

2007 Rebuild Afghanistan Summit

Organization			
Organization Name	Business Council for Peace	Year Established	2002
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Organization's Mission/Objective			
Established in 2002, Bpeace (Business Council for Peace) offers pro-bono business consulting through its volunteer network to female entrepreneurs or "Associates" in Rwanda and Afghanistan. Bpeace currently assists 50 Associates in diverse industries whose businesses support a total of 3000 people.			
List the organization's past accomplishments in helping the people in Afghanistan. Be sure to include start and completion dates			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Launched a second program with 12 new Associates – businesswomen in diverse industries. ▪ Launched business plan competition to identify new Associates. ▪ Provided computers to new Associates and cost share for English and computer lessons. ▪ Completed one week of business training for new Associates at Dubai Women's College. ▪ 7 Associates are partners in their own co-op shop Rangeen Kaman Artisans. Bpeace contributed both financial and technical support to launch this business. ▪ Supported the construction and general development of a new pre school in Kabul which will cater to 500 children. Opening date is scheduled for Spring 2008. ▪ Donated English language books of all levels to an Associate who runs English language school. Provided teacher training opportunity for teachers; helped hire new manager. ▪ Continued to develop new products, improve product quality and make introductions to retailers for Associates working in handcraft. 			
What is your organization planning on doing to help the people in Afghanistan?			
Rangeen Kaman Pre-school for 500 Afghan children			
Rangeen Kaman Retail Co-op			
Train and mentor 13 new Bpeace Associates in diverse businesses such as food processing, commercial printing, furniture making, ball manufacturing, and radio station.			
How can the Bay Area community get involved in helping your organizations?			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Help recruit businesses to host Afghan businesswomen for two week internships in October 2008. Bpeace launched its second Bpeace program called BART (Bpeace Apprentice Roadtrip) which will culminate in a trip to the Unites States in October 2008. ▪ Join Bpeace as a member volunteer and help us mentor and train Afghan businesswomen. 			