

Ayenda Foundation

The Ayenda Foundation has many new and exciting developments to report on. Thank you to all of our supporters and friends, we would not be able to do this without you.

September, 2009



Upcoming Events

September 16, 2009
Lunch and Fashion Show at Saks Fifth Ave. Partial proceeds benefiting the Ayenda Foundation.

September 30th, 2009
Tea with the celebrated porcelain designer Anna Weatherly, with partial proceeds benefiting the Ayenda Foundation

Spring, 2010
Ayenda Foundation Annual Benefit Evening

Ayenda Learning Center in Bamiyan

Dear Friends,

On March 25, 2009 the Ayenda Foundation inaugurated the Ayenda Learning Center, a new school in the historic and picturesque province of Bamiyan. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Bamiyam's Governor, Ms. Habiba Sarabi, Afghanistan's Ambassador to the U.S. Said T. Jawad, Ayenda Foundation Founder Shamim Jawad and a number of Afghan and international guests.

This Learning Center will provide 300 children with a modern educational facility and enhanced vocational training opportunities, unavailable in this impoverished province. Standing two stories tall and housing 24 rooms, the cost-effective construction of the Learning Center was made possible by the Bayat Foundation with support from local civil society and the office of the governor. It was funded through private donations by generous U.S. individuals and corporations.



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This was a dream come true for all of us who care for Afghan children and work very hard for the Ayenda Learning Center to become a reality. Being at the opening was an incredible moment. The beautiful children of this historic valley that once was a center of science and spirituality along the Silk Road are now receiving the care and attention that they deserve from their friends and supporters in Afghanistan and United States.

We are also so happy to see many developments occur in the past few months--including new classes, an outdoor kitchen, outdoor restrooms, and a hand water pump.



NEW CLASSES AT THE AYENDA LEARNING CENTER

Health Class

A local doctor offered his services to the school once a week and teach a rotating group of students basic health care and also gives free check-ups to the students, many of whom have never been to a doctor before. We hope that this will prevent illnesses and also inspire the children to take an active role in their own health.

Civil Rights Class

A civil rights group based in Bamiyan has generously offered to teach a class on civil rights. In this class the children are learning about their individual rights and the Afghan Constitution. It is incredibly important that these children are aware of their rights as well as those of others.

English Class

A student from the American University of Afghanistan (who is our Representative's sister) is returning to Bamiyan for the summer break and has become the Center's first English teacher. Learning English, even just the basics, at an early age will increase the potential of these children exponentially. The children are extremely excited about these classes and I have to give all the credits to our Rep who is doing a remarkable job for us and for his own people.

Structural Developments at the Ayenda Learning Center

We are very excited about our new hand water pump built by the local New Zealand PRT (Provincial Reconstruction Team). Our Rep Mohammed has done a great job in persuading them to help us. They promised to buy us a backup generator as well. We are so grateful to have a backup system put in place so that the children may always have access to drinking water at the Center.

After completing the Ayenda Learning Center we learned that we needed to build an outdoor kitchen, outdoor restrooms, and a hand water pump to make the school more functional.

The construction of the outdoor kitchen and bathrooms was done by a local builder Zahac company and is seventy-percent completed.



Our new outdoor restrooms are almost complete



Our new hand water pump built by the local PRT

Vocational Workshop Update

We hope to have the Vocational Center completed next year. The Ministry of Education did not have the budget this year to pay for the salary of the teachers, but promised to include it in the next year's budget. We are currently in need of building the workshop and purchase the equipment.

EVENTS

June 15th, 2009 the Ayenda Foundation had its first New York City event. The reception and dinner was in connection with Afghanistan's Hidden Treasures from the National Museum, Kabul exhibition that opened at the Metropolitan Museum this June. The fund raising reception and dinner was held at the home of Dr. William Haseltine.



July 8th, 2009 Ayenda supporter, Margaret Baker, opened her home for a small luncheon in Santa Barbara, CA to raise awareness and support of the Ayenda Foundation. 25 guests heard presentations made by Margaret Baker, Elizabeth, and Austin Bailey. The event brought much interest and support from the attendees. Everyone came up with great ideas on how to help the children.

Ayenda Children's Wishlist



Now that we have our school we need to supply the children and teachers with the supplies they need to make the most out of the school.

Warm winter clothing: coat, hat, scarf, gloves, & shoes
\$20.00 per child



One backpack per child filled with school supplies,
\$15.00 per student

One hot meal per child for a month
\$20.00

10 computers, \$300.00 each

Vocational Workshop, \$5,000.00

Vocational Workshop Equipment, \$5,000.00

There are many ways to make a difference to a child in Afghanistan. One way is to contribute towards one of the items on our wishlist. To make your donation by mail make your check payable to Ayenda Foundation to:

Ayenda Foundation
2341 Wyoming Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008

Or make a donation online at
www.ayendafoundation.org

Thank You



We are incredibly grateful for all of our supporters and the local Bamiyan community for making so much progress in just a few months. We have on average over 210 students attending the school daily, walking hours from their home. We have seen that these children and this community are actively making the most out of the school that was built due to the generous support of you and others. We are hoping to build a vocational school in the next year, complete a computer lab, and give every child a backpack with school supplies and a healthcare kit. We are also trying to fill the bookshelves and school with more learning material and supplies.

We have much more work ahead of us, but we know with the support of friends like you we can enhance the lives of the children of Afghanistan through education.

Shamim Jawad
Founder and President

Announcement

Spring of 2010
Ayenda's 5th Annual Benefit Dinner
Invitations to follow

Ayenda Foundation, a U.S. non-profit organization, was established in March 2006 as a special program of the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council. The mission of Ayenda (means future) is to implement projects that enhance and improve the education, health, shelter and safety of Afghan children, especially girls.

Board members: Shamim Jawad, Timothy McBride, Cidalia Luis-Akbar, Renee Schoenberg
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