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EDUCATION FOR AFGHAN GIRLS

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SAHAR TO LAUNCH BOARDING SCHOOL INITIATIVE

October 26, 2017: SODO Park, 6pm-9pm

On October 26, 2016, Seattle-based nonprofit, Sahar Education, will unveil at Sodo Park the organization's groundbreaking initiative to build the first all-girls public boarding school in the city of Mazar-i- Sharif, Afghanistan. With input from the local Afghan community, the design of the boarding school is the result of a partnership with students at the University of Washington's School of Architecture and Miller Hull Partnership LLC.

The event also features three emerging leaders from Afghanistan - Airoksh Faiz Qaisary, Mahsheed Mahjor, and Solaiman Salahi. As they embrace the challenges of leadership, each has broken through the barrier of education in Afghanistan, championing the next generation.

Educating girls is the single best investment for a community and a nation. Girls' education in Afghanistan is particularly important at this time. With 41% of the total population under the age of 25 and only 17% of women literate, there is no day like today to start investing in their future:

"Education starts a virtuous cycle in which Afghan girls, their children, and generations to come will have better, more peaceful lives, with potential for entrepreneurship, innovation, and economic empowerment."

- Ginna Brelsford, Executive Director, Sahar

Sahar partners with Afghanistan's Ministry of Education and locally-based organizations to empower Afghan women through education. 20,000 girls are educated annually in Sahar-built schools. With the launching of the girls boarding school at the October 26th event, Sahar will be making an even bigger impact on the landscape of girls education in Afghanistan.

At the event Sahar will recognize Solaiman Salahi as the Janet W. Ketcham award recipient for outstanding contribution to girls' education in Afghanistan.

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