

# The Bayat Foundation

## 2012: A Year in Review



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### Notable accomplishments in 2012 included:

- In June 2012, Mr. Abdul Satar Popal and his family sponsored a new water well in Qualae Barqe Village in the Karte Naw District of Kabul.
- Our Family Sponsorship program continued to thrive, connecting over 100 families from Afghanistan with sponsors around the world. Sponsors can directly support an Afghan family, and form connections across distance and borders.
- Our NGO funded the construction of a new Information, and Communication, and Technology building on American University of Afghanistan campus in Kabul.
- Members of the Bayat family visited the Michelle Bayat school to visit with the students in the school built by the Foundation, and to bring more books and school supplies to improve their education.
- Inauguration of the Bibi Mariam School in Herat Province in May 2012
- Our Chairman Hon. Senator Ehsan Bayat was awarded a Medal of the Ministry of Women Affairs for his work through the Bayat Foundation

### A Message From Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Ehsan and I would like to extend our deepest thanks to all of our supporters who helped to make 2012 a landmark year for the Bayat Foundation. This past year, we hosted our very first benefit dinner in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. We launched a brand new environmental initiative, and continued to support emergency relief, medical care, and family aid to some of the most vulnerable Afghans. Below are some details of how your support is literally changing and **saving** lives in Afghanistan. If you'd like to learn more about any of our programs, or are interested in learning more about how you can show your support for the women and children of Afghanistan, please

contact Jill Ketron at 904-686-1470, or at [j.ketron@bayatfoundation.org](mailto:j.ketron@bayatfoundation.org). Wishing you a blessed year ahead,

*Fatema Bayat*



*Bayat Foundation co-founders  
Ehsan and Fatema Bayat*

### First Annual Benefit Dinner

On October 12, 2012 the Bayat Foundation and many of its supporters joined together for an evening of fundraising and acknowledging the accomplishments of the Foundation. Hosted by comedian Jim Florentine who has appeared on Comedy Central, our generous supporters helped us to raise \$358,740, all of which will go towards saving the lives of mothers and children at the Bayat Foundation's hospitals built throughout Afghanistan.

Special guests who spoke at the event included former Ambassador to the UN, Afghanistan, and Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad, former Ambassador of Afghanistan to the U.S. Said Tayeb Jawad, renowned humanitarian Mrs. Caroline Hudson Firestone, spouse of the current Ambassador of Afghanistan to the United States Mrs. Sultana Hakimi, and Mrs. Heidi Kuhn, Founder & CEO of Roots of Peace.



*Ambassador Khalilzad  
delivers his remarks*

## Winter Aid/Emergency Relief

In addition to the exciting new programs and initiatives we began this year, we also continued our long-standing mission of distributing essentials necessary to survival throughout the year. Afghanistan has very harsh winters, with parts of it averaging -15° C/5°F in January, and many Afghans suffer from cold and exposure each year.

Each year the Bayat Foundation works to save lives by distributing blankets, coats, hats, and food to some of the most vulnerable Afghans.

In 2012 we distributed aid in areas including Nangarhar Province, Jowzjan Province, Maidan Warkdak Province, Panjshir Province, Sar-e-Pol Province, and areas of Kabul including Karte Naw, Shahr Kohna, and Lissa Ariana.



## Child & Maternal Health

According to the UNDP, child mortality rates in Afghanistan are among the highest in the world, with 1 in every 4 children expected to die before the age of 5.

Child and maternal health has always been an important part of the Bayat Foundation's mission, and in 2013, we will bring it to the forefront. We will revisit the ten hospitals we have already built throughout Afghanistan to ask hospital administrators what equipment and supplies would have the greatest impact on saving mothers and children, and will respond accordingly. Along with other like-minded organizations, we will strive to make a real difference in the current mortality statistics.



### In the year to come,

- We will fund a computer lab for the Tahya-e-Maskan Orphanage
- We will build an ICU/CCU wing for Afghanistan's top children's hospital, Indira Gandhi Hospital in Kabul
- We will refurbish a wing of the Rabia Balkhi Hospital's Maternal Health-care Unit
- We will continue to distribute school supplies, food products, warm clothes and blankets to Afghans in need.
- We will work with other non-profits in the U.S. to ship their donations of food and school supplies to children in Afghanistan.

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## Beautify Afghanistan

Afghanistan's bounty of nature has become scarred by overuse, pollution, and neglect. Many Afghans today struggle to find adequate sources of potable water and polluted water has become a major factor in the spread of diseases such as diphtheria, cholera and malaria. To help combat this, we are pleased to announce a new strategic initiative for 2013 and beyond – Beautify Afghanistan: Education. Empowerment. Environment. This initiative will hire Afghans to assist in waste cleanup, reforestation, and general beautification. We are confident that this program will help Afghans to engage with their natural environment in more productive and sustainable ways than at present, helping to ensure a lasting legacy of natural beauty and resource for future generations



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We are thrilled to announce that Afghan Solar will be donating and installing \$30,000 worth of solar power equipment for the Bayat Foundation. We will use this donation at select Bayat Foundation hospitals in Afghanistan to power the equipment used to save patients' lives. The equipment donated by Afghan Solar will ensure that our hospitals have a reliable and consistent source of power, will reduce operating costs, and will help Afghanistan's environment by reducing our carbon footprint.