

Dear friends and family,

Did you know that the Taliban's assault on women and girls' rights has banned all educational opportunities? Did you know that in September 2022 a bomb decimated an underground school where 56 innocent children were killed and more than 115 were badly wounded and traumatized? What is their crime? They are just trying to get an education.

In response to the determination of the Taliban, to stamp out education for women and girls, a non-profit organization called, Bale Parvaaz (baleparvaaz.org) was founded for the purpose of providing education and support to 100 high school girls from marginalized areas of Afghanistan. As a clandestine school, Bale Parvaaz operates under extreme conditions where girls who attend literally risk their lives each day to achieve an education. The girls must be in the presence of a male when leaving their homes and even then they run the risk of being followed.

The Bale Parvaaz mission is to provide an education but also to protect against the spiraling rate of depression that comes when the girls begin to lose hope that an education is possible in current Afghanistan. Much research confirms that education for women significantly benefits not only the women themselves but also the wellbeing of their offspring, further meaning "flying wing", a fitting name for those girls who wish to achieve their dream of an education that would lead to a career. The sole mission of Bale Parvaaz is to provide an education and a future career for girls, where these are under threat from Taliban rule.

There are many more young girls in the Hazara region who would like to join Bale Parvaaz. With increased funding, we could double the number of students that Bale Parvaaz serves. We would hire another teacher at \$60 a month and purchase computers and Wi-Fi for additional students.

The school is educating both high school girls and those with some college. With increased English fluency, many of the students with high school diplomas and passports, would be able to apply for scholarships abroad. 2 young students have left Afghanistan to study in China, after developing Chinese language skills. Another young woman was able to get a scholarship to a university in Portugal. With our help, all 3 students were able to obtain a visa and travel to these other countries.



To continue providing educational services, Bale Parvaaz relies totally on your support on behalf of the students. Please know that any amount you donate matters.

To donate:

Go to the <u>baleparvaaz.org</u> website and follow the link to the DONATE button. You can also donate by sending a check to BaleParvaaz Organization; P.O. Box 661, Wakefield, RI 02879

How your donation will be used:

- Total operational support: \$800 for one month
- Teacher salary- \$60 per teacher per month
- Monthly rental for the classroom: \$60.00
- Wi-Fi connection: \$70 per connection for one month
- Fuel and electricity for generators for one month (when electricity is unavailable): \$104
- Writing materials, books-\$45
- Wherever it is most needed.

 Bale Parvaaz is a501c3 Non-profit organization

The money donated will be moved from GoFundMe to a dedicated account at Bank of America. Khadija Nazari and Susan Jordan have access to the account and the P.O. Box. When money is needed to pay school expenses, the amount needed is withdrawn and sent via Western Union to the designated school representative, whose information is



displayed on his passport.