

The Sozahdah Family presents 2nd Annual Baraka Fundraiser Benefiting Global Empowerment Mission and Bayat Foundation

Fundraising benefit to be held merging art and culture at Mateo & 7th Gallery in Los Angeles California

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA , USA, September 17, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The global refugee population has reached a new high in 2022 surpassing 30 million people. In an effort to combat this horrific statistic and as children of refugees who escaped war and turmoil, the Sozahdah family sisters will not turn a blind eye to the global refugee crisis which has left over 100 million people displaced worldwide due to persecution, conflict, violence, and human rights violations. The 2nd annual fundraising event dedicated to "Baraka (blessings)" will be held at Mateo & 7th Gallery in Los Angeles, California, September 18th, 2022 -- this nationally televised event will raise funds to aid refugee women and children offering donations to two noteworthy organizations making international impact: the [Bayat Foundation](#) and [Global Empowerment Mission](#).

According to UNHCR and UNICEF, in the first months of 2022, more than 100 million people were displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations 50 percent of these refugees being women and children under the age of 18.

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Donate here: <https://globalempowermentmission.org/Baraka>



Meet Jamila Sozahdah, Co-Creator Baraka 2nd Annual Fundraising Gala Benefitting Refugee Women & Children

We will make a difference in the world by lightening the burdens of another. We must be the change we wish to see ~ The Sozahdah Family

The Sozahdah family is holding this fundraiser to raise awareness and donate all proceeds to two amazing non-profit organizations fighting the rise of this refugee crisis: Bayat Foundation and Global Empowerment Mission (GEM). Bayat Foundation and GEM provide grassroots efforts with a large institutional impact for the most vulnerable refugee populations affected by disasters around the world -- most recently the Ukrainian crisis as well. .

The evening will include appearances by local talent, celebrities Lil Jon and Terrence Jenkins, and many more surprises to come. Red carpet will begin at 6:00 PM, with cocktail hour ensuing from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM followed by touching remarks from Jamila and Siddiqa Sozahdah and personal remarks from GEM President and Founder, Michael Capponi as well as Bayat Foundation VP of Strategic Alliances/ Programs, Alberto Lopez. Standup comedian Ron G and live auction to follow before the event will officially close.



Jamila Sozahdah and Mother Gul Bibi in Traditional Afghan Attire (Gul is the mother of all 10 of the Sozahdah Sisters)

Donations will directly help with quality healthcare for women and newborns, increase access to education, provide economic empowerment through entrepreneurship, as well as social justice and cultural preservation.

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About Bayat Foundation: The Bayat Foundation is dedicated to the health, education and well-being of the people of Afghanistan, regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, marital status or religion, by providing for those in-need and unlocking the potential of widows, women, children,

youth and men through programs and partnerships offering quality healthcare for women and newborns, increased access to education through new or refurbished schools, economic empowerment through entrepreneurship, social justice, strengthened families, competitive sporting events and cultural preservation.

About Global Empowerment Mission (GEM): The Global Empowerment Mission (GEM) founded in

1996's aim is to provide grassroots efforts with a large institutional impact to the most vulnerable refugee populations affected by disasters around the world. GEM operates year-round programming that focuses on school and home reconstruction, education, and empowerment, and environmental and health programs. The program goals are to bring people back to normalcy and elevate communities beyond the cycle of disaster response. The outcome of these programs are to provide long-term redevelopment, which mitigates the psychosocial impact of displacement. The programs create independence through sustainable initiatives as the communities have a vested interest in the programs and overtime grow and improve them on their own. To date, GEM has raised over \$250M in committed aid to the Ukrainian crisis and continues aiding victims of disasters across the US and all over the world.

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