****Today's Update** - Somaya has been admitted to a full ride scholarship at Al-Bukhari international university in Malaysia a top English language college. She'll be staying our Pakistan home till school starts in October. We'll get her there and will seek to arrange eye surgery for her in Malaysia. As a special gift, you can read her heart-wrenching, college essay.

Read Her Story

The Travel Ban Has Happened... but we're still operating at full speed!
We're not giving up on students in Afghanistan or our 36 students here!
More details in the next newsletter. Thanks for sticking with us!!

Your Support is Crucial Now...

ASYLUM is Needed for Every Student

An Important Update from Steve

We have begun a new major ASRF effort to help our students apply for asylum. Under no circumstances can they be returned to Afghanistan. Having gone to the US to study, as a woman, the danger is far too great, so we're taking necessary precautions.

There is no history of any national security or other problem with the over 800 Afghan students in the US now, but given the aggressive anti-international student and anti-immigrant stance of this administration we feel we have no choice but to seek affirmative asylum for them.

This effort is a big hit on our budget and we need to raise \$40K for lawyers, travel, coaching, etc. (We've spent \$20k already.) Please consider donating to this Asylum effort. Time is of the essence to protect these wonderful young women we've rescued out of Afghanistan to U.S schools.

Please contact me or donate below. Thanks so much!!

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Please Donate Now

A GIVING CIRCLE INVITATION

Would you or someone you know be able to help an Afghan Student continue her education?

As you know, for nearly four years, ASRF has been doing what many thought impossible — rescuing Afghan students, primarily young women, from dangerous, demoralizing situations and helping them begin new lives of freedom, safety, and education in the U.S.

These students need additional resources to cover expenses such as academic fees, dental emergencies, health insurance, and more. We need to supplement the well-earned scholarships at U.S. high schools and colleges, and the incredible generosity of host families.

Now, we invite you to take the next step with us. **You can start a Giving Circle** to donate to *ASRF Student Support*. It's easy, impactful, and deeply rewarding. Giving Circles are one of the fastest-growing ways to fund change — they bring together friends, family, or community groups to support a cause they care about, while building connection and shared purpose.

We'd love to meet with your church group, women's circle, synagogue, mosque, book club, or even just a group of friends — to share the inspiring stories of our students and show you how your group can become part of something life-changing.

You can sponsor our students with a one-time gift, or make a deeper commitment to support girls throughout their education. Either way, your support comes at a critical moment — not just in her life, but in history.

Let's make their future possible, together.

Please reach out to learn more. Contact Donna at: fleetwooddonna4@gmail.com.

Donate Now

Afghan Student # 36 Has Arrived in the U.S. for School



Welcome to Mastura!

Here are more ways you can join our support team:

- **MATCHING GIFTS:** Does your place of employment have a matching fund program? Thousands of corporations all over America have them.
- **DAFs:** Do you have funds sitting in your donor advised fund waiting to be donated to the right cause? Now is the time to double your impact.
- **IRA Distribution:** Is it time to take \$\$ out of your IRA? Now you can donate it directly to ASRF, receive tax benefits, and change a girl's life.
- Start your own matching campaign with friends and family!

Invest in a Student's Future

Donate to ASRF

Cash, Check or Credit Card

• Airline Miles

Mail checks to:

ASRF, PO BOX 1886, Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557

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If you know of someone who would like to receive this newsletter, please send it to them or tell us their email address and we will follow up. We are so grateful to you.



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