September 23, 2007

Dear Friends of Afghanistan:

In light of our successful blanket drive and distribution last year to the neediest people in Bamyan province, Raqim Foundation is mounting another campaign this year to provide blankets and other essential materials to the most vulnerable people in the remote central provinces of Afghanistan, ahead of the anticipated harsh winter. We were deeply moved by the outpouring of support we received last year from our donors, which enabled us to purchase and deliver this precious cargo deep into the Afghan highlands.

These small villages, situated in the rugged mountains of central Afghanistan, will be cut off once the severe weather arrives and the heavy snows set in -- it is imperative that we act immediately, because while these remote areas are difficult to reach now, it will be impossible to get to them when the heavy snows hit.

Their inhabitants are among the poorest in the world; they lack even basic supplies which most of us take for granted -- food, medicine, electricity, firewood, etc. Most of their flimsy dwellings are not equipped with heaters. Blankets are their main source of warmth and comfort, but they are often scarce and unaffordable. It is no wonder why each year brings more death and misery to these forlorn communities.

It is our earnest hope to bring a small measure of relief to those unfortunate people in Afghanistan who have to endure yet another bitter winter amidst growing security threats due to the rise of the insurgency throughout the country.

To contribute to this noble effort, please visit us online at http://www.raqimfoundation.org or mail your donation to Raqim Foundation, 1028 Lakeridge Place, San Ramon, CA 94582.

On behalf of Raqim Foundation, I thank you for your compassion and generosity.

Sincerely,

G. Faruq Achikzad Chairman & CEO