Introducing Women for Afghan Women

- Afghanistan’s largest women’s organization - cares for up to 5,000 women/children annually
- 12 Family Guidance Centers
- 12 Women’s Protection Centers
- 4 Children’s Support Centers
- 3 Transitional Houses
- 1 Halfway House
- Numerous programs for training, legal assistance, education, and much more
- Center in Queens, NY, for large Afghan population
Where in the world?

Afghanistan

- Landlocked, size of Texas
- Population 34 million
- Living standards among lowest in the world: shortages of housing, clean water, electricity, healthcare
- Rampant corruption
- 38% literacy rate
- 24% unemployment rate
- Taliban remains serious challenge
- Thriving opium trade is problematic
Life Challenges of the Women Served

• Violence against women is the norm: nearly 90% mistreated – some attacks unspeakably brutal

• Women and girls who try to escape the violence may endure abuse, exploitation, homelessness, or imprisonment

• One of the world’s highest infant mortality rates

• Prior to Taliban, Afghan women enjoyed same rights as other women around the world
WAW assisted in the following cases:

- 3-year-old sexually assaulted, WAW secured medical care
- Woman suffered beating that resulted in miscarriage at 8 months, WAW secured care and staff even donated their own blood for transfusions
- 9-year-old promised by father to 29-year-old man and then suffered repeated sexual assault. Now recovering at WAW Protection Center after surgery
- 16-year-old repeatedly raped and impregnated by her father, in WAW Protection Center, father arrested
What are we supporting?

#ByHerSide Emergency Fund and Support Program

- Protection and funding for shelter
- Emergency medical support
- Rescue and transportation
- Safe, successful reintegration back to the community, when possible
- Educational programming to bolster self-sufficiency

Direct impact: 500
Indirect impact: 3,500
# Budget

How DFW’s one-year grant of $50,000 will be used

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About the Featured Grantee

Profound change

- Women and girls are speaking out for themselves and reporting abuse instead of staying silent.

- WAW’s expansive grassroots work has begun to transform Afghan culture.

- Many respected community members have become champions of women and girls.
Share Your Thoughts

1. What do you think has made WAW so successful?
2. Why do you believe that the Afghan Women’s Center in Queens is successful in its outreach and what special need does it serve for its community?
3. What do you think must occur before these women can safely reintegrate back into their families?