



# Sahar

EDUCATION FOR AFGHAN GIRLS

## BOARD OPPORTUNITY

Sahar Education is actively seeking experienced, passionate, and diverse board members to help guide the organization as it grows.

### OUR MISSION

Sahar partners with the Ministry of Education and Afghan-based organizations to build schools and educational programs for girls in Afghanistan, empowering and inspiring children and their families to build peaceful, thriving communities.

### ABOUT SAHAR EDUCATION

Sahar began as *Journey with an Afghan School*, a group founded to build bridges of understanding between the U.S. and Afghanistan for peace and cooperation in 2001. Since then, Sahar has expanded: building schools, computer centers, and managing teacher training programs in Northern Afghanistan. Sahar became a stand-alone non-profit in 2009 in order to expand and continue our efforts. Sahar has worked in this war-zone for nearly two decades to increase the status of girls and women in Afghanistan through education, enabling them to participate actively in the social, political, and economic arenas in their communities.

Sahar approaches girls' education from multiple levels because we know that it takes a holistic approach to create real change. We work with partners in the U.S. and on the ground in Afghanistan to build and supply schools, start educational and vocational training programs, and early marriage prevention programs. These projects bolster local economies and strengthen communities, as well as fortify bonds between Afghanistan and the West.

### OUR COMMITMENT

Sahar follows a disciplined and careful process focused on lasting change in the region. Our projects always address a clear educational need, have the support of the Ministry of Education and local communities, and are implemented by an Afghan workforce.

### OUR PROGRAMS

Sahar helps thousands of Afghan girls get in school and stay in school. Our programs provide:

- Access to education
- Inspiring school design
- Digital literacy
- Teacher training
- Early marriage prevention education

# WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

## **SAHAR BOARD: AN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN A VIBRANT INTERNATIONAL TEAM**

Sahar Board Members will have the privilege of working collaboratively with our US and Afghan team, creating programs and building schools that truly change lives. The board provides strategic direction and oversight to our well-established non-profit, ensuring we are the best stewards possible for our supporters and the people of Afghanistan.

## **SAHAR EDUCATION NEEDS YOU IF...**

- You are passionate about access to education.
- You are excited about creating opportunities for girls, women, and families in Afghanistan.
- You communicate well and are able to build awareness of Sahar and expand our connections to grow our organization's awareness and support.
- You want to be a part of a dynamic board and have the time and energy to spend 5-8 hours a month doing board work: attending board meetings, participating in committee work, and being an ambassador for Sahar in your community.
- You are interested in building partnerships for Sahar to expand its local and global network.

## **WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN TALKING TO YOU IF...**

- You have prior non-profit board experience and are ready to bring your experience and insight to another organization.
- You are an experienced fundraiser and enthusiastic about sharing your skills.
- You have a personal connection to Afghanistan.
- You have experience in finance and/or accounting.

## **INTERESTED IN JOINING US?**

Sahar is seeking to bring on new board members to serve three-year terms beginning September 2019. Please email [boardrecruitment@sahareducation.org](mailto:boardrecruitment@sahareducation.org) with any questions and to receive the short online application. Interested candidates must complete an application by June 10, 2019, and will be interviewed by our recruiting team.

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