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THE DABESTANI FAMILY LEGACY

**DONOR: MR ALAYAR DABESTANI
IRAN**



The Dabestani Family

The Dabestani Heritage hinges on the Family Motto: A Life Of Giving, Is A Life Worth Living. With a passion to promote human welfare, service has been second nature to them. In their love for mankind, they recognized that we cannot progress alone, and there is such a thing as the common good.

The Dabestani Family Legacy of service for humanity started about 120-years ago with the late Khodadad Dabestani who built a water reservoir in the center of the village to serve the entire community of Sharifabad, Yazd. He also donated his assets to have monthly Gahambar done, a communal tradition which still continues to date.

His son the late Ardeshir Dabestani was employed by the Parsis at the Anjoman of Akabar Sahebam Parseian HEND to establish, teach, and manage the first school of Sharifabad. That was a turning point leading to a new modern education in Sharifabad. He successfully served as the school's guardian (Dabestani Jamshidi) for 37-years. Ardeshir was married to Khatoon and had four children, namely Khodayar (Khosrow), Alayar, Bahman and Farhad.

Mr. Khosrow Dabestani worked as a dentist in Bam, Kerman and Tehran. He Co-founded the Kanoon e Zartoshti of Sharifabad and served as the Board Of Director and President for almost 50-years. He also served with the Tehran Zartoshti Anjoman for 3-terms. In 2000, he was also elected as a member of the Parliament of Iran to represent our Zarathushti community for a 4-year term.

Mr. Alayar Dabestani made a career of acquiring, developing and selling real estate in the United States and Canada for the past 40-years. He owned and operated numerous 'Theater Near You' in the United States and Canada for about 20-years. He partnered with Indian Movie Theatres and Eros Entertainment for distribution and exhibition of Indian movies across United States and Canada. In 2002, Alayar was honored and recognized by WZCC as the worldwide businessman of the year. He has been a member of ZSBC for 5-terms. He helped found the Zoroastrian Society of Washington State and still serves as a founding trustee for the past 25-years. He has and continues to do numerous charitable works in Iran, United States, Canada and abroad.

The late Bahman Dabestani founded the World Peace University which was recognized and approved by the Austrian Chancellor and Iranian Government. Due to his early demise he was unable to accomplish the goals of the World Peace University.

The late Farhad Dabestani dedicated 20-years to focus on qualifying and providing over 100 University study loans annually for Zarathushti students. The capitol funding was provided by his brother Alayar. As repayment of their loan, Farhad and Alayar asked each student to sign a pledge stating that there were to pass the kindness they received onto others in need, as much as they could and whenever they could.

The visionary Dabestani family is known for their humility and character. They have lived useful and honorable lives. Their innate desire to increase the well-being of humanity leaves a legacy to be treasured forever.