



Newsletter

Dear Friends,

It has been just over eight months since we registered our charity and we thought you might like to learn about our progress to date.

We have been working hard to raise funds which will enable us to open our school, and thanks to your kind and generous donations, we now have two thirds of the money necessary for our first year of operation.

Following the inspiration of Faryaneh's daughter Yasmin, the Lycee Francais Charles de Gaulle in London held a Fashion Show on 6 and 7 April, 2006, the proceeds of which went to Snowflake. It was a great success. On 20 April, 2006 we had a fantastic fundraising dinner at the Connaught Hotel, organized by Mrs Mahnaz Kamel, who worked extremely hard to make it happen. And on Thursday 6 May, 2006 we presented at Anjoman, the British-Iranian Business and Professional Society, at the kind invitation of its President, Dr Bejan Roohi, who spoke very generously of our efforts.

We are extremely grateful to Mrs Kamel, to Dr Roohi, to the Lycee and to Anjoman, as well as to our generous benefactors at these events.

We have started looking for suitable premises and are making good progress. We need a building that will meet strict requirements on health and safety as well as having the necessary education and disability provision.

If we simply try to convert a property from residential or commercial use, we will have unsupportable overheads, even if we receive planning permission, which is by no means guaranteed. For this reason, we are seeking a site with a school licence.

Once the premises are secured, we will begin recruiting and training our teachers and other staff.

None of this would have been possible without your help so thank you again for supporting Snowflake School for Children with Autism.

We will continue to send you regular news about our progress. If you have any specific questions, or if you do not wish to receive our update, please let us know.

On behalf of Snowflake School for Children with Autism,

Yours truly,

Faryaneh Akhavan, Founder

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