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for those left behind. Masud is established and successful. He could make a difference.

With that thought, Masud brainstormed ways to do more than just send a check. More than 8,000 schools were destroyed. He questioned how this generation of children will be educated and the long-term effects if they don't get the schooling they need. After pondering these questions, Masud decided he wanted to raise money to build a school for girls.

His mother was a principal of an all-girl school, and he believed a nation could be built if the mothers were educated. He also thought the government aid might favor the males, because Pakistan is a male-dominated society.

"I was wrong," he admitted. "The government decided to build both."

Once Masud traveled back to Western New York, he talked to friends and other Buffalo-born Pakistanis and started a fund to raise the money needed to build the school.

Approximately \$300,000 would be needed to educate 100 to 150 students. Those who have been instrumental in the not-for-profit organization are Brad Hall, Amy Jo Ogden and Julie Reid.

An account was set up with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, and the money raised will go directly to the relief effort.

"I have been amazed at how many people, who didn't even know me, have offered to help," Masud said.

A gala will be held to raise funds for the school at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 120 Church St., Buffalo. The cost is \$100 per person and includes dinner, entertainment and an auction.

To make a donation to the WNY South Asia Earthquake Relief Effort, send a check to: Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, 712 Main St., Buffalo, N.Y. 14202. Remember to add the organization's name in the memo section of the check.

To donate an item for the auction, call Reid or Ogden at 835-2966.

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# CNN anchor inducted into Buffalo Broadcasters Hall of Fame

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Reporter

major breaking news. He has traveled throughout the world, breaking stories in the Middle East and interviewing such leaders as Gen. John Abizaid, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq.



Wolf Blitzer

Kenmore native Wolf Blitzer puts world leaders in the hot seat on his CNN news programs "The Situation Room" and "Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer."

The Kenmore West High School graduate was inducted into the Buffalo Broadcasters Hall of Fame Tuesday at WGRZ studios in Buffalo.

Blitzer got his start at the University at Buffalo as a history major but decided to take a different path after an influential conversation with one of his professors. Instead he pursued a master's degree in international studies at Johns Hopkins University.

The former Williamsville resident was also accepted into the international studies master's program at the University of Chicago, but ultimately decided to go to Washington, D.C.

"I am very happy with my choice," Blitzer said, noting that he uses the knowledge he obtained in graduate school every day.

Blitzer began his career in 1972 with the Reuters News Agency in Tel Aviv, Israel. Shortly after, he moved back to the United States, becoming a Washington, D.C., correspondent for The Jerusalem Post.

After authoring two books, "Between Washington and Jerusalem: A Reporter's Notebook" and "Territory of Lies," he was often asked by CNN and other news networks to be an expert guest as a Pentagon correspondent.

This eventually led to Blitzer anchoring his own television broadcasts on CNN, and for more than two decades, he has reported on a wide range of

Blitzer is the recipient of several awards for his coverage of the 2004 tsunami disaster in Southeast Asia, the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

He has interviewed world leaders, educating the public on the happenings around the world. Recent interviews include President George W. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

"It's great because I have the opportunity to ask serious, important questions to leaders of the world and foreign ministers," Blitzer said. "It's a real thrill to wake up and sleep smarter. I get a daily education. It doesn't get much better than

Blitzer, who visited his hometown for the induction ceremony, said it's always exciting to be recognized for the work he does, but this award is extra special because it comes from his hometown.

"You can take the kid out of Buffalo, but you can't take Buffalo out of the kid," Blitzer said.

He visits the area at least once a year, visiting friends and speaking at UB and other schools.

"It's always good to come back home and see old friends," Blitzer said.

"Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer" airs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays and "The Situation Room" broadcasts from 4 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday on CNN.

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### What's Going On

#### Remix lecture to be held at Amherst Museum

A 1776 Remix Lecture will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 at the Amherst Museum, 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road.

#### Mothers & More to host meetings in October

The Buffalo Chapter of Mothers & More will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 and Thursday, Oct. 19 at 5271 Main St.

#### Garden club to meet Oct. 4

The Willow Ridge Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 15 Koenig Circle, Tonawanda.

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