



We are reaching out to you for some additional support for Humaira and to update you on her current situation and education plan.

Humaira came to the North Country two years ago, leaving Afghanistan just as the Taliban were coming to power. Since then, she has been living in Potsdam and attending Clarkson on a generous scholarship. The Humaira Project provided financial assistance to get her out of Afghanistan and set up in the North Country, facilitated housing, helped find her a lawyer to apply for political asylum, and walked with her through the various bureaucratic processes with the US government and at school.

Humaira is now starting her senior year at Clarkson in computer science with a keen interest in cyber security. She has aspirations to go on to graduate school but recognizes that it may be good to work in her field either in an internship or with paying work upon graduating. Humaira has been working while attending school and paying her own bills. She has not had to draw from The Humaira Project funds for the past year and a half.

Humaira applied for political asylum in February 2022. She still awaits a hearing date to complete that process. She continues to be in the US with a student visa but was also recently given work authorization that would allow her to work without going to school.

The Humaira Project raised about \$20,000 from fifty people and used about \$16,000. The remaining funds are earmarked for when Humaira relocates upon graduation to get her set up in a new city and cover her needs until she has a regular income. There are several families still making monthly contributions.

Looking forward to the coming school year, Humaira finds herself coming up short in her budget. Her scholarship at Clarkson has remained the same, however, tuition went up. She also is going to be paying rent this year. She estimates that she will be able to earn about \$6500 over the year while studying and that her expenses will be about \$10,000. In addition, we would also like to increase what we can give her in June when she relocates.

To cover Humaira's expenses for the school year and to send her off upon graduation we are seeking to raise an additional \$6000 in the coming year and are asking for your help. If you can, please consider sending a contribution.

Thank you for your support,

Steve and Sandy

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

☐ Yes, I would like to give a contribution of _____.

☐ Yes, I could give a monthly contribution of _____.

Please send your donations to The Humaira Project, 1227 CR 25, Canton, NY 13617. Thank you.