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Dear Friends,

I am honored and excited to inform you that Suraya Pakzad, Director of Voice of Women from Afghanistan, will be visiting the U.S. and in partnership with Traveling Mercies will be lecturing and fund raising March 1 through March 21, 2009. Last year Suraya was here to receive The Women of Courage Award in Washington D.C. from the U.S. State Department and conducted several lectures and community discussions in the area.

I have some ideas, invitations, and other possibilities to help create an agenda for this special visit in March. However, I first wish to inform you of her visit and also ask you to participate with suggestions, ideas, and venues that might help make this a most successful trip. The issues of women's rights, the struggles of innocent children and the need for clean, healthy water are our main focus. March is International Women's Month; together we can welcome a true warrior of this struggle into our communities, share our stories, and take an action to help those in need at home and around the world.

Peace,

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