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## **The Tahirih Justice Center Launches National Helpline for Afghan Evacuees**

Falls Church, VA – Today, the Tahirih Justice Center launched its Afghan Asylum Project to support Afghan citizens who recently arrived in the United States. Beginning September 13, Afghan citizens seeking assistance can call a dedicated, toll-free line (888-991-0852) and be connected with resources and local organizations that are providing on-the-ground support. In addition, trauma-informed Tahirih staff will be conducting legal screenings remotely with anyone presenting gender-based asylum claims for potential legal representation by Tahirih staff and Tahirih’s pro bono network.

“At Tahirih, we believe we are one human family and that the welfare of each of us is inextricably bound to the welfare of all,” said Maricarmen Garza, Tahirih’s Chief of Programs. “When one part of that family is in crisis, those of us with the knowledge and resources to help must act. We are proud to be able to offer this support and plan to grow this project as we continue to learn more about the needs of Afghans seeking safety in the U.S.”

Tahirih’s Afghan Asylum Helpline is open Monday to Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern time. Pashto and Dari interpreters are available.

In the early 2000s, the Tahirih Justice Center was a leader in supporting Afghan women seeking protection in the U.S. by providing free legal services to over 100 women seeking asylum and supporting refugees as they resettled in this country.

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The Tahirih Justice Center is a national, nonprofit organization that serves immigrant survivors of gender-based violence. By amplifying the experiences of survivors in communities, courts, and Congress, Tahirih’s mission is to create a world in which all people share equal rights and live in safety and with dignity.