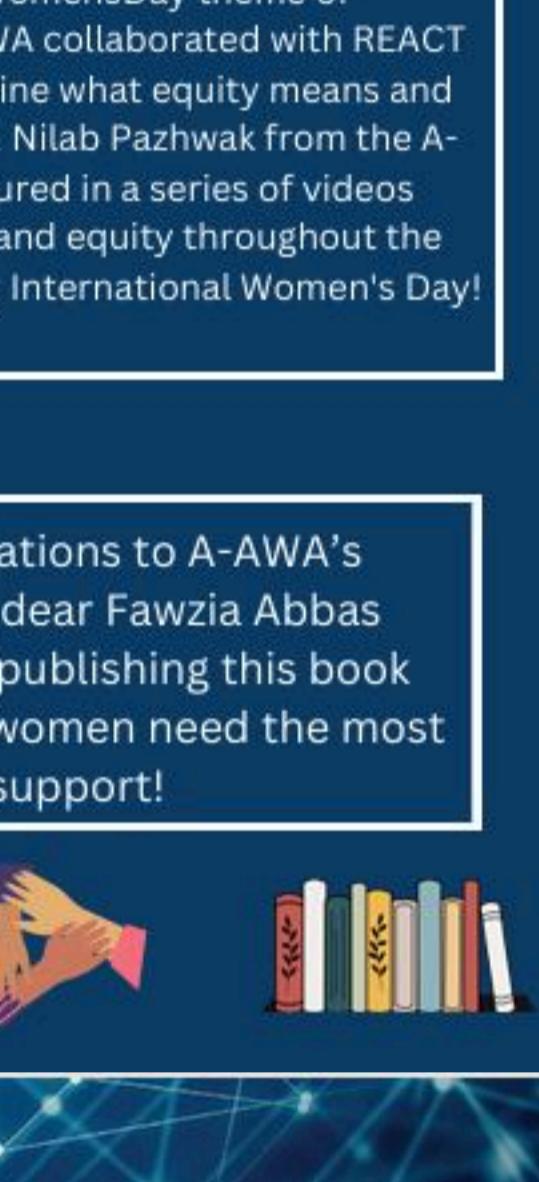
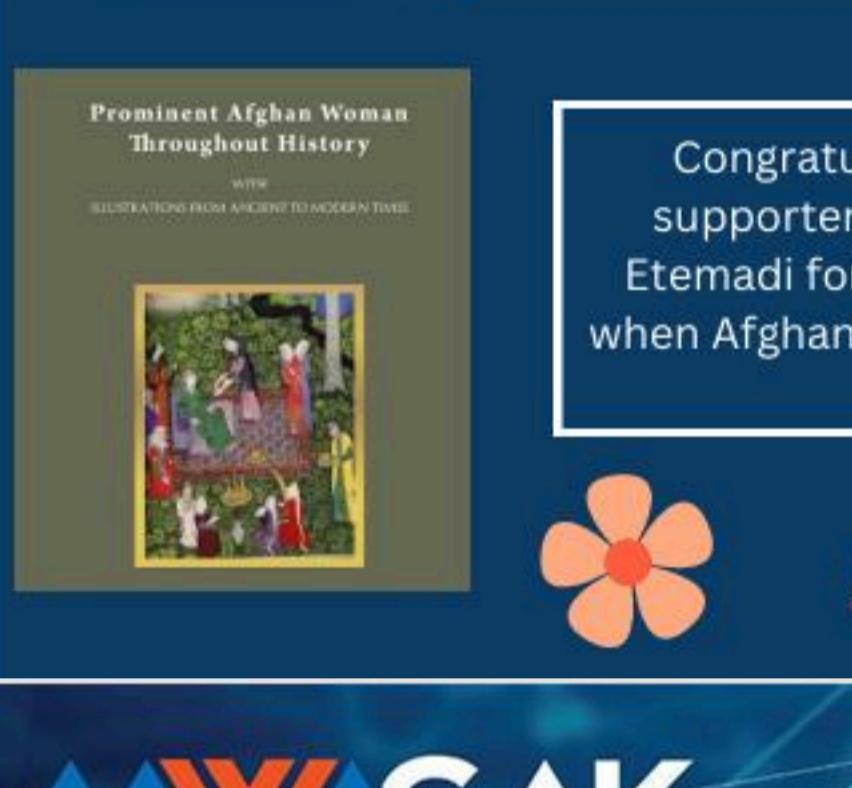
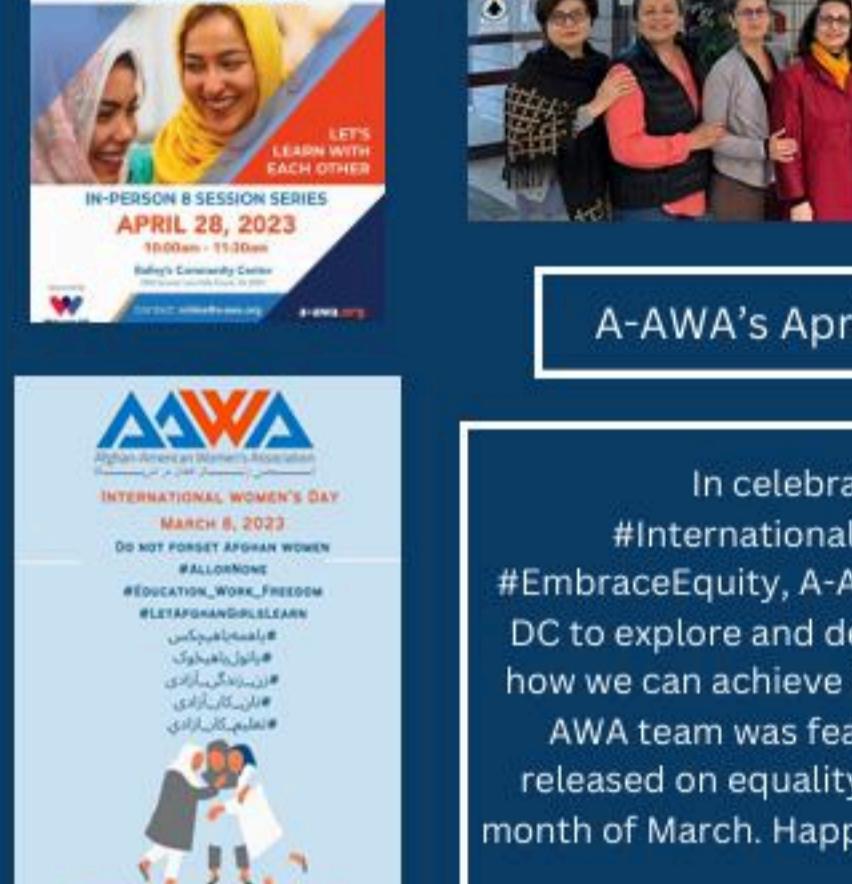


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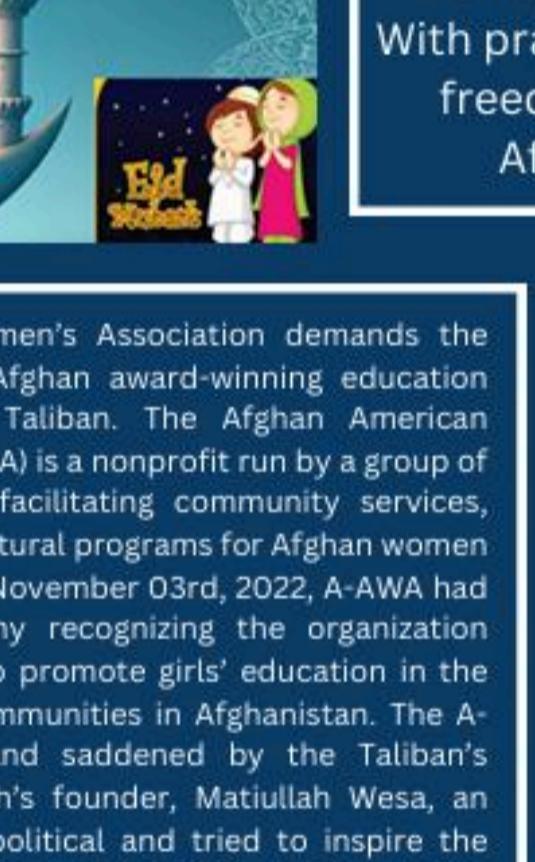
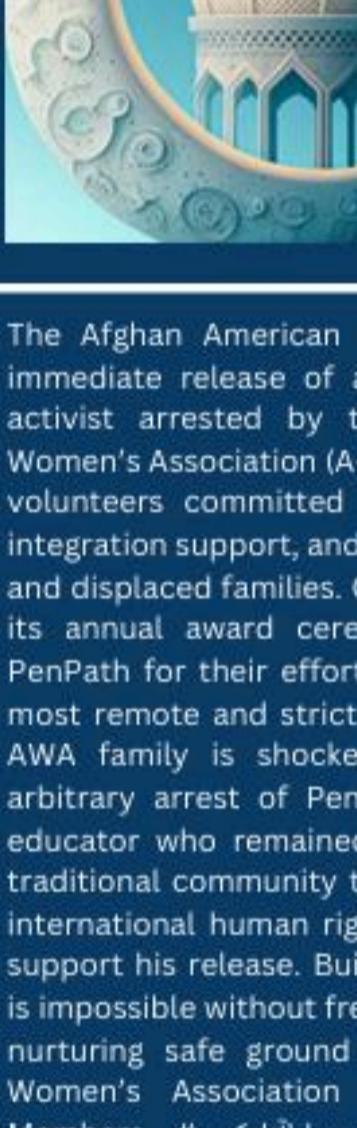
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A-AWA members and volunteers celebrated Nowruz with Afghan food and music in solidarity with many newly arrived families including the civil society activists/ advocates in the DMV area. #UniteAfghans #AllOrNone



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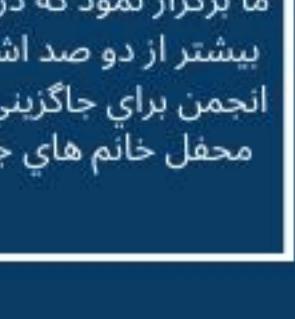
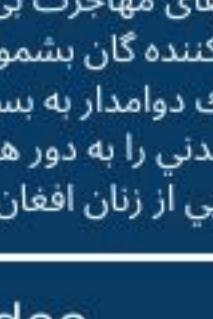
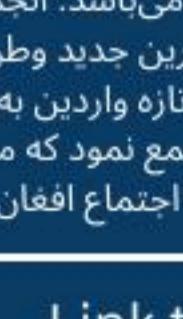


## A-AWA's April Life & Cope Session

In celebration of this year's #InternationalWomensDay theme of #EmbraceEquity, A-AWA collaborated with REACT DC to explore and define what equity means and how we can achieve it. Nilab Pazhwak from the A-AWA team was featured in a series of videos released on equality and equity throughout the month of March. Happy International Women's Day!



Congratulations to A-AWA's supporter, dear Fawzia Abbas Etemadi for publishing this book when Afghan women need the most support!



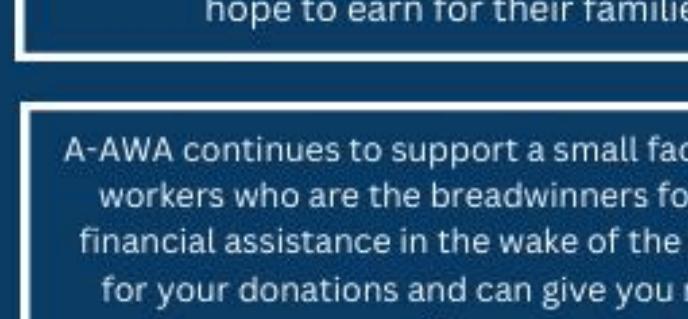
The Afghan American Women's Association demands the immediate release of an Afghan award-winning education activist arrested by the Taliban. The Afghan American Women's Association (A-AWA) is a nonprofit run by a group of volunteers committed to facilitating community services, integration support, and cultural programs for Afghan women and displaced families. On November 03rd, 2022, A-AWA had its annual award ceremony recognizing the organization PenPath for their efforts to promote girls' education in the most remote and strict communities in Afghanistan. The A-AWA family is shocked and saddened by the Taliban's arbitrary arrest of PenPath's founder, Matiullah Wesa, an educator who remained a political and tried to inspire the traditional community to be more inclusive. We call on the international human rights and humanitarian community to support his release. Building inclusive and just communities is impossible without free dialogue, tolerance for debate, and nurturing safe ground for engagement. Afghan American Women's Association Board of Directors and A-AWA Members. #PenPath #PenPathGirlsEduCampaign #LetAfghanGirlsLearn #ReleaseMatiullahWesa



Link to Video



A-AWA received the Kindness Sharing Project award for participating in their kids' sponsorship program (sponsoring two kids in 2022 and 2023 to go to school and avoid child labor).



A-AWA raised money to send to 70 girls in the Uruzgan province, it was used to provide clothes, notebooks, and pens for the girls. Amazing work!



A-AWA bought the sewing machines and other materials to start a small tailoring project where around 8 participants are learning the skills from 2 masters and they hope to earn for their families through their finished products.



A-AWA continues to support a small factory in Herat that supports around 40 women financial assistance in the wake of the Eid festival this year. A-AWA remains grateful for your donations and can give you more specific information by request due to security concerns we avoid publishing full reports.



Thank you all for reading A-AWA's Quarterly Newsletter. Be sure to look out for the next edition!