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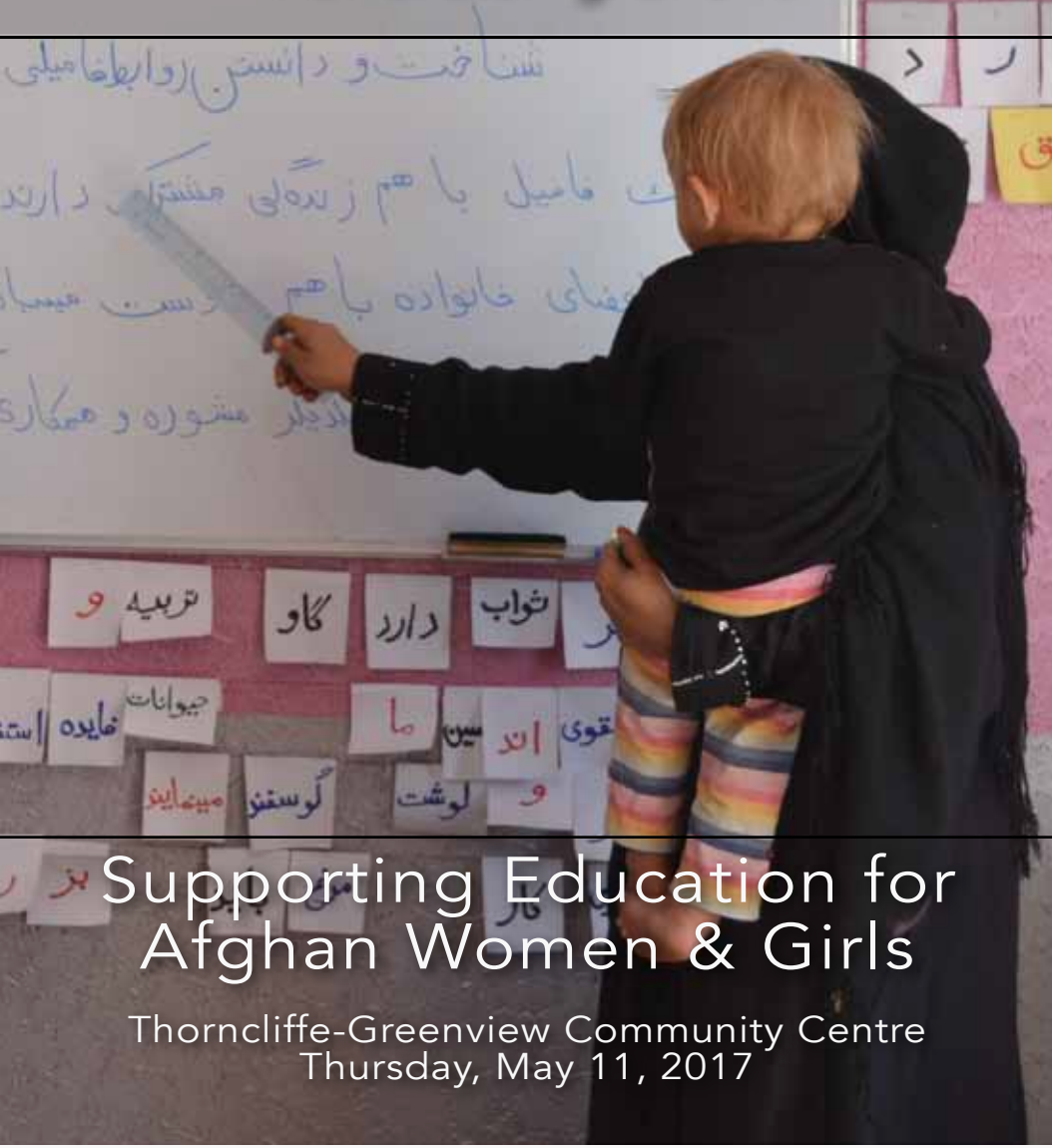
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Canadian Women *for*  
Women in Afghanistan

14<sup>th</sup> Annual

BREAKING BREAD

Fundraising Event



Supporting Education for  
Afghan Women & Girls

Thornccliffe-Greenview Community Centre  
Thursday, May 11, 2017

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER ROYA SHAMS

As a young Afghan woman, Roya was forced to flee Afghanistan after being targeted by the Taliban. Even at the age of 11, Roya understood the value of education, in a country where girls and women experience violence and oppression for simply attending school.



Growing up in Kandahar, Roya took advantage of every opportunity to learn: studying English at the Afghan-Canadian Community Centre, enrolling in an online Canadian civics class, teaching other girls English and working as an administrative assistant at an international humanitarian organization. Roya's father, a district police commander in Kandahar, never dissuaded Roya or her sisters from pursuing an education, a belief that ultimately cost him his life, after being gunned down by the Taliban in July 2011. Without her father, Roya was now an easy target for extremists.

With the help of journalists from the Toronto Star, she was brought to Canada and given a bursary to complete her high school education at Ashbury College in Ottawa. Roya is about to complete her first year on a full scholarship at the University of Ottawa, studying international development and looking forward to the day that she can achieve her dream of becoming a political leader and helping to save her own country.

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Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan (CW4WAfghan.ca) is a member-based, not-for-profit organization founded in 1996 with thirteen volunteer chapters across Canada. CW4WAfghan is a non-religious, non-political, federally registered charity in Canada. Volunteers work together to advance education for Afghan women and their families, and to educate Canadians about human rights in Afghanistan.



## PROGRAM

5:30 pm  
Reception, Cash Bar,  
Afghan Marketplace

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6:15 pm  
Welcome and Dinner

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7:30 - 9:00 pm  
Program

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**TO BE COMPLETED**

**Roya Shams**  
Guest Speaker

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Closing Remarks, Marketplace,  
Dessert and Social

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