



Report to the Funding Network – Toronto

1 December 2009

In August, 2008 the Dyana Afghan Women's Fund received a donation of \$10,013 from the Funding Network – Toronto (FN-TO). Those funds are for a new women's literacy project in Bamayan province, Afghanistan.

DANWF was already funding a similar literacy class in Bamayan, which commenced in 2006.

In December, 2008, the second literacy class began, funded entirely by the FN-TO grant. This class is in a village in the Shaxeedan valley area of Bamayan. Khadeja, a local teacher, was hired and the class is meeting in her home. Most of the students are in their early thirties. There were 24 female students at the first class.

The students successfully completed the first level in May.

The village is quite conservative and religious so we don't have any photos to share. When a DANWF volunteer visited the class earlier this year, the students did not give her permission to use her camera during the class, but she spoke with them about the class and their lives in this remote valley. The students live in mud houses, with most families living in a single room. The valley is covered with snow during the winter months and people walk or use mules and donkeys to carry household needs, and as transportation for those who are too weak to walk. During the summer months, while the men work in their fields, the women and children leave in search of pasture for their animals. They often travel several miles each day, stopping when they find greener areas. They return home in time for the harvest.

Level two is scheduled to start December 10th, 2009 and will end May 10th, 2010. At least 20 students will be in the class. Khadeja is preparing classes that, in addition to reading, writing and mathematics, will also include a monthly information session about women's health and hygiene.

One of the topics discussed by the DANWF volunteer and the students at the end of their 1st level was skills training. Almost all of our students expressed an interest in sharing their skills – teaching and learning with each other skills such as sewing, embroidery, quilt making, and netting.

In response to their request for assistance, DANWF has agreed to support women's skills training by covering the cost of supplies for level 2 students to make quilts. Given the harsh winters and lack of proper heating, blankets and quilts are appreciated enormously. The women will be helping each other by sharing their skills and at the end of the term, each student will have made a quilt that will be used by their families.

The women were also given the option of selling their quilts, but they all suggested that their own households needed them. Once they learn the skills, they say they may make quilts to sell. DANWF has a similar skills training program for the students of our other literacy class.

DAWF's volunteer program supervisor in Afghanistan checks up on both our classes. Although in the depths of winter, when average temperatures in Shaxeedan are -30, road conditions made travel to Shaxeedan out of the question, even though it is a trip of only about 20 km.

DAWF has been able to apply what it learned from the first class (now at Level 5, the top level) to the class funded by CFM-EO. Of course each class has its own challenges but they have the same program and the same textbooks.

The budget for the first level was \$2182. Actual expenditures were \$2535 (heating costs for the classroom are much higher than anticipated). Nevertheless that total is below what is budgeted for the next four levels. The preliminary budget for the second level, drafted in Afghanistan, is below our estimates in the original proposal.

We estimate that the CFM-EO donation alone will be almost enough to fund the first four levels of a five-level program.

Thank you for your support.

DAWF's statement of income and disbursements for 2008 is below.

DYANA AFGHAN WOMEN'S FUND

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS

JANUARY 1, 2008 - DECEMBER 31, 2008

All Funds in Canadian Dollars

DONATIONS

TAX-RECEIPT ISSUED	\$2730.00	
OTHER DONATIONS	\$12388.11	
No receipt requested:	541.35	
US \$100 donation:	118.10	
Ex Canada Helps:	1598.68	[CanadaHelps.org issues receipts]
Ex United Way	117.00	
Edmonton		
The Funding	10012.98	[Tides issues receipts]
Network - Toronto		
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$15,118.11	

DISBURSEMENTS

CLASS PAYMENTS [via Western Union]		\$6250.29
Village 1		
April 22/08	\$540.18	
August 13/08	\$1484.92	
November 14/08	\$1690.06	
Village 2		
November 14/08	\$2535.13	
BANK FEES		\$50.02
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$6,300.31	

BALANCE SHEET - JANUARY 1, 2008 - DECEMBER 31, 2008

ASSETS

CASH IN BANK ACCOUNT

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2008 \$21,768.62

LIABILITIES

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2008 0.00

ACCUMULATED EXCESS

REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES \$21,768.62

The above Financial Statements for the Dyana Afghan Women's Fund were submitted to the Canada Revenue Agency with our annual return.

The CRA does not require audited statements for charities with revenues under \$100,000. So in the past we have not requested an audit.

Because the TFN-TO has asked for audited statements, we are in the process of having an audit done. This has not yet been completed.

As soon as we have audited statements for 2008, we will forward them to you.

This is the link to the Dyana Afghan Women's Fund page at Canada Revenue Agency:

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/ebci/haip/srch/charity-eng.action?r=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cra-arc.gc.ca%3A80%2Febci%2Fhaip%2Fsrch%2Fbasicsearchresult-eng.action%3Fs%3D%2B%26amp%3Bk%3Ddyana%26amp%3Bp%3D1%26amp%3Bb%3Dtrue&bn=875245102RR0001>

Yours sincerely,

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