



The Association of Moroccan Professionals in America
and
The High Atlas Foundation
present:

Women are integral to the sustainable development of *our* communities

Saturday **October 9th**, 12:30 - 5:00pm
Casablanca Restaurant
Old Town Alexandria, VA

Join us for a charity gala to raise money for Women's Cooperatives projects in Morocco.

Enjoy Moroccan cuisine, live music, henna artistry, and a live/silent auction.

A gift of **\$80** will guarantee the participation of one woman or girl in a local cooperative.



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Dear members and friends

In partnership with the **High Atlas Foundation (HAF)** and under the theme of “**Women are an integral part to the sustainable development of our communities**”, the **Association of Moroccan Professionals in America (AMPA)** invites you to a charity fundraiser to benefit the **Women’s Cooperative projects in Morocco**. We will be hosting our banquet on **Saturday, October 9th** from 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at **Casablanca Restaurant in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia**.

Cooperatives are known to become an essential element of rural communities as they provide women the opportunity to contribute to their household incomes of upwards to 25 percent. Cooperatives' focuses depend on the interests and skills of the women of each community and successful cooperatives range from raising goats, to the production of cheeses, jams and honeys to carpet weaving.

The event will feature a lovely sit–down lunch, live performance of traditional Moroccan music, Henna artist as well as live and silent auctions of Moroccan art, artisanal centerpieces and much more! AMPA and HAF encourage all members and friends of our community to join us for this important afternoon for charity and support of rural Moroccan women who are actively engaged in improving their lives and those of the members of their communities!

Ticket Prices: Single tickets can be purchased online through the link below for **\$80**. Tickets will be available at the door for **\$100** and are subject to availability. Please note that the event is open to adults only – <http://hafampaevent.eventbrite.com/>
Tickets for a table of 8 people are available for purchase through this link <http://hafampaeventticketsforatableof8.eventbrite.com/>

Other ways to contribute: In addition to the proceeds from ticket sales, you or your corporation can also contribute to this great cause through one or more of the following options:

- Make a secure online donation directly to the High Atlas Foundation. Individuals or businesses donating \$250 or more will be recognized as an HAF's Founders' Circle member on its website and receive a signed copy of the children’s book "The Butter Man" – set in the High Atlas Mountains – <http://www.hihatlasfoundation.org/donate;>
- Donate items for the auction in the form of merchandise, gift certificates, theater or sporting event tickets, airline tickets or in–kind services;
- Volunteer your time at the event; or
- Through your company's corporate contribution matching gifts program. Many organizations offer matching gifts for their employees’ contributions. Be sure to ask your employer for a matching gift form and include it with your contribution and the *High Atlas Foundation will do the rest!*

Businesses can sponsor the event or donate to the auction with in–kind goods or services in exchange for visibility during the event and on the AMPA and HAF websites. To become a sponsor for the event, to volunteer or to donate to Women’s Cooperative projects, please contact us at events@amp-usa.org.

Note that the High Atlas Foundation is a US 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. As such, your donation of \$30 or more is tax–deductible. All proceeds after cost will go to the Women’s Cooperative projects in Morocco.

Thank you,

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About AMPA

The Association of Moroccan Professionals in America (AMPA) is a nonprofit organization established to promote networking between experienced, successful, and active Moroccan professionals in the United States of America.

Our goal is to provide our members with a comprehensive platform where they can easily share their knowledge and contacts to advance social and professional development.

Our Goals:

1. Develop and maintain a strong network of Moroccan professionals in the U.S.
2. Promote bilateral commercial exchanges between the U.S. and Morocco
3. Develop strategic alliances both in Morocco and the U.S.
4. Provide members with opportunities to leverage the AMPA platform for professional development
5. Promote community service and education initiatives in Morocco

About HAF

The High Atlas Foundation (HAF) was founded in 2000 by former Peace Corps Volunteers as a way to build upon professional relationships and knowledge gained during their years of service for the continued benefit of the Moroccan people. HAF is led by a team of professional Moroccans and Americans, many of who have extensive development experience in Morocco. HAF is a US 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, with a registered field office in Morocco.

Our Mission:

HAF works to establish development projects in different parts of Morocco that local communities design and manage, and that are in partnership with government and non-government agencies. HAF uses a participatory development approach that includes beneficiaries as active partners in every step of the development process.

Our Core Projects:

- Fruit Tree Agriculture
- Clean Drinking Water
- Irrigation
- Women's Cooperatives
- Training in Participatory Development