

October 2018 Featured Grantee
Women for Afghan Women



Afghanistan

Introducing Women for Afghan Women

- Afghanistan's largest women's organization - cares for up to 5,000 women/children annually
- 12 Family Guidance Centers
- 12 Women's Protection Centers
- 4 Children's Support Centers
- 3 Transitional Houses
- 1 Halfway House
- Numerous programs for training, legal assistance, education, and much more
- Center in Queens, NY, for large Afghan population



Where in the world?

Afghanistan

- Landlocked, size of Texas
- Population 34 million
- Living standards among lowest in the world: shortages of housing, clean water, electricity, healthcare
- Rampant corruption
- 38% literacy rate
- 24% unemployment rate
- Taliban remains serious challenge
- Thriving opium trade is problematic



Life Challenges of the Women Served



- Violence against women is the norm: nearly 90% mistreated – some attacks unspeakably brutal
- Women and girls who try to escape the violence may endure abuse, exploitation, homelessness, or imprisonment
- One of the world's highest infant mortality rates
- Prior to Taliban, Afghan women enjoyed same rights as other women around the world

Life Challenges of the Women Served

WAW assisted in the following cases:

- 3-year-old sexually assaulted, WAW secured medical care
- Woman suffered beating that resulted in miscarriage at 8 months, WAW secured care and staff even donated their own blood for transfusions
- 9-year-old promised by father to 29-year-old man and then suffered repeated sexual assault. Now recovering at WAW Protection Center after surgery
- 16-year-old repeatedly raped and impregnated by her father, in WAW Protection Center, father arrested



What are we supporting?



#ByHerSide Emergency Fund and Support Program

- Protection and funding for shelter
- Emergency medical support
- Rescue and transportation
- Safe, successful reintegration back to the community, when possible
- Educational programming to bolster self-sufficiency

Direct impact: 500

Indirect impact: 3,500

Budget

How DFW's one-year grant of \$50,000 will be used

Item	Description	Total
Direct service staff in Afghanistan	Direct staff supporting case management, counseling, legal, medical support services	\$25,000
Emergency medical costs	Emergency medical support for women and children	\$10,000
Supplies for children/women staying in Afghanistan centers	Educational and recreational materials	\$2,200
Afghanistan facilities rent/occupancy costs	Costs related to clients served by #ByHerSide	\$7,500
Travel expenses	Emergency, medical, rescue client and staff transport	\$2,300
Indirect costs		\$3,000
Total		\$49,445

About the Featured Grantee

Profound change



- Women and girls are **speaking out** for themselves and reporting abuse instead of staying silent.
- WAW's expansive grassroots work has begun to **transform Afghan culture**.
- Many respected community members have become **champions** of women and girls.

Share Your Thoughts

1. **What do you think has made WAW so successful?**
2. **Why do you believe that the Afghan Women's Center in Queens is successful in its outreach and what special need does it serve for its community?**
3. **What do you think must occur before these women can safely reintegrate back into their families?**

 Changing the world one dinner at a time