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### Current Projects

**Choose Love Resettlement Services:**

This month, A-AWA has been working with the Choose Love Program on a vulnerable case involving a mentally and physically abused refugee woman with two young children. The mother is still in the resettlement program and currently staying in a shelter.

A-AWA is working on another case with Choose Love involving a newly arrived single mother and two children.



### A-AWA Updates

**Afghan Hire Job Fair:**

The A-AWA Surge Staff Team kicked off the month of May by participating in an Afghan job fair. The event was held at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Tysons Corner, Virginia on May 6th and 7th. In these two days, 458 interviews took place on the spot and 95 individuals got hired as a result. All in all, this was a very productive event and more hires are expected to take place soon.

**Life and Cope Virtual Presentation:**

Dr. N. Nasrat joined Dr. Behsudi-Wali and guest speaker Mrs. Pashwak on a Life and Cope virtual presentation in May. This month's talk series was on the topic of "Narratives"



### A-AWA Updates

#### Fundraiser for a Family After the Loss of Their Daughter:

Rashida Jan Mabhoot, AAWA's supporter, sponsored the family of Afghan girl who committed suicide earlier this year because her father couldn't buy her notebooks and she hid 20 rupees or so and her mother rebuked her. Her school is the one A-AWA supported with our winter coat drive last year. Her family received \$500 to get a vegetable/fruit cart to sell and have some income. Rashida Jan used Western Union to send money because it was urgent but the AAWA managed care for us there as AAWA donation.



Parents of the victim receiving money to purchase a vegetable cart.

### A-AWA Updates

#### Art drive:

A-AWA's Surge Staff Team provided a lunch appreciation and art drive for LSS employees on a May 17th. It was a great spread of all home cooked meals that included Ghorbandi shola, Chapli Kabob, Manto, and much more.

#### Chicken Project:

An update was received on AAWA's chicken income generating project with Hami organization/ Susan Jan Kazemi in Herat.



Photos of the Chicken Project



Art Drive at LSS, Fairfax

### A-AWA Gak Updates

#### Fundraiser to Support a Paralyzed Mother:

A-AWA Gak continues to ask for support in helping a young, disabled mother and her two daughters. The funds will go towards supporting her family and paying for medical expenses.

#### Art Supplies Fundraiser:

Our organization is collecting funds to support Afghan refugee artists that do not have access to art supplies. Your donations will be a great way to give the gift of creativity to someone that is not as fortunate to be given tools for a creative outlet.



A-AWA's Surge Team and Flood Tech at the Afghan Job Fair

### Member Introduction

Hello everyone! My name is Sarah Arsala. I'm a junior attending University of Virginia with a major in biology. Next year, I plan to apply for a residency program at Georgetown University. My career goal is to work in the medical field as a physician assistant. This has led to my passion for helping others in need. As a member of A-AWA Gak, I enjoy working among people with similar interests as myself. Most importantly, I enjoy being part of an organization that strives to provide for the underprivileged.