



It's time to kick off the 2010 Summer Program!

Are you interested in hosting? You can go to www.solaceforthechildren.org/work_host_program.html and learn more or download a host application for the 2010 Summer Program!

Are you ready to learn more about how to establish a Solace Branch in your area? You can find more information here - http://www.solaceforthechildren.org/work_branches.html.

Updates on a few of our Solace Children



Moska and Fakhreia are both recovering from open heart surgery. Fakhreia, younger and with a less complex heart condition is strong and ready to go home to her family in Afghanistan early next week. Moska has shown great courage as she has slowly moved toward recovery. We expect Moska to be ready to return to her loving family before the end of



the year. Everyone had to smile recently when Moska ask for ice cream... a sure sign of her improvement! Many thanks to Patrons of the Heart and Wolfson Children's Hospital for partnering with Solace to give these young ones a chance at health!

Shaeq is enjoying a visit with his family for Eid! When he returns to Kabul to resume his studies in the SOLA school, an appointment will be set to review his medical records. During this exam and review, trusted doctors will begin to develop a plan of treatment for Shaeq's disabled leg, thankfully with the blessings of his family. We are expecting this important review to take place the first part of October. We are planning for Shaeq to return for the 2010 Solace program for follow up treatment. If surgery is scheduled for Shaeq's leg, he will need our support. We will let you know the results.



Celebrate with Mahboba! She has been accepted to begin classes in the SOLA school on October 3rd! Safety is the issue left to resolve. It is not possible for her to walk 4 days each week to her classes. Transportation must be provided. Her one way transportation each day will cost about \$3.00. That works out to \$100 a month. All school supplies have been provided and tuition is waived. Transportation is the last obstacle. Doesn't this seem like a small price to pay to educate an eager, able mind!

The Solace Board will take the October! Who wants November!?! If you want to be a part of providing safe transportation for Mahboba, tag your donation with her name. Donations can be made online or checks can be sent to Solace at the address below.



We had a little scare concerning Sana several days ago. She fainted and was taken to the hospital where she was released after receiving an injection of what was described as vitamins. Later the same night, Sana had to be rushed back to the hospital due to seizures. The first hospital had no doctor available, so she was taken on to the next closest Kabul facility. As far as we know this was the first time she experienced seizures and she seems to be just fine now! Sana's experience makes me stop and give thanks for the medical networks surrounding us in America!

Marzya still awaits her surgery date. Waiting is very difficult, yet she's using her time to learn English and, believe or not, a little Spanish, too! Marzya, Najib and Zaman were able to celebrate Eid with the Somji family and by all reports had a wonderful time!



Najib is the young man who was caught in the rocket attack on Election Day in Afghanistan. His surgery at Piedmont Surgery Center in Rock Hill was successful. Najib is seeing light and as he heals we are encouraged that he may regain some sight. Solace for the Children is grateful to the staff of the surgery center (pictured) and especially to his surgeon, Dr. Farr for accepting this challenge.

We're on Facebook!

You can get regular updates as we received news! Go to your Facebook page and search Solace for the Children or follow this link www.facebook.com/pages/Solace-for-the-Children/157921758046?ref=search&sid=100000193312093.3873758298..1# Sign up to be a fan today! Thank you, Denise Kelly for bringing Solace into the world of Facebook!

Who Do You Know?

Solace for the Children would like to invite communities across the U.S. to consider establishing a Solace Branch! Now that we have the 2009 Solace DVD ready we are asking you to make personal contact with those you believe would make good Solace coordinators. We want to get out the information! Sandy Tabor-Gray is our coordinator for this "Get the Word Out" project! Who do you know that you are willing to call to ask permission to send an informational DVD explaining the basics of the Solace program? Let Sandy Tabor-Gray know and she will follow up immediately and take it from there! Sandy's email SGR8FULL@aol.com. Want to preview the new DVD? Go to http://homepage.mac.com/ote_productions/Solace-Mov.html. Right now, you need to be a little patient with the download time. We're working on ways to speed this up. Don't worry – it's worth the wait!

Needs!

Want to help, yet not sure how? Here are a couple more suggestions!

- Donate Laptops and digital cameras less than 3 years old – To do the work of Solace on the ground in Afghanistan we need technical support. Laptops give us the ability to go to the children anywhere in the country. Digital cameras will provide a more comprehensive level of information to guide our decisions regarding need. It was due to a digital photograph that Dr. Rinker urged Solace to bring Mati as soon as possible rather than wait for the summer program schedule this year. As it turned out, the infection in his wounded foot was spreading to his bone and waiting might very well have cost Mati his foot or his life.
- Financial Support – Solace has been asked provide treatment for six special cases in 2009 and the requests continue. Your gifts help make it possible to say yes. Your gifts have given Najib his sight, Fakhreia a healthy heart and Mati the ability to run and play! Your gifts mean that together we can build peace on a foundation of health!

With love!

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