



The Canadian International Learning Foundation (CanILF) is a volunteer-run registered Canadian charity focused on bringing employment-oriented education to regions of the world affected by war, illness and poverty. You may already be familiar with the work of the Foundation as the Afghan School Project (ASP). As CanILF, we will continue to provide both administrative and financial support to The Afghan Canadian Community Center (ACCC) and offer support to new projects, such as the Uganda Literacy and Education Program, in other at-risk areas of the world. We would like to thank all of the donors and volunteers who have made the Afghan School Project's success possible and hope to have your continued support in the future.



Students gather in the courtyard outside the ACCC to celebrate International Women's Day.

INSPIRING ACHIEVEMENTS: THE AFGHAN SCHOOL PROJECT



It has been an exciting year for the staff, students, and volunteers of the Afghan School Project. With the help of both individual donors and grants from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the ACCC has now grown to accommodate more than 900 students studying in a variety of disciplines, including Business Management, English, and Information and Computing Technology.

In June 2009, ACCC Director Ehsan Ullah travelled from Kandahar, Afghanistan to Calgary, Alberta to receive an honorary degree from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT). He also collected diplomas on behalf of the female students at the ACCC who were graduating from the program.

The ACCC provides opportunities to students who may not otherwise be able to pursue a post secondary education – an opportunity which we often take for granted. However, the impact of the ACCC does not end in the classroom or with the individual students, but inevitably spreads throughout the community as ACCC graduates start their own local businesses and use their knowledge to train others.

With your support, we have helped close to 400 students to obtain valuable, long-term employment and promotions. On average, each employed student provides economic assistance to six family members, which means that the ACCC has helped provide the necessities of life for more than 2,000 Afghans.



Dear Friends and Supporters;

We have achieved so many important milestones this year. Whether it was the applause that greeted Ehsan when he accepted his honorary degree from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT), the praise that we received for our capacity-building project funded by the Canadian International Development Agency or the many “success stories” of our students, there is much evidence that we are making a real and valuable contribution to the world around us.

I’d like to thank you for your steadfast support of the Foundation during this period of intense change. Your generosity has had a life-changing impact on hundreds of students around the world. Beyond providing the opportunity for them to learn, you have given these students the most precious of gifts – hope.

Sincerely,
Ryan Aldred,
President

AN EXCITING NEW PROJECT: THE UGANDA LITERACY AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

CanILF’s newest initiative is the Uganda Literacy and Education Program, providing financial and administrative support to St. Paul’s KAASO, a school, orphanage, and community centre in rural Rakai, Uganda. KAASO has amazing potential. While it lacks many essential resources and is constantly challenged by the devastating HIV/AIDS epidemic in the region, KAASO has grown in recent years and has helped to empower and equip its students with the skills and resources necessary to better provide for themselves and their families.

Our initial focus for this new project will be to support and expand the existing Community Empowerment Program, entitled “Zibula Attude” (“You Cannot Earn While Sitting”), which is tailored toward teaching business and social skills to mature students. The program covers a wide variety of subjects, from literacy and arithmetic education to arts & crafts and basic entrepreneurship. For more information, please visit us at www.ulep.org.



Grade 5 students attend class at KAASO



A group of women weaves baskets that can later be sold to help support their families.

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

- **CIDA** for their ongoing support of the ACCC.
- **Divine.ca** for their generous donation of \$1300 through their Share the Love campaign.
- **EducationGeneration** for hosting student profiles leading to dozens of scholarships for ACCC students.
- **CBC Radio-Canada** for doing a feature on the impact of the ACCC.
- **St Matthew Catholic High School** for raising \$2000 for CanILF at their annual cake auction.
- **Roshan** for providing free internet access to the ACCC.



SUCCESS STORIES

"After I completed the project management course, I opened my own company of supply and services. I plan, organize, execute and control all activities around my company. I write proposals and reports myself. My family members are my team. I have also hired a few more people from outside."

- ACCC Student

"Several trainees said that they are training their brothers at home. They said that their brothers have graphics designer shops in the market and the skills they get from us they apply them in their workplace environment, and their businesses' profits have doubled."

- Dawood, ICT Teacher at the ACCC

"SAIT and ACCC courses did open door for opportunities for many women in Kandahar. And we landed jobs at UNICEF. The pay is great. We have other benefits too. They say we are an asset to the organization."

- Sakina and Sofia

"I was as an agent in the election process... While there was firing all the night, I thought that no one is going to come to the election because of the situation... through all the voting day fighting was going on... but slowly slowly the number of people increased... What made me too glad was uneducated men and women were coming to vote, even they didn't know how to vote, how to take the pen! It was a great feeling like really the people want peace, and they are tired of everyday bombing."

- Yelda, ACCC Student

"I have already started HRM [Human Resources Management] orientations for other girls at ACCC and outside ACCC so that more women of Kandahar are acquainted with HRM knowledge. The students are keen in learning HR. They act like HR persons timing themselves and others, interviewing, looking at CVs, documents, planning, recruiting, firing, training, etc."

- Sultana

GET INVOLVED: HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **Become a volunteer!** Interested in starting a chapter in your city or at your school? Want to host an event for CanILF? We can provide you with any additional information and resources you will need.
- **Tell your friends!** For all the latest information about the Foundation and any of our projects, follow us on TWITTER at @CanILF.
- **Become a fan!** Search for us on FACEBOOK.
- **DONATE!** 100% of donations to CanILF go directly to the students and schools we support. Tax receipts are available for donations over \$20.
- **Visit our website (CanILF.org)!** Find out how you can Adopt-a-Student, become a Peer-to-Peer Educator, a Coffee Hero, or a Pen Pal today!

YOUR DONATION OF...

- **\$10** provides one month of vocational education for a student in Uganda.
- **\$25** provides one month of business management training for a student in Kandahar.
- **\$40-\$100** through our Adopt-A-Student program pays for a whole semester of studies for one student.
- **\$250** buys a second-hand laptop for the ACCC computer lab, offering internet access to students and the community at no charge.
- **\$2000** funds scholarships for a class of 10 students for one year.

