

The Zabuli Education Center



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(NOTE: On Dec. 2, Mr. Hosseini and Ms. Jan will be available for media interviews from 1 – 2 p.m. prior to the performance. Please contact Ann Murphy if you want to set up an interview.)

MEDIA ADVISORY

Noted KITE RUNNER Author to Headline Event in Duxbury, Mass. to Build a School for Young Girls in Afghanistan

WHO:

Khaled Hosseini, author of the best selling novels *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. Dr. Hosseini is also a physician and a Goodwill Envoy to the UNHCR the United Nations Refugee Agency.

Ehsan Aman, the internationally recognized composer, performer who composed the Afghanistan national anthem and wrote, composed and performed the theme song for “*The Kite Runner*” movie to be released in November 2007.

Razia Jan of Marshfield, event organizer

Dancers

WHAT:

On Sunday, December 2, 2007 the Duxbury Rotary Club will host an event at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center. This event will raise funds to aid in the construction of a free school for girls and women in Kabul, Afghanistan. The program will feature the culture of Afghanistan with folk dancing and music performed by Ehsan Aman. Author Khaled Hosseini will be reading from his latest novel *A Thousand Splendid Suns*.

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WHEN/WHERE: **Sunday, December 2, 2007**
Duxbury Performing Arts Center
73 Alden Street
Duxbury, Mass.

PROGRAM:

1:00 PM	Silent Auction
2:00 PM	Program Begins <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Afghan folk dance performed by local youth▪ Presentation by Razia▪ Performance by Ehsan Aman▪ Remarks by Khaled Hosseini
4:30 PM	Book Signing
5:00 PM	Dinner for VIP guests at Duxbury Senior Center, 10 Mayflower Street

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The Zabuli Education Center is a humanitarian endeavor spearheaded by Razia Jan of Marshfield, Mass., an Afghan native and small business owner in Duxbury, Mass. Razia is also chair of the International Programs Committee of the Duxbury Rotary Club and she has been working since 2005 to raise funds to establish the school for young girls in Afghanistan. The mission of the school is to provide free education for girls in the Kabul region. The school is being named after the late Abdul Majid Zabuli, a well-respected businessman and philanthropist who was committed to improving education in Afghanistan. In his memory, his wife Frieda has donated \$50,000 to the school.

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