

2007 Rebuild Afghanistan Summit

Organization			
Organization Name	Master Teachers by Satellite for Afghanistan (MTSA)	Year Established	2006
Website	www.afghan-satellite-teachers.net		
501(c)(3) status	Yes, contributions are tax deductible	Tax ID	93-1048117
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About the Presenter			
1) An attorney and former elected official, who has actively sought to help Afghanistan after she traveled there in 2002 to assess what humanitarian assistance could be provided by Americans.			
2) She founded San Francisco Bay Area Friends of Afghanistan upon returning in 2002. It is now known as Afghan Friends Network (AFN). Ms Silver has continued to assist in defining its programs and efforts in education, including traveling to Ghazni, Afghanistan, in 2006 to assist the Hayward-Ghazni Sister City group set up literacy classes for widows and other disadvantaged women.			
3) Carol Ruth Silver in 2006 became the project director and chief advocate for Master Teachers by Satellite for Afghanistan, a program to provide education via satellite for 5.4 million children without schools in Afghanistan..			
Organization's Mission/Objective			
<u>MTSA will provide education to Afghanistan's children without schools.</u>			
Master Teachers by Satellite for Afghanistan (MTSA) addresses the unfortunate fact that in Afghanistan today half of the children, approximately 5.4 MILLION of them, have no schools and will not, even in the most optimistic predictions of the Ministry of Education, get them before they become adults			
In addition to areas which never had schools, in the present insurgency schools are being destroyed, teachers killed or intimidated, in an organized attack on education, particularly on education for girls.			
The MTSA program will reach these children by bypassing lack of school buildings and lack of teachers, by providing a literacy and elementary curriculum via satellite television. The national television station of Afghanistan, RTA, has already committed to running these educational broadcasts, and other satellite TV stations are also committed to or interested in broadcasting them.			
The MTSA program will provide children with education by <u>broadcasting 2 hours a day, 6 days a week, 40 weeks a year, in Dari and Pashto, literacy and elementary education</u> to every child in Afghanistan without an opportunity to go to a regular school.			
In the rural areas, equipment will be installed at a home or mosque to receive the broadcasts. And for adults who are illiterate, these programs will also provide hope for them to learn to read.			
List the organization's past accomplishments in helping the people in Afghanistan. Be sure to include start and completion dates			
Fundraising for this project is in process now.			
What is your organization planning on doing to help the people in Afghanistan?			
How can the Bay Area community get involved in helping your organizations?			
(1) Volunteers are needed! (2) Web designer, Dari or Pashto translator, needed to help improve web site afghan-satellite-teachers.net (3) Script writers, film makers, directors, editors and producers are needed to help create the pilot educational videos. (4) A volunteer CAO needed to run the organization until funding is found, about 7 to 10 hours a week, working with project director in San Francisco or remotely.			