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CSAW Website

Our new website is maintained by John Beaudette. Check our website:

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Founder of Schools Visits Halton



Nazaneen and family with members of CSAW.

On November 4th, **Nazaneen Majeed**, the principal of the Nazaneen Jabarkhil Education & Health Centres in Afghanistan (formerly the Nazoo Anna Schools) made her second visit to Canada. CSAW member Linda Middaugh hosted Nazaneen's visit.

Ms. Majeed, joined by her husband, Syed, and son, Hamid, toured the Toronto area. Her busy three-day visit included the opportunity to meet **Deborah Ellis**, author of the Parvana books, and personally thank her for the financial help that her schools have received as a result of almost \$500,000. in royalties donated by the author. Ms. Majeed was welcomed at



Photo by Steve McCurry

the Children's Book Fair in Milton and by the Grade 8 students at Sam Sherratt Public School.



Nazaneen & son Hamid meet Deb Ellis

Community supporters and CSAW members honoured Nazaneen at a reception in Oakville. Attendees at the reception were moved by

Nazaneen's description of the needs of the children and efforts to remain safe in the dangerous conditions around Jalalabad. Guests left further inspired to support her valiant efforts to educate these 5000 girls in Afghanistan.

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ONTARIO STUDENTS AS GLOBAL CITIZENS

CSAW'S Education Committee partnered with five teachers from the Elementary Federation of Ontario, in Halton, to revise CW4WA's EDUCATION Kit: UNDERSTANDING HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFGHANISTAN to connect to Ontario Curriculum.

Lessons, including understanding of human rights, reading materials, simulated activities and an overview power point presentation were implemented and evaluated, in several Halton School classrooms. After completing the revisions and teaching of the materials, this joint committee worked further to develop a workshop for Halton teachers, grades 4 – 8.

On January 24, 2007, almost twenty teachers volunteered to attend a half day workshop to learn how to use the Ontario Education Kit, review the power point presentation, and practice the classroom activities each will implement with his/her students. Prior to May 1, 2007, all will be responsible to incorporate these materials in classroom lessons and evaluate the results.

CW4WA 10th Anniversary National Conference - Alberta

Linda Middaugh and Lorraine Waugh attended the conference held in Calgary on Sept 28 – 30, 2006.

Highlights included remarks by Deb Ellis and a group of school children who had been motivated to act. An Afghan market with goods, food and entertainment was held Saturday night and Sally Armstrong gave a very stirring keynote address. Lauryn Oates, of Rights & Democracy, guided debate and discussion on a CW4WA position paper on Canada's role in Afghanistan. It was very informative to get news directly about Afghanistan from Lauryn Oates and Roya Rahmani, who is the Project Coordinator of the Women's Rights in Afghanistan Fund (WRAF) of Rights & Democracy, as well as being CW4Wafghan Project Coordinator in Kabul.

We Couldn't Do It Without You!

Thanks to all of our donors, especially Men Walking Against Violence Against Women, Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario [ETFO], Woman of Halton Action Movement [WHAM] and Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan [CW4WA]. Thanks to ETFO – Halton Local for providing storage and meeting space.



Students come to Queen's Park in Toronto to walk to eliminate male violence against women. Thank you from CSAW!

CSAW was present at more than 20 venues in 2006! In 2006, we sent \$9400.00 to AWRC, \$3500.00 to the Library Fund, and \$60,000.00 to the Nazaneen Jabarkhil Ed & Health Centre. Since 1999, we have raised \$335,000.00 for our projects in Afghanistan.



Jeannette Basin with her students at Highland P.S. in Cambridge. Thank you from

We especially appreciate students who have taken action to raise money for the Women and children of Afghanistan. Sincere thanks goes out to all of the schools that participated in the Walks Against Male Violence that donated over \$19,000.00. Thank you again to the students of College LaFleche in Quebec for selling Afghan Women's beautiful handmade goods. Thank you to teacher Jeanette Bastin of Highland P.S. in Cambridge for continuing to motivate her young students to raise funds for the children of Afghanistan.