



A quarterly update on our schools, our students, our progress, and what to expect next.

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About Us...

The Children Of War (TCOW) is committed to positively affecting the lives of children. Our founder, Mr. Najib Aziz launched the organization dating back almost two decades, in 1993 at a Pakistan refugee camp. From his determination to improve the lives of the desperate and less fortunate, Mr. Aziz devoted his life to the orphaned and disabled children of Afghanistan.

Our Mission is to educate and empower the most vulnerable groups of children, young people, and families in Afghanistan. We strive to attain our goal by providing primary education for children, offering healthy meals for students, and training students in valuable job skills through the schools and training facilities we operate.

Our Vision is one in which an educated young population of Afghanistan are the future successes of the country.

Our Schools. Currently, TCOW has two schools operating: one girls school in Kabul and another in Paghman. The benefit for students is that the schools run year-round and from the morning to the



late afternoon, allowing students to take advantage of a full day's learning. This is a distinction from public schools in Afghanistan which are overcrowded and in session for only a few hours a day, simply inadequate time to teach lessons.

Students are provided with school supplies and materials such as uniforms and shoes along with books and stationary. Most importantly, students eat a healthy lunch provided to them by the school, since an adequate meal is not always guaranteed to them at home.

In addition, a training center serving ten disabled young men has been successfully operating for the past three years in Wardak. These men face difficulty in securing employment and creating a living as a result of their physical disabilities.

Our Families. In order for our programs to be successful, TCOW needs the support of families. When in desperate need, families often require their children to help with the burden of labor. TCOW removes this hurdle by providing a monthly stipend to each student's family to cover their basic living expenses, enough to keep the children in school and focused on their studies.

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Amazingly, we have 165 students and their respective families enrolled in our program. With your support, it is up to us to increase these numbers and help even more children, young people, and their families.

In addition to our students and the disabled young men we support, we also provide financial support to 60 families. These families are given a monthly stipend and do not have children that attend our school.

We have a responsibility to these people, often not at the forefront of national agenda. They are desperate and in need of our help. They are the voices of and faces behind poverty. You and I can be their outlets to the world, their hope for a brighter future.



Get to Know Our Students

Meet Kainat Abdul-Wasseh...

Kainat Abdul-Wasseh, an eleventh grade student at our TCOW school in Kabul lives with her mother, uncle, four sisters, and brother. She has been a TCOW student for the past eight years and is at the top of her class, excelling not only in her studies, but art, reading, and leisurely writing as well. At TCOW, we like to ensure creative outlets such as art are offered so that students like Kainat can express themselves. As is evident by the painting below, Kainat enjoys painting, especially portraits and cartoons.



Food Distribution

The cold, brutal winters in Afghanistan can be tough on anyone, especially those living under tents and unable to provide for their families. In early December 2010, TCOW distributed food supplies to 200 less fortunate families currently residing in the Dewanbegi Camp. Each family received flour, rice, oil, sugar, beans, and tea, enough to accommodate them for a month. At a cost of nearly \$15,000, it was well worth every penny spent!



Living conditions in the camp (above)

Food distribution truck (below)



Southern California Rebuild Afghanistan Summit, 2010

On November 21, 2010, TCOW Board Members, Tarin Bayan, Mezghan Aziz, and Maryam Bashir attended the eighth annual Rebuild Afghanistan Summit held at the University of California, Los Angeles.. The goal of the summit, organized by Masood Sattari, was to introduce local nonprofit organizations involved in the rebuilding of Afghanistan. The Board Members distributed fliers, answered questions, met with current and potential donors, and took part in wonderful workshops, such as Grant Seeking Basics. The Summit was a great way to network with other nonprofit organizations such as American Medical Overseas Relief, (dedicated to providing healthcare through the funding and development of Afshar Hospital) in hopes of collaborating in the future. We hope to take part in future Rebuilding of Afghanistan Summits.



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What to Look for in Our Upcoming Issue

Maidan Wardak School

Construction has been fully completed on our Maidan Wardan School!! Currently, we are in the process of selecting students and faculty for enrollment. A grand opening has been tentatively scheduled for March 2011, during which time Mezghan Aziz (TCOW board member) plans on traveling to Afghanistan.



Shout Out to Our Supporters

With humble appreciation and extreme gratitude, we would like to THANK all of our supporters and donors whose contributions have enabled us to get as far as we have and continue moving forward! Please spread the news about our Organization so that we can further educate and empower the future of Afghanistan.



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