

60-Year-Old American Mom Flies Halfway Around the World to Rescue 10 Afghan Girls

If you don't think there are any heroes who took action to save lives right before the Afghanistan debacle, think again.

An Oklahoma mother of 11 took it upon herself to rescue 10 members of Afghanistan's all-girls robotics team. She flew to Qatar earlier this month to try to get some of the girls to safety before the Taliban surprised the Biden administration by swiftly taking over the entire war-torn country.

What's even more amazing is Allison Reneau is hoping to save even more girls before the Taliban, known for their brutal treatment of women and religious minorities, has free rein to implement totalitarian Islamic sharia law.

NBC News reports Reneau, a 60-year-old Harvard graduate, took it upon herself to try and save members of the girls' robotic team.

She had been in touch with the team of girls ages 16 to 18 since meeting them as a board member for Explore Mars at the organization's annual Humans to Mars conference in 2019. The team had been recognized as the future of Afghanistan and was an example of how far women's rights had come since the U.S. liberation following the 9/11 terror attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C.

Reneau told NBC News she "couldn't shake" the feeling that the girls were in danger while watching the news of the advancing insurgent army in early August. She called Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., a ranking member of the Armed Services Committee, but

that “lead went cold” when the senator became “overwhelmed with the need to help our American citizens.”

Deciding to try by herself, she got on an airplane headed to the Middle East where she landed in Qatar, which is still thousands of miles away from Afghanistan. But she had a friend who could help.

“I remembered my former roommate in D.C. a couple of years ago was transferred to Qatar,” she explained. “She worked in the U.S. Embassy in Qatar ... she was sure her boss would approve helping the girls.”

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