

Monthly NEWSLETTER

October 2022

13th Annual Award Benefit Dinner Honoring Afghan Women's Resiliency

The Afghan-American Women's Association
Cordially invites you to our
ANNUAL AWARD BENEFIT DINNER
honoring Afghan Women's resilience



Mahbouba Seraj



Rina Amiri



Holly Kirking Loomis

Thursday, November 3, 2022
6:00PM to 9:00PM

TriVision Studios
3856 Dulles South Court
Chantilly, Virginia 20151

Kindly RSVP to: info@a-awa.org

PROGRAM

THURSDAY | NOV 3, 2022

Master of Ceremony | Nahid Shahalimi

6:00PM

Guest Arrivals & Registration

6:30PM

National Anthem Performance by Nina Yaqob
Welcoming Remarks | Shahla Azizi, A-AWA President

6:50PM

Introduction of Rina Amiri
Keynote Address | Holly Kirking Loomis

7:15PM

Dinner

7:45PM

Aria Performance by Nina Yaqob
Nillab Pazhwak | A-AWA's Work in the Past Year
AAWAGAK | Updates from Youth Group

8:30PM

Awards Ceremony

8:45PM

Message from the A-AWA Board | Dr. Nahid Nasrat
Closing Remarks | Nahid Shahalimi

Surge Team

The A-AWA Staff Surge Team has been busy working with post-workshop tasks such as completing all asylum files and uploading and submitting clients' files and documents on their behalf. The A-AWA Staff Surge team is now serving in two locations, with four staff members at LSSNCA and one member at ECDC Alexandria. In addition, Malalai Sherdil, the Case Aide for ECDC, is preparing ECDC for their upcoming Asylum clinics. Lastly, since last month, A-AWA member, Murcal Hashami, joined the LSSNCA legal team and is now closely involved with the LSSNCA attorneys.

APA Team

APA's case managers, Nasrin Nawabi and Belquis Sadozai, did home visits to our clients to verify their immediate needs and to provide to their needs as best possible. In addition to home visits, our APA team assisted clients in various paperworks needs for numerous government agencies, their enrollment in English classes, and distributed clients laptops. A-AWA's APA Team is glad to be able to provide Afghan families in need with clothing, household items, and cash assistance.



Surge team submitting asylum applications post-workshop.

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A-AWA Updates:

A-AWA GAK

This month A-AWA GAK has continued working on the Newsletter Project, furthering A-AWA's social media outreach and activism, preparing for A-AWA's annual event, fundraising, and networking in hopes of expanding the youth group membership.

Renew Your Membership!

Please be sure to renew your A-AWA membership by paying your annual member dues at:

a-awa.org/become-member

The cost is \$75 for individual members and \$50 for students and seniors. This payment allows for your name to appear on our Facebook page, recognition, and free entrance to our annual event. Please be sure to pay your dues!



New tailoring project in Afghanistan, sponsored by A-AWA.



Afghanistan

Some of AAWA's donations sent in September have been successfully provided to grass root organizations and some of the most vulnerable families in Afghanistan through our group partners. A-AWA has sponsored the higher education of five girls for a year and two children who can now go to school instead of working small jobs to support their families. This is the second year that A-AWA is supporting these two children in their educational pursuits. A new session of mental health services for 20 participants have also started this October with the A-AWA's monetary donations.

Advocacy

On October 21st, A-AWA's co-founder, Nillab Pazhwak, attended the Afghans For A Better Tomorrow virtual discussion of the humanitarian and economic crisis in Afghanistan, the new "Afghan Fund" and more with Tom West, who serves as the State Department's Special Representative and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Afghanistan.



Member Introduction

Salam! My name is Shaheera Kamin. I'm currently a Junior at Woodson High School in Fairfax, VA. I enjoy being an active member of my community as I serve as Vice President of Middle Eastern Student Association, Project Manager of Muslim Student Association, and Outreach Coordinator of Arabic Honor Society at my school. Thank you for reading this month's newsletter! I hope you enjoyed! :)

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