

2007 Rebuild Afghanistan Summit

Organization			
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About the Presenter			
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Organization's Mission/Objective			
<p>The mission of International Orphan Care (IOC) is to provide the orphans of Afghanistan with HOPE (Help the Orphans be Productive and Educated).</p> <p>The objective of IOC is to provide education, meals, medical care, hygiene assistance, clothing, vocational training, recreational activities and guidance primarily for children ages 5 to 13 years old that have lost one or both parents.</p>			
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<p>International Orphan Care (IOC) operates schools in Herat and Jalalabad. Medical clinics in the Deh Sabz and Dogh Abad districts of Kabul are operated in cooperation with Afghanische Kinderhilfe Deutschland based in Germany and KOMAK based in Switzerland.</p> <p>In 1993, IOC rented a house in Jalalabad for a vocational school but was unable to operate during the Taliban years.</p> <p>In 2002, IOC returned to reopen the school in the rented house in Jalalabad after the Taliban regime ended and opened also a school in Kabul.</p> <p>In 2004, the school in Kabul was closed to conserve financial resources and to expand operations in Jalalabad.</p> <p>In 2004, with the help of the family of Mir Mohammad Yousof, IOC was provided some government owned land and began construction of the first phase of the school with eight rooms, a water well and bathrooms for both boys and girls.</p> <p>In 2005, the school in Jalalabad was opened and has 190 students with classes in bicycle repair, carpentry, electronics, leather and shoe repair, embroidery and tailoring, Pashto and Dari literacy, English and computer programs.</p> <p>Since 2005, Children's Hope International Literacy & Development – C.H.I.L.D. has worked in collaboration with IOC to support programs and projects in Iran and Afghanistan. C.H.I.L.D. has supported a school for the children of Afghan refugees in the village of Mahmoodabad in the south eastern suburbs of Tehran. Afghan children cannot attend Iranian public schools. Over 190 children attended this school, taking classes in three shifts.</p> <p>In 2005, IOC coordinated with Islamic Relief to transport to Kabul safe birth kits, hygiene kits, new baby kits, hand made toys and blankets which were made by a group of over 200 women in Redlands, California who called themselves "Women of Faith". The group of women has been meeting and organizing to make more safe birth kits, hygiene kits, new baby kits, hand made toys and blankets for shipment to Afghanistan in 2007.</p> <p>In 2005 with the assistance of Relief International and a Rotary Club in San Diego, one of the class rooms in the Jalalabad school was set up as a medical clinic.</p> <p>In 2005, IOC paid for shipping costs for medicines and medical equipment which was donated to IOC and distributed in Afghanistan. IOC continues to participate in the costs of shipping medicine to Afghanistan as donations are received.</p> <p>Beginning in 2005, IOC has collaborated with afghansforAfghans, which collected hand knit clothing to be distributed to Afghan children in need of warm clothing and with Peace Builders which arranged for the container to ship the hand knit clothing. The clothing consisting of hats, gloves, socks, vests and blankets was distributed in the bitter winter of 2006-2007.</p>			

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In 2006 a guard house was constructed and plans were prepared for a kitchen and dining room and shops for the vocational classes in Jalalabad. Funds have been received for the construction of the kitchen and dining room and one of three planned shops.

In 2006, the school was opened in Herat. As funds are received from donors, the school in Herat will be improved and expanded.

In May 2006, IOC worked with the Afghan Basketball Association on the Memorial Day weekend basketball tournament in Orange County and plans to participate in the December 2006 basketball tournament in San Diego.

IOC has recently agreed to work jointly with Ariana Outreach. Ariana Outreach is an international development organization founded by Humira Noorestani. Ariana Outreach seeks to provide programs that improve the social and economic infrastructure of Afghanistan, initially concentrating in Nuristan Province. These localized programs will promote literacy, vocational training and job placement.

IOC raised funds to help Mahsoom, a six year old boy who was badly burned. Dr. Peter Grossman and the Children's Burn Center provided medical care for Mahsoom. The funds which IOC raised covered the expenses of Mahsoom and a parent during his treatment.

In 2007, IOC partnered with LWR to collect health kits, school kits, sewing kits, and layettes (safe birth kits) from Lutherans worldwide to distribute, along with the Herat Rotary Club, in Afghanistan.

What is your organization planning on doing to help the people in Afghanistan?

IOC has received four pallets of children's vitamins which will be shipped to Afghanistan with other donated items.

IOC will continue to expand and improve the schools in Herat and Jalalabad and the two clinics in Kabul, and to work cooperatively with other NGOs which provide services to the people of Afghanistan.

One of the projects that IOC wants to undertake is a school for the blind in Herat.

How can the Bay Area community get involved in helping your organizations?

Residents of the Bay Area who want to help the children whom IOC serves can visit the IOC web site www.orphanproject.org to make a donation or to volunteer to help.

IOC wants to work collaboratively with organizations based in the Bay Area to help the people of Afghanistan. By working together we can accomplish more than any of us can do by ourselves.

Volunteers are needed to assist in writing and processing grant applications.