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Attn: Khorshid Attai
President

April 22, 2008

Dear Friends,

Thank you for inviting me to attend the “Fundraising Dinner for Afghan Orphans” that your organization will be hosting on Sunday, April 27, 2008. Unfortunately, I will not be able to be with you tonight since I will be celebrating Greek Orthodox Easter.

Having visited Afghanistan twice, I have seen first-hand how Afghans were striving against incredible odds to re-build their lives, homes and livelihoods that had been shattered by years of civil strife.

It is important that the Canadian Afghan Diaspora continues to engage in assisting people in Afghanistan. It is necessary to establish links that will help create a sustainable economy.

When more students are able to go to school and when young people receive job training for meaningful employment, warlords are less likely to be able to recruit child soldiers. Sadly, child soldiers are fighting in conflicts in many parts of the world.

By organizing this very important gala, the *Canada Afghan Centre for War-affected Children* is giving children in Afghanistan hope for the future. A fundraiser of this calibre can only be achieved through the contributions and hard work of the Board of Directors, staff, committed volunteers and generous donors and sponsors. I am certain that funds raised will benefit many children in need.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend all those who have been instrumental in making this event a success.

Sincerely,

Jim Karygiannis
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