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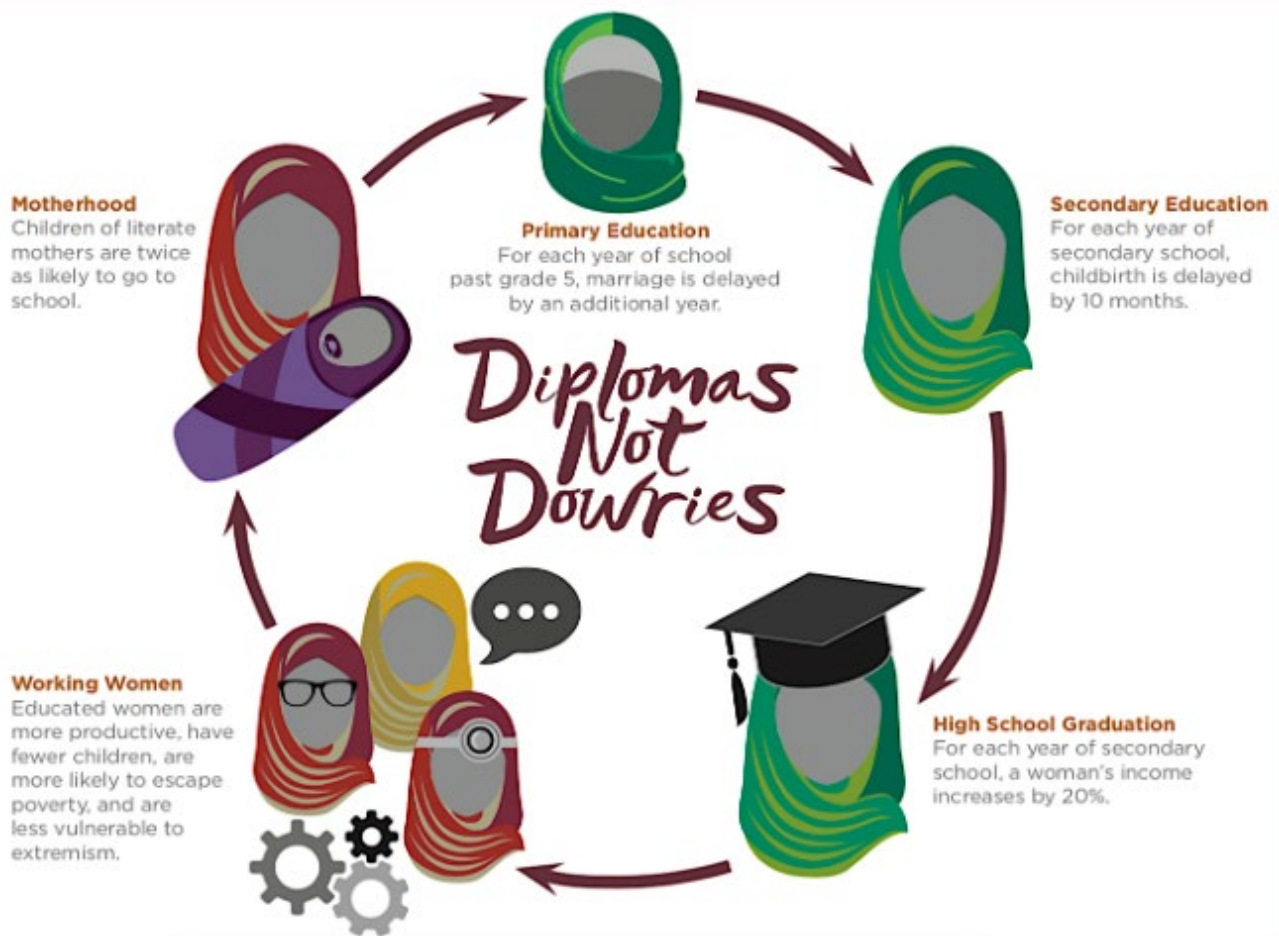
**Where would you be today if you hadn't received an education?** The ability to read, of itself, opens a world of opportunities. Can you imagine what life would be like without it?

Razia Jan was born in Afghanistan and moved the United States in 1970. For more than 20 years, she was the proprietor of a small tailoring business in Massachusetts. During that time, she was active in her local Rotary Club, serving as President. After 9/11, she decided that she had to do something to help her home country. In the wake of rising extremism, she decided to open a school—for girls. Doing so meant taking her life in her hands.

Years later, Razia's efforts through the success of the Zabuli Education Center she founded have dramatically improved health outcomes in the region. This quiet revolution has begun the process of empowering young women, breaking the cycle of forced, arranged marriages and denied school attendance.

But, **Razia needs our help.**

## A Model of Empowerment



Today, the school needs vehicles to safely transport students. In pursuing their education, girls face many, sometimes grave threats due to traditional beliefs opposed to their endeavors. Imagine sending girls to school in our country under similar circumstances!

We've set a goal of raising \$45,000 to cover the cost of a much-needed bus and van.

When you support "Wheels of Hope," **you have the power to change the lives of Afghan girls and young women**, transforming their communities for generations to come. Will you join us?

Sincerely,

**Wheels of Hope committee**

# Wheels of Hope



For the past decade, Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation, has been providing community-based education to girls and young women in the rural district of Deh'Subz, Afghanistan – one of the most impoverished regions of the world. Graduates of the program have gone on to have a positive economic and social impact in the community and surrounding areas by working as teachers, midwives, and shop owners.

To date, the school has graduated over 1,000 girls. And Rotarian Razia Jan, the school's founder and award-winning international humanitarian, also won over their families and village elders, who now see the incredible value in having their girls educated.

The La Crosse Rotary Club, in cooperation with other area Rotary Clubs, has set a goal of raising \$45,000 to fund a bus and a van, to safely transport these girls to their school.

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**Can we count you in? Let's help Afghanistan become a more successful and peaceful nation. All donations are being gathered by the Rotary Works Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. Your donation is tax deductible to the full extent of the law.**

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