



# Request for Partnership

## Grass Valley-South

# PARTNERSHIPS

Creating hope in desperate times



## Hope & Promise:

- Helping people who worked alongside the US promoting **freedom, democracy and equality** in their country. The US gov't **promised** these people a pathway to the US for their efforts.
- **Protect** them from brutal retribution for their past work, from starvation and a collapsing economy.
- **Evacuate** them to safety.
- **Create opportunity for a new and peace filled life** where they have the freedoms they risked their lives to protect.

# EVAC AND OPERATION SNOW LEOPARD

- 2 NGO's (with 501c3 status) working to protect Afghan partners being hunted by the Taliban since the collapse of their democracy in 2021, while securing safe passage for them to the U.S. and third countries.
  - Allies and their families
  - Interpreters
  - Women leaders and activists
  - Human rights defenders and educators
  - Lawyers, and judges who put Taliban leaders in jail
  - Journalists
  - Vulnerable ethnic minorities like the Hazara who face genocide at the hands of the Taliban

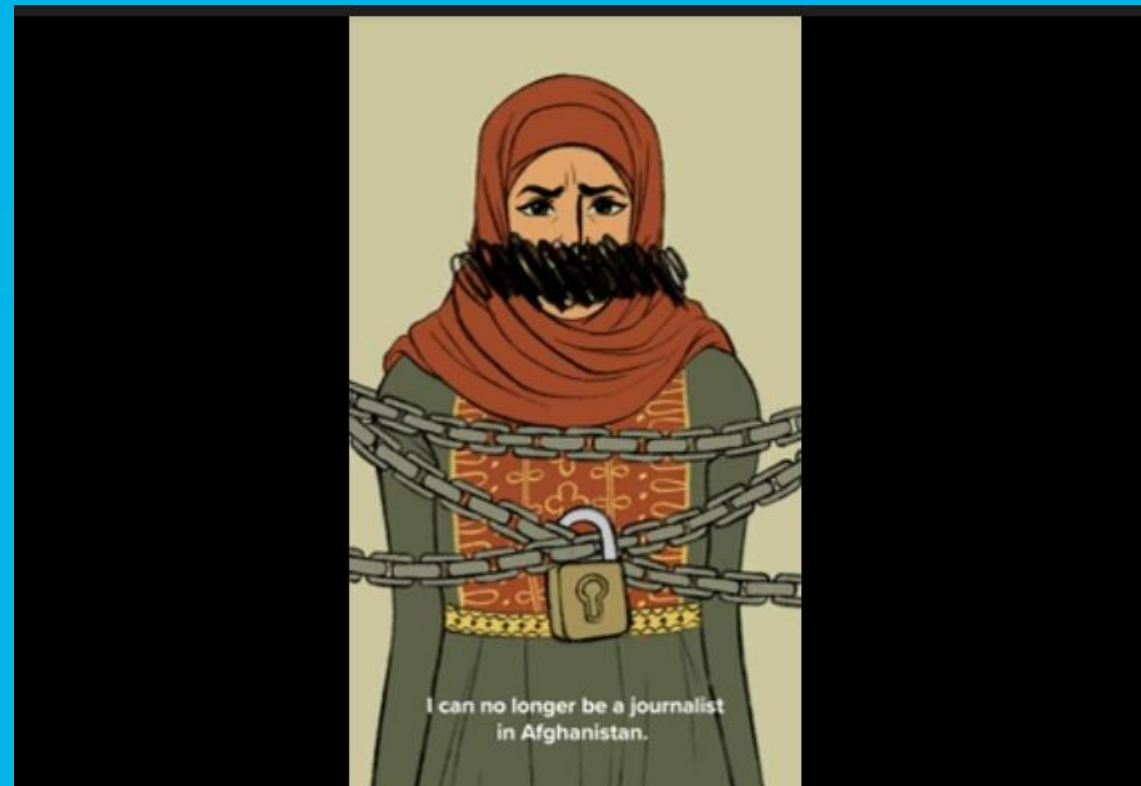
# CONTEXT FOR THE ASK

These Afghan Allies are being hunted in their own country by the Taliban because:

- They assisted US & NATO forces in the 20 year war.
- They promoted justice, freedom and equality in their country.
- They fought against corruption at the highest levels of government.
- They believe that women have the same right as men to be educated, earn a living for their families, and not be treated as property
- These heroes are being tracked down by the Taliban and without our collective efforts are arrested, tortured and "Disappear." They're also facing a collapsing economy and severe food shortage.
- Many have family members (even children) who have been interrogated and beaten by the Taliban
- Their homes are searched, legal documents and property destroyed, and food and money stolen.
- They are in hiding unable to work or provide for themselves or their family.

# VIDEO FOR ADDITIONAL CONTEXT

This video was made for EVAC's Winter Survival Fund. Although winter is over, the video provides more insight into the overall situation and the individuals that EVAC & OSL are helping.



# EVAC

Small volunteer team working to protect and evacuate 352 Afghan Allies (all Taliban HVTs). **100% of funds go directly to our operations.**

All Afghans **fully vetted** for legitimacy and their anonymity protected at all times.

**Complete support - 100% funded by donations:**

- **Medical care**
- **Mental health** through local language speaking therapists.
- **Safehouses, food & safe travel.**
- Essential real-time **Intelligence updates** from **FBI and DoD** contacts
- **Immigration assistance** through pro bono law firm
- advocacy through **multiple US congressional offices**



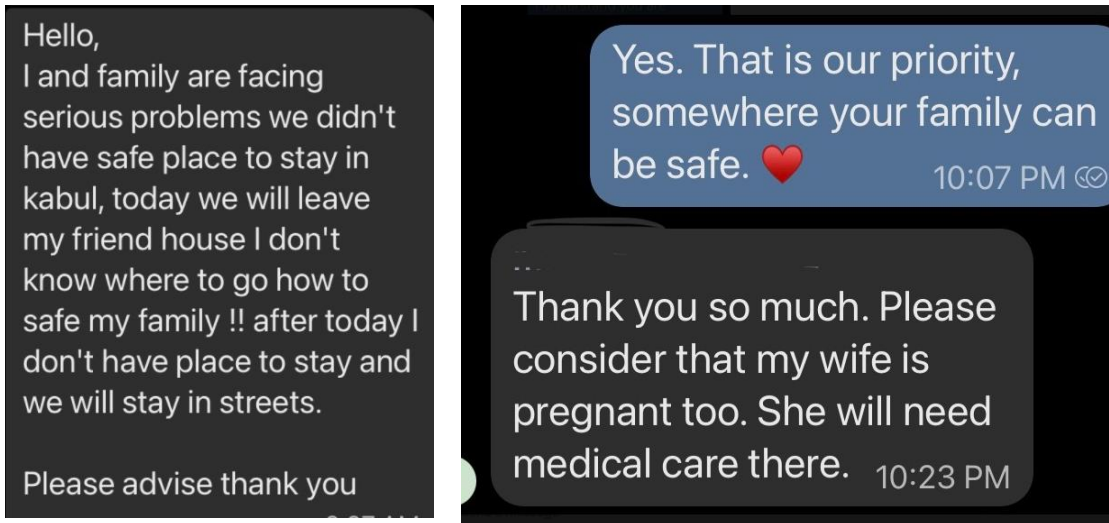
# OPERATION SNOW LEOPARD

- Private citizens working to evacuate Afghan partners and their families who have been stranded and vulnerable to Taliban retaliation
- Successful evacuation and resettlement of 1300+ men, women and children
- Rigorous vetting process to retain anonymity and security of individuals
- 1500+ Special Immigration Visa qualified individuals being supported and sheltered
  - Afghan allies and partners who served the US Armed Services
  - Special Operations
  - Interpreters
  - Security Specialist
  - Intelligence Analysts

# EVAC

## Success by the numbers:

- Food and heat for **66 families**.
- Shelter in safe houses for **4,380 nights**.



- Most have immigration pathways to the US. **Advanced 175 immigration cases**
- Successfully **evacuated 82 persons** to safe 3<sup>rd</sup> countries.

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## EVAC

### Current Ops:

- Providing for **35 individuals we evacuated** to Pakistan who are waiting to complete their immigration process through the US Embassy in Islamabad. Working to get visas, evacuate and house approx. 60 more to Pakistan.
- Providing support and resources (**food, safe houses, medical care, immigration assistance, intelligence reports**) as needed for all in Pakistan and Afghanistan



Before : Proof of Life Photo for initial intake



After: On a flight from Pakistan to Qatar for final DoS processing

EVAC Family on their way from our safe house in Pakistan to Qatar and eventually to the US, where they will be reunited with their 3 year old son. He has been in the US since being separated from his family during the violence at the Kabul Airport in August.



# EVAC

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- Rotary Funding:
  - **24/7 sustainment of 352 member 'Flock'** in Afghanistan and in Pakistan
    - Food, shelter, medical care, intelligence support.
  - Develop additional sustainment and housing options in Pakistan as we evacuate more.
  - Action plan development – possible **collaboration with Rotary in Pakistan**
    - Local contacts to assist with logistics and connections = increase in resources/options

Note: all members of our flock are carefully vetted.

# OPERATION SNOW LEOPARD

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- Rotary Funding: Every dollar goes directly to assisting High Value targets of the Taliban
  - 24/7 operation to track, feed, shepherd and safeguard
    - Housing in Pakistan while awaiting extraction and /or SIV interview
    - Safer housing in Afghanistan for High Value targets
  - Build/manage aircraft manifests
  - Negotiate landing/clearances at receiving locations
  - Trusted agent in country to handle logistics and arranging refugee processing/care/resettlement
  - AFGHAN DIGEST media outreach accessible to at-risk Afghans in country



# ALIGNMENT WITH ROTARY<sup>10</sup> AREAS OF SERVICE

## EVAC:

### Promoting Peace and Conflict Prevention

- We **protect** our flock from **political violence and murder** every day at **no expense to the refugee**.
- Weekly meetings with **DoS representatives**, offices of **U.S. Senators** and other **NGOs**, collaborating to **protect innocent life and promote best practices for safety and peace**.
- Collaboration with **Journalists**, contacts on the **Senate Foreign Relations Committee**, **veterans** groups and other advocates to spread awareness of the situation and to hold the Taliban accountable through:
  - **Petitions, news articles, letters to congress etc.**

## Operation Snow Leopard:

### Promoting Peace and Conflict Prevention

By operating strictly within formal and informal channels of the US government, Operation Snow Leopard

- \* Encourages conversations that promote understanding across and among other cultures
- \* Help refugees who are in flight from dangerous areas
- \* Our evacuation flights are sponsored by generous donations making them free of charge for all evacuees
- \* Operation Snow Leopard will never charge a refugee for the assistance provided

diane feinstein's defense fellow is a friend of mine so I can make sure she sees it too

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so tomorrow morning I am sending the whole mess to the senate foreign relations committee staff

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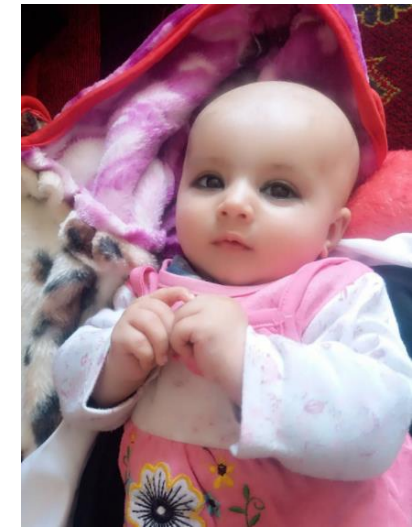
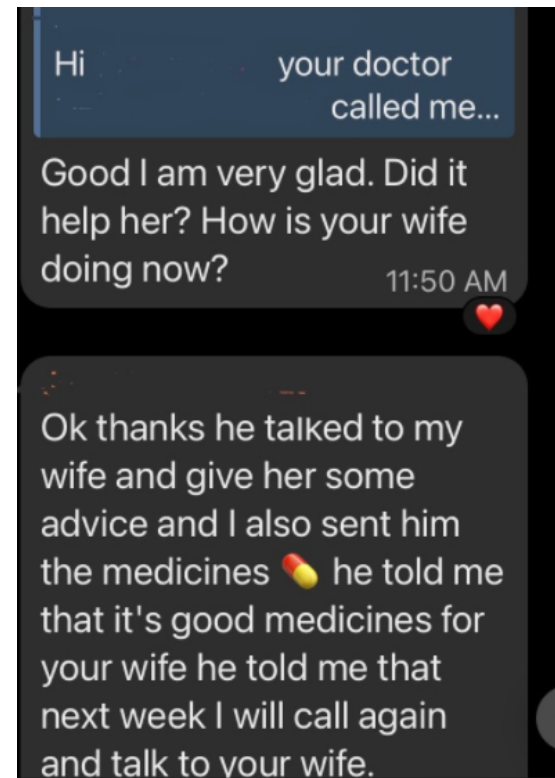
## EVAC

### Maternal and Child Health

- Food, medications, medical advice, care and procedures
  - Prenatal, postnatal care and counseling services for 6 pregnancies with complications
    - 3 healthy births, 1 loss, 2 currently pregnant
  - Food and care for 9 babies and 70 children



Happy & Healthy EVAC babies



Little Hosna Kathryn was named after EVACs Director Kathryn after we helped with pregnancy complications.

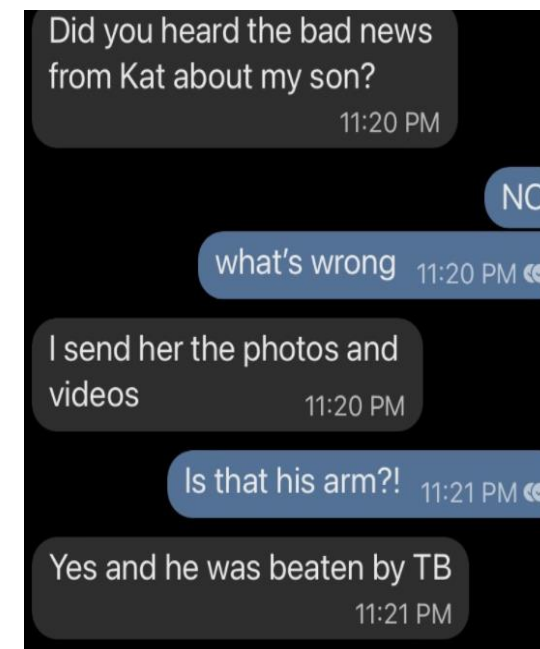


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## EVAC

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- Food, medications, medical advice, care and procedures
  - Treatment of a 3-year old's broken arm from abuse at the hands of the Taliban
  - medical care for a child severely injured during the violence in the initial evacuation
  - Funded the removal of a child's tumor
  - Treatment for another child's broken leg



EVAC arranged and paid for treatment of this boys arm after it was broken by the Taliban

# THE ASK : HOPE

Club Support to enable  
maximum Match

Future Global Grant  
Application2023



# DISTRICT GRANT

## 2021-2022 END OF ROTARY YEAR DISTRICT GRANT FOR DISTRICT 5190

- Outreach to local area clubs with slides and project plan, volunteer opportunities and speakers
- Outreach communication with letter, slides to request any unused, end of year International funds from all District 5190 clubs
- Grass Valley-South is donating 1500.
- District Grant in process- to be submitted week of May 1, 2022
- The funding would be split 50-50 with both organizations
- **IF every club could donate 250-500... Commit by MAY 15**

# WHAT ROTARY DOES



# QUESTIONS

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**Grass Valley-South Rotary Club**