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# Introduction

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North America  
Europe  
Jordan/Lebanon  
Gaza  
West Bank

### North America/Europe

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### Jordan/Lebanon

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### Gaza

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Fadi Al Talouli	Field Worker (North)
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Samar Hijjawi	Office and Procurement Manager
Laila Hishmeh	Admin Assistant (Ramallah)
Sondos Alsheikh	Field Worker (Ramallah)



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## PCRFB Chapters

North America  
Middle East  
South America  
Africa  
Europe

We are proud to be a grassroots organization with the support of a wide network of volunteers stretching across the globe. We are thankful for our dedicated volunteers who kindly give their time and energy to enable the work of the PCRFB by raising funds and awareness in their communities, as well as for caring for children sent to their communities for treatment. In addition to the ongoing growth of our chapters, we are thrilled to widen our impact with the formation of student clubs on university campuses.

### North America

- Arizona
- Atlanta
- Baltimore
- Boston
- Charlotte
- Chicago
- Cincinnati
- Cleveland
- Columbus
- Dallas
- DC-Metro
- Delaware
- Detroit
- Eastern Carolina/Greenville, NC
- Houston
- New Jersey
- New York
- Orlando
- Ontario
- Philadelphia
- Portland
- Raleigh
- San Diego
- San Francisco-Bay Area
- Southern California

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- St. Louis
- Tampa
- Tennessee
- Toledo
- Washington State

### South America

- Grenada

### Europe

- Italy
- London

### Africa

- Cape Town

### Middle East

- Jordan

### PCRFB- Student Clubs

- University of Illinois at Chicago (Chicago, IL)
- Loyola University (Chicago, IL)
- Kent State University (Kent, OH)
- St. George's University School of Medicine (Grenada)
- Rutgers University



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## Message from the President/ CEO and Chairman

Dear Friends and Supporters,

2017 was a special year for the PCRf, as it marked our 25th anniversary as a nonprofit humanitarian medical relief organization. Over the past 25 years, we have saved the lives of thousands of children, built cancer departments, sponsored hundreds of volunteer medical teams from all over the world to treat tens of thousands of children in local hospitals, sent thousands of children abroad for free care that they could not get locally, provided tens of thousands of children direct humanitarian aid, and empowered thousands of volunteers in dozens of countries to get involved and help us to grow into one of the most important and effective organizations in the world.

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Our effectiveness in helping to save the lives of hundreds of poor children in the Middle East each year is matched by the efficiency with which we operate. For six straight years, we have received the highest rating from Charity Navigator, four out of four stars. As their CEO Michael Thatcher said, "This is our highest possible rating and indicates that your organization adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way."

What is not seen on our balance sheets, though, is the lives that we touch every day, from the children who receive open-heart surgery through our missions at the Palestine Medical Complex, to the children battling cancer in our Huda Al-Masri Pediatric Cancer Department, to the thousands of Syrian and Palestinian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon's camps who receive food, medicine, clothing and other urgent aid to help them overcome their daily hardships. There is no way to measure the impact on the hearts, minds, and bodies of these children.

For that, we have to thank you. The PCRf is a privately-funded nonprofit, meaning that we depend on the support of people like you all over the world. We can only impact the lives of children through contributions from individuals like yourself.

2017 was our most successful year ever in treating children and providing humanitarian aid to refugees all over the Middle East. We sponsored 145 volunteer medical teams from dozens of countries to treat over 2,300 children, while we sent nearly 50 complex medical cases abroad for free care. In addition to the individual urgent relief that we are providing, we have also taken on large infrastructure projects to help improve the quality of medical care within the public health sector in Palestine, like completing our new cancer department for children in the Gaza Strip, and the opening of a new post-surgery recovery room in Jenin Hospital.

We hope that when you read through our annual report, you feel the same pride and confidence that we have about our ability to respond to the needs of children in the Middle East. We also hope that you will see that there is so much more that we can do, and so much more that needs to be done to address the crisis facing Arab children in the Middle East - particularly those from Syria and Palestine where we are based.

We will continue our work in 2018 with the same goal that we started the PCRf with 25 years ago - to help any child in need of medical care for free, regardless of their nationality, religion or race. We hope you to continue to help us work toward this goal, until no child needs our help any longer.

In solidarity,

  
**Dr. Khaled Abughazaleh**  
Chairman of the Board

  
**Steve Sosebee**  
President & CEO

## Our 6<sup>th</sup> Straight 4-Star Rating from Charity ★★ ★★ ★★ ★★



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April 1, 2017

Steve Sosebee  
Palestine Children's Relief Fund  
P.O. Box 1926  
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Dear Steve Sosebee:

On behalf of Charity Navigator, I wish to congratulate Palestine Children's Relief Fund on attaining the coveted 4-star rating for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

The nonprofit sector is advancing and expanding. As our organizations evolve, so do the desires and interests of our supporters. Astute donors are yearning for greater accountability, transparency, and for concrete results from us. With more than 1.5 million American charities, Charity Navigator aims to accentuate the work of efficient and transparent organizations. The intent of our work is to provide donors with essential information to give them greater confidence in both the charitable decisions that they make and the nonprofit sector.

Based on the most recent information available, we have issued a new rating for your organization. We are proud to announce Palestine Children's Relief Fund has earned our sixth consecutive 4-star rating. This is our highest possible rating and indicates that your organization adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way. Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that Palestine Children's Relief Fund exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in your area of work. Only 5% of the charities we evaluate have received at least 6 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Palestine Children's Relief Fund outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets Palestine Children's Relief Fund apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.

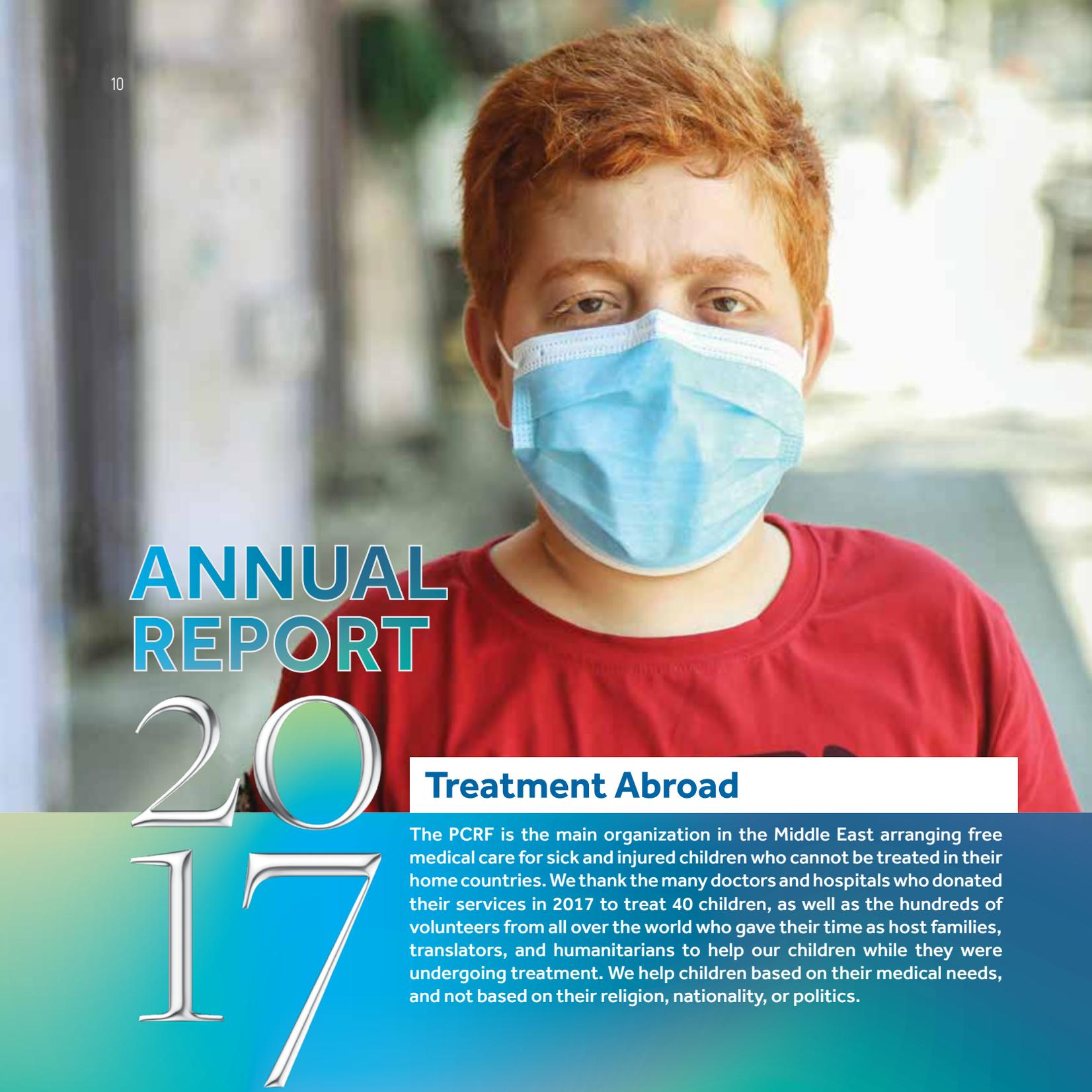
*Forbes*, *Business Week*, and *Kiplinger's Financial Magazine*, among others, have profiled and celebrated our unique method of applying data-driven analysis to the charitable sector. We evaluate ten times more charities than our nearest competitor and currently attract more visitors to our website than all other charity rating groups combined, thus making us the leading charity evaluator in America. Our data shows that users of our site donated more than they planned to before viewing our findings, and in fact, it is estimated that last year Charity Navigator influenced approximately \$10 billion in charitable gifts.

Your achievement and the 4-star rating will enhance your organization's fundraising and public relations efforts. Our favorable review of Palestine Children's Relief Fund's financial health and commitment to accountability & transparency is now visible on our website.

We wish you continued success in your charitable endeavors.

Sincerely,

Michael Thatcher  
President and CEO



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## Treatment Abroad

The PCRF is the main organization in the Middle East arranging free medical care for sick and injured children who cannot be treated in their home countries. We thank the many doctors and hospitals who donated their services in 2017 to treat 40 children, as well as the hundreds of volunteers from all over the world who gave their time as host families, translators, and humanitarians to help our children while they were undergoing treatment. We help children based on their medical needs, and not based on their religion, nationality, or politics.



Weam, age 12 from Gaza, checks her prosthesis in Atlanta.



Toqa, age 10 from Hebron, undergoes physiotherapy in L.A.

NAME	AGE	FROM	TRAVELED TO	SURGICAL NEED	TREATMENT CENTER
Lina	2 y	Gaza	Cincinnati	Orthopedic Surgery and Prosthetic Fitting	Cincinnati Children's Hospital and JF Rowley for prosthesis
Anwar	18 y	Ramallah	Atlanta	Reconstructive Surgery	Panacea Plastic Surgery Hospital
Tayyem	5 y	Gaza	Chicago	Vascular/Reconstructive Surgery	Lurie Children's Hospital
Ameer	14 y	Nablus	Dallas	Scoliosis Surgery	Texas Scottish Rite Hospital
Mera	11 y	Jenin	Dallas	Scoliosis Surgery	Texas Scottish Rite Hospital
Qais	18 y	Hebron	Tampa	Orthopedic Surgery and Prosthetic Fitting	Shriners Hospital
Layth	17 y	Iraq	Los Angeles	Orthopedic Surgery	Shriners Hospital
Waad	17 y	Gaza	Boston	Prosthetic Fitting	A Step Ahead Prosthetics
Rawan	18 m	Iraq	Bangalore	Cardiac Surgery	Narayana Hospital
Zainab	13 m	Iraq	Bangalore	Cardiac Surgery	Narayana Hospital
Umalbaneen	19 m	Iraq	Bangalore	Cardiac Surgery	Narayana Hospital
Marah	4 y	Gaza	Dallas	Prosthetic Fitting	Texas Scottish Rite Hospital
Omar	19 y	Nablus	Chennai	Cardiac Surgery	Fortis Hospital
Ranea	10 y	Hebron	Chicago	Prosthetic Fitting	Lurie Children's Hospital
Rawan	15 y	Jenin	Dubai	Reconstructive Surgery	American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery Hospital
Manar	14 y	Hebron	San Francisco	Ocular Treatment	Raymond Rendon & Associates Inc Ophthalmic Prosthetics
Mohammed	15 y	Gaza	Jordan	Kidney Transplant	Specialty Hospital
Hasan	12m	Iraq	Bangalore	Cardiac Surgery	Narayana Hospital
Abrar	11 y	Gaza	Boston	Reconstructive Surgery	Shriners Hospital
Qossay	7 y	Gaza	Shreveport	Craniofacial Surgery	LSU Shreveport
Raghd	13 y	Gaza	Philadelphia	Spine Surgery	Shriners Hospital
Abdulmohaimen	11m	Iraq	Bangalore	Cardiac Surgery	Narayana Hospital
Toqa	10 y	Hebron	Los Angeles	Orthopedic Surgery	Shriners Hospital
Nima	19 y	Gaza	UAE	Reconstructive Surgery	American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery Hospital
Abdallah	12 y	Gaza	Philadelphia	Orthopedic Surgery and Prosthetic Fitting	Shriners Hospital
Muath	16 y	Gaza	Detroit	Prosthetic Fitting	Vilminot Prosthetics Clinic
Mohammed	13 y	Syria	Philadelphia	Prosthetic Fitting	Shriners Hospital
Dhulfiqar	1 y	Iraqi	Bangalore	Cardiac Surgery	Narayana Hospital
Naba	9 y	Jenin	Houston	Orthopedic Surgery	Texas Orthopedic Hospital
Zahraa	4 y	Iraq	Naples	Cardiac Surgery	Policlinico Hospital
Zahraa	19 y	Iraq	Egypt	Urological Surgery	Mansoura Hospital
Ithar	19 y	Hebron	Texas	Orthopedic Surgery	Texas Scottish Rite Hospital
Arwa	13 y	Gaza	Washington, DC	Ophthalmic Treatment	Artificial Eye Clinic
Qossay	5 y	Gaza	Delaware	Urological, Orthopedic, and Ophthalmic Surgery	Nemours Hospital
Maria	2 y	Nablus	Delaware	Vascular/Reconstructive Surgery	Nemours Hospital
Weam	12 y	Gaza	Atlanta	Prosthetic Fitting	Georgia Prosthetic Center
Saja	15 y	Hebron	San Diego	Reconstructive Surgery	Rady Children's Hospital
Tarteel	10 y	Hebron	Sacramento	Reconstructive Surgery	Shriners Hospital
Yasmeen	12 y	Nablus	Salt Lake City	Neuro/Orthopedic Surgery	Shriners Hospital



Raghd, age 13 from Gaza, following treatment in Philadelphia.



Abdulmoaimen, 11 months old from Iraq, recovering from surgery in India.

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Mohammed, age 13 from Syria, prior to receiving a new leg in Philadelphia.



Qossay, age 7 from Gaza, before surgery in Louisiana.



Muath, age 16 from Gaza, receiving a new leg in Detroit.



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## Volunteer Medical Missions

The PCRF is the main organization in the Middle East arranging free medical care for sick and injured children who cannot be treated in their home countries. We thank the hundreds of foreign doctors and nurses who volunteered to travel to the Middle East with us in 2017, away from their homes and families, to treat thousands of our children, and also train local medical staff. We sponsored 145 volunteer missions in 2017, providing over 7,500 children the expert medical care they otherwise would not get locally.

## Volunteer Medical Missions to the Middle East: 2017

In 2017, the PCRF sponsored 145 volunteer medical teams from all over the world to hospitals in the Middle East. Our volunteers provided a variety of surgical and medical services, including cardiac surgery, plastic & reconstructive surgery, urology, orthopedic surgery, hand surgery, spine surgery, maxillofacial surgery, oncology and general pediatric surgery. On these missions, 6,089 patients were evaluated and treated by our doctors, and 2,390 had free surgery.



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### Medical Missions: West Bank

In 2017, we sponsored 78 volunteer medical teams from all over the world to the West Bank, working in Jenin Hospital, Rafidiah Hospital in Nablus, Thabet Thabet Hospital in Tulkarem, Palestine Medical Complex in Ramallah, Beit Jala Hospital in Bethlehem, and Alia Hospital in Hebron. Our volunteers provided a variety of surgical and medical services, including cardiac surgery, plastic & reconstructive surgery, urology, orthopedic surgery, hand surgery, spine surgery, maxillofacial surgery, oncology and general pediatric surgery.

**78 Missions**  
**3,148 Evaluated cases**  
**1,237 Surgeries**

### Medical Missions: Gaza Strip

In 2017, the PCRF sponsored 49 volunteer medical teams from all over the world to the Gaza Strip, working in Shifa Hospital and the Pediatric Specialized Hospital in Gaza City, Al-Aqsa Hospital in Deir El Balah, and the European Gaza Hospital and Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, respectively. These teams provided a variety of surgical and medical services, including cardiac surgery, plastic & reconstructive surgery, urology, pediatric orthopedic surgery, hand surgery, spine surgery, maxillofacial surgery, oncology and general pediatric surgery.

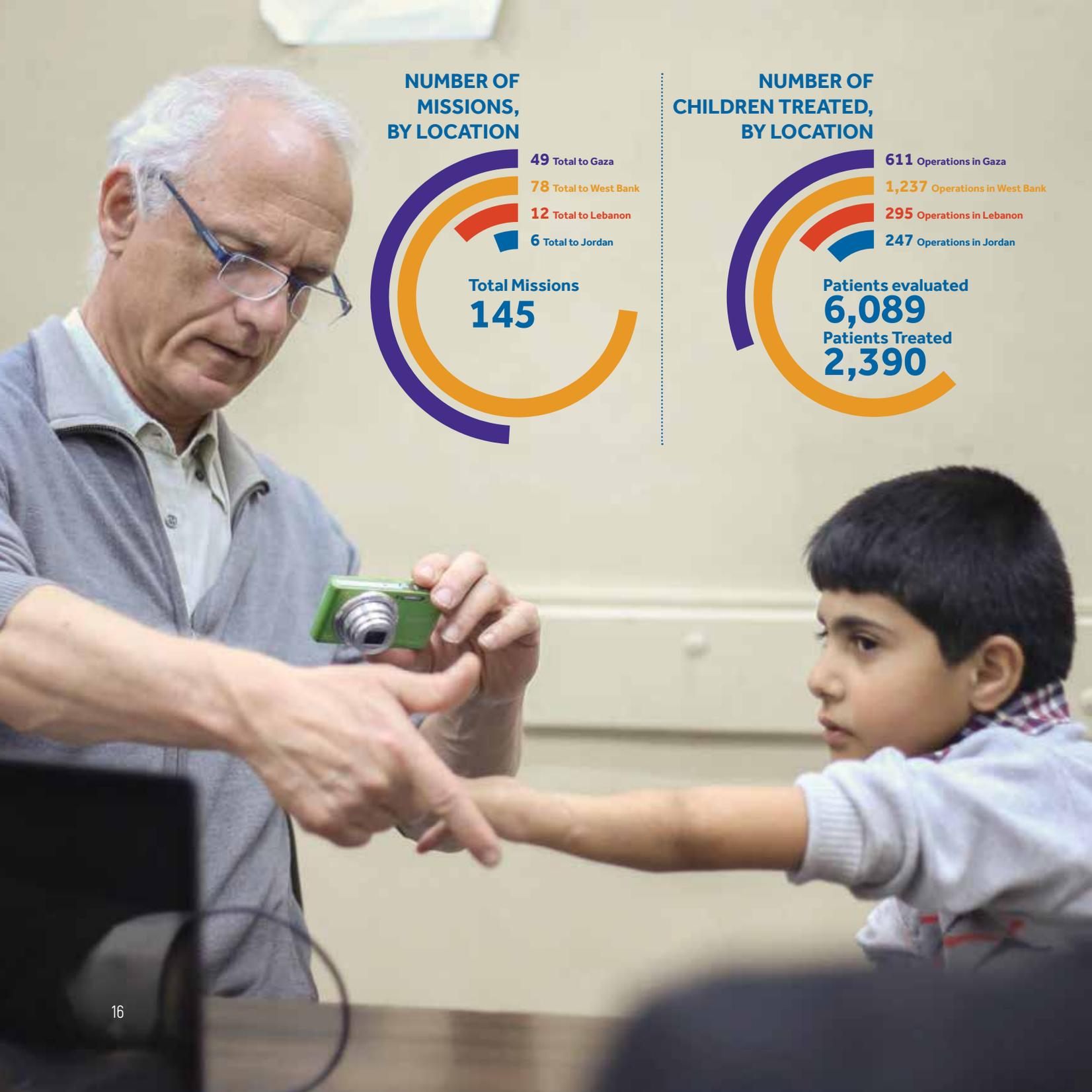
**49 Missions**  
**1,468 Evaluated cases**  
**611 Surgeries**

### Medical Missions: Lebanon/Jordan

In 2017, the PCRF sponsored 18 volunteer medical teams from all over the world to Lebanon and Jordan, working mainly in Palestine Red Crescent Hospitals like Al Hamshiry in Saida and Safad Hospital in Badawi refugee camp, treating both Palestinian and Syrian refugees. These teams provided a variety of surgical and medical services, including plastic & reconstructive Surgery, pediatric orthopedic surgery, hand surgery, maxillofacial surgery, and general pediatric surgery.

**18 Missions**  
**1,473 Evaluated Cases**  
**542 Total Surgeries**

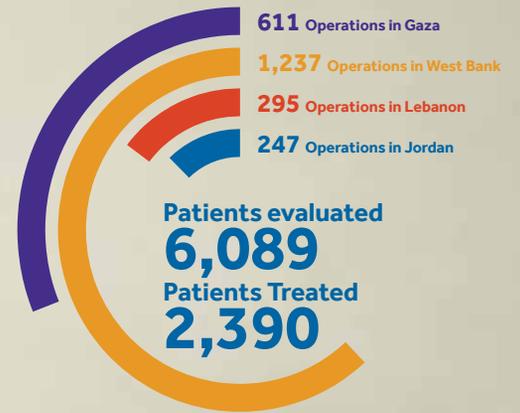
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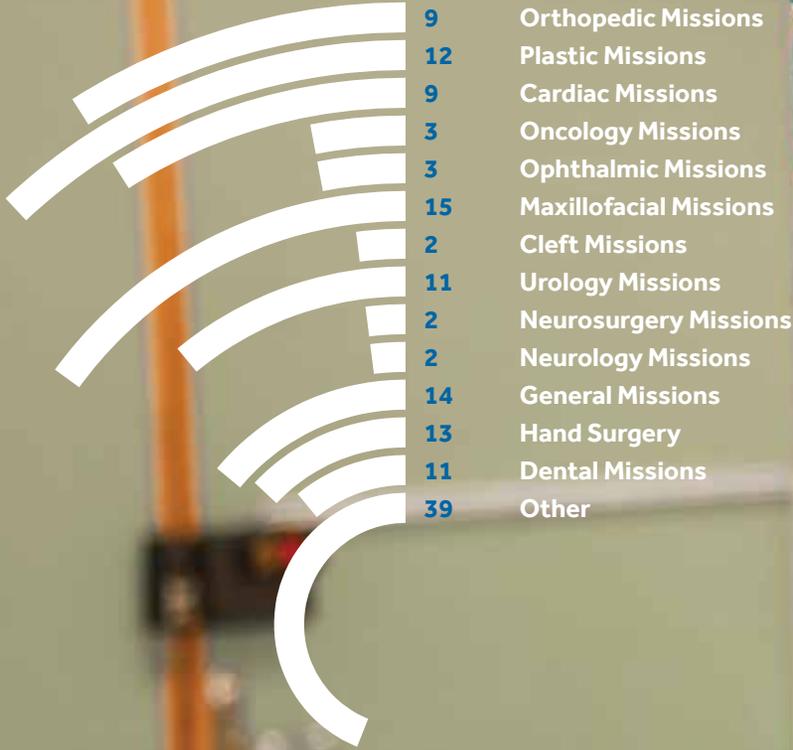
### NUMBER OF MISSIONS, BY LOCATION



### NUMBER OF CHILDREN TREATED, BY LOCATION



**THE NUMBER OF  
MISSIONS,  
BY SPECIALTY**





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## Humanitarian Programs & Projects

The PCRF continues to provide a variety of impactful humanitarian projects and programs for children all over the Middle East, regardless of their nationality or religion. These projects provide urgent aid for neglected and marginalized children, as well as support for institutional development. We support the one-time and continuous humanitarian needs of children suffering from poverty, lack of access to medicine and aid, and suffering from regional political circumstances in refugee camps and under occupation.

## Gaza Orphan Sponsorship Program

In response to the 2014 war on Gaza, the PCRF launched an orphan sponsorship program to provide basic humanitarian aid for children who lost parents. This program is aimed at reaching the most vulnerable and at-risk orphans in Gaza. In 2017, 156 orphans were sponsored throughout the Gaza Strip by donors all over the world.

**Total: 156**



## Monthly Handicapped Sponsorship Program

In the year 2000, the PCRF launched a new sponsorship program to help support children with chronic medical needs in Palestine and Lebanon's refugee camps. This program links international sponsors with over 300 disabled children. We do not give the families cash donations, but rather we provide medicine and other aid directly to the child in need.

**Total: 306**



## One-Time Medical Sponsorship Program

As a grassroots organization with field offices all over the Middle East, our team identifies children on the ground who are in need of one-time sponsorship to help address medical needs that they have, which their families are unable to provide them medicine or other aid for. We launch weekly crowd-funded campaigns to raise funds to support these children and to then provide them directly the care and support that they need. In 2017, 443 children were sponsored by our One-Time Medical Sponsorship Program.

**Total: 443**



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## Syrian Refugees in Gaza Sponsorship Program

This is a Gaza-only sponsorship program initiated in 2015 after finding many Syrian refugee children in Gaza not having their basic needs met. In 2017, we managed to sponsor 15 families of children in an effort to help these children live better lives.

**Total: 15**



## Gaza Pediatric Mental Health Program

This is a Gaza-only initiative that was organized as an early response to the war in 2014, in which tens of thousands of children were psychologically traumatized by direct exposure to violence. The impact on these children has been a significant rise in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and many need professional intervention. In 2017 we cooperated with the Center for Mind-Body Medicine (CMBM) and The Gaza Community Mental Health Programme to provide group and individual support to 163 of the most impacted children and their families all over the Gaza Strip, under the sponsorship of Cycling4Gaza and the Zakat Foundation.

**Total: 163 families**



## Summer Camps

For over 10 years the PCRF has sponsored summer camps for children suffering from mental health challenges in both the West Bank and Gaza. Some of these children experienced severe trauma, are battling cancer, or have special needs. These camps are to provide the children rich and diverse social activities, cultural learning, and nutritional and hygienic care. Six camps were sponsored in 2017.



Name of Camp	Location
Aqabah Summer Camp	Jenin
Hope Summer Camp	Cancer Department
Alhuria Summer Camp	North Gaza
Dehkat Amal Summer Camp	Central Gaza
South Summer Camp	South Gaza
Lebanon Summer Camp	Lebanon

## Nursery Nutritional Program for Lebanon Refugee Camps

For the past several years, the PCRF has been supporting nurseries and kindergartens in refugee camps in Lebanon to provide the children there with nutritional support. These children come from impoverished refugee homes where food can be scarce and malnutrition is common.



Nursery	Location
Al-Somod	Shatila Camp
Al-Somod	Bourj Al Barajneh camp
Just Childhood	Shatila Camp
Al-Anamel Al-Sageer	Bourj Al Barajneh Camp
Dream Kindergarten	Badawi Camp
Ghassan Kanafani Kindergarten	Badawi Camp
Al-Somod Nursery	Badawi Camp

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## One-Time Humanitarian Projects



West Bank	
Humanitarian Project	Location
Hygiene Kits	All West Bank
Hearing Aid Project	Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Bethlehem, Tulkarem, and Ramallah
School Kits	Ramallah, Nablus, Hebron, and Bethlehem
Medical Glasses	Jenin, Tulkarem, and Nablus
Aqaba Infrastructure Kindergarten	Tubas
Food parcels	Tulkarem
Alquds School Rehabilitation	Tulkarem
Autism Project	Tulkarem
Iftar Ramadan	Huda Al Masri Cancer Department
Eid Al-Adha Clothes	Huda Al Masri Cancer Department
Diabetes Supplies	Ramallah
Winter Blankets	Bethlehem
Jamima Society Project	Bethlehem
School Bags for Orphans and Poor Children	Bethlehem
Efftah/Deaf Classroom Rehabilitation	Bethlehem
First Aid Kit Distribution	Nablus
Alsalam Primary School Resources Room	Nablus
Diabetes Supplies	Tulkarem and Qalqilya
Medical Eyeglasses	Hebron

Gaza Strip	
Humanitarian Project	Location
Winter Clothes	All Gaza
Winter Relief Project Gaza	All Gaza
Medical Awareness Campaign	All Gaza
Ramadan Food Parcels	All Gaza
Diabetes Glucometer and Test Slides	All Gaza
Thalassemia Medical Supplies and Equipment	All Gaza
First Aid Project	All Gaza
Tech Ed Training Project	All Gaza
Medical Supplies for Al Naser Pediatric Hospital	North Gaza
Eye Glasses	North Gaza
Medical Shoes	North Gaza
Milk, Diapers and Games for Disabled Children	North Gaza
School bags	North Gaza
Medical Mattress & Milk for Al Aqsa Hospital	Central Gaza
School Bags	Central Gaza
Medical Glasses	Central Gaza and South Gaza
Maintenance for Al Naser Hospital Water Supply	North Gaza



## Jordan

### Humanitarian Project

Winter Relief  
 400 Wheelchairs  
 Wheelchair Distribution (Phase 2 & 3)  
 Eyeglasses Distribution  
 Ramadan Food Package  
 Food Packages & Toys  
 Orphan Iftar  
 B1G1 Initiative Bags  
 Hygiene Kits  
 Diabetes Kits  
 Nebulizer Kits  
 Medical Shoe Distribution  
 Blankets and Food Parcels - Winter Relief  
 Winter Relief - Blankets & Food Packages  
 Medical Shoes Distribution



## Lebanon

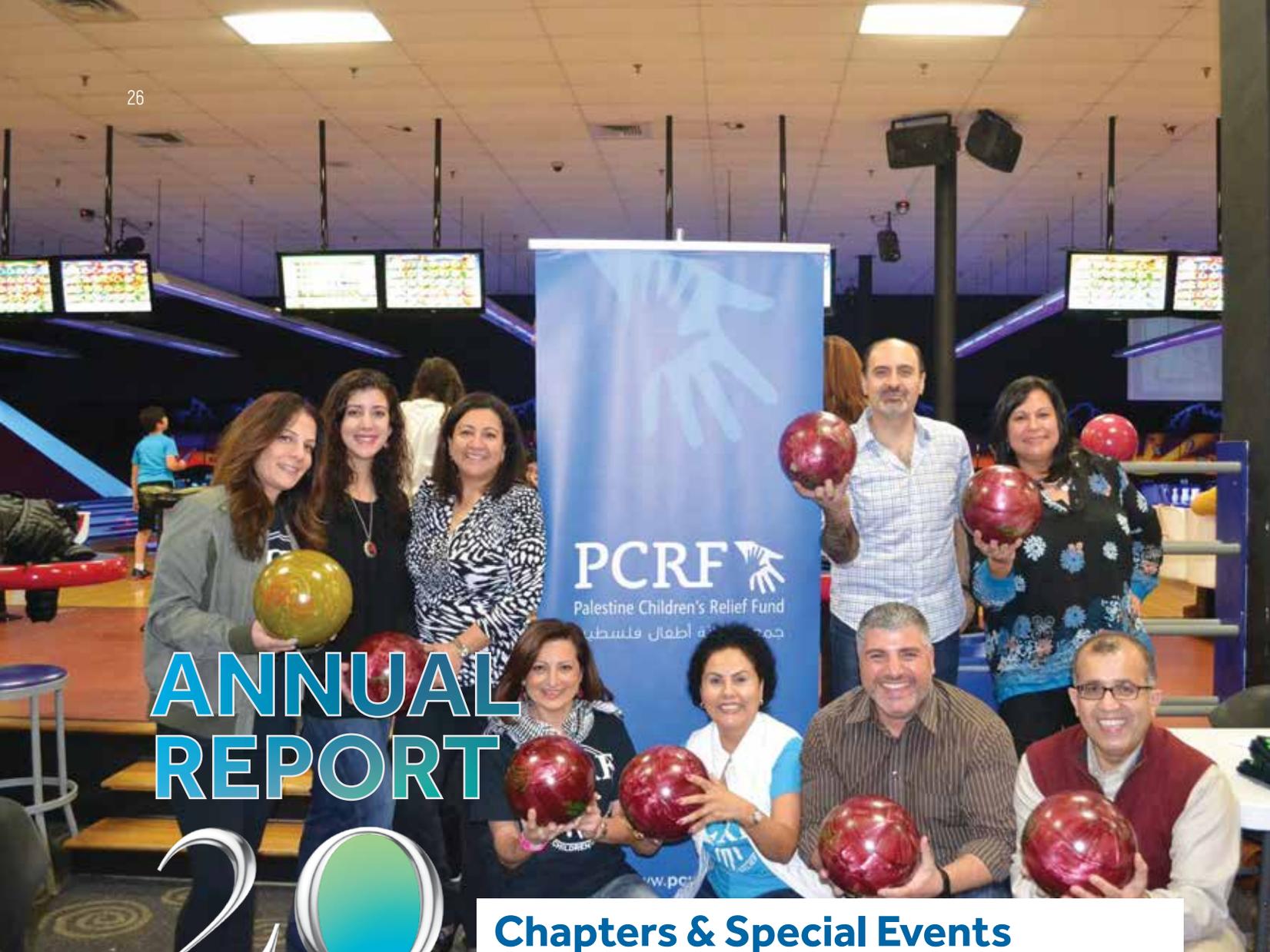
### Humanitarian Project

### Location

Protective Flooring and Furniture for Just Childhood Nursery	Beirut
Winter Relief	Bekaa
Ramadan Food Parcels	South Lebanon
Emergency Food Distribution / Ein El-Helwi Camp	South Lebanon
Lice Hygiene Kits Project	Bekaa
Diabetes Kits	Bekaa and South Lebanon
Summer Camp	Beirut
Medication for Chronic Disease	Tripoli
B1G1 Initiative Bags	North and South Lebanon
Hygiene Kit Distribution	North and South Lebanon
Jacket Distribution	South Lebanon
Hearing Aid Distribution (Deaf Planet Soul)	Bekaa, Central and South Lebanon
Winter Relief - Jacket Distribution	Lebanon







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## Chapters & Special Events

Throughout the year, our volunteer chapters provide support for our humanitarian work by hosting travel abroad cases during their medical treatment in their community, planning and organizing fundraising and awareness events to support our ongoing medical and humanitarian projects. We are fortunate to partner with groups like Cycling4Gaza and Team Palestine for PCRF to support our special projects and programs that help save the lives of children all over the Middle East.



Medical students in Grenada joined Team Palestine for PCRF to raise over \$10,000 for Syrian children and also the cancer department in Gaza in November.



Team Palestine for PCRF after the Chicago Marathon, in which they raised over \$100,000 to support the building of our cancer department in Gaza.



Team Palestine for PCRF Warriors ran a 200 mile marathon in September to help save the life of Maysaa, a refugee fighting cancer in Lebanon.



Cycling 4 Gaza at the finish line in Madrid after three days and raising more than \$220,000 for mental health in Gaza for the PCRF.



The Atlanta Chapter at their annual gala fundraising event in October.





The Detroit chapter following their fundraising Iftar in June.



The Chicago chapter's annual ladies event in December.

# Pediatric Oncology Departments in Palestine: The Huda Al Masri Pediatric Cancer Department and The Dr. Musa and Suhaila Nasir Gaza Pediatric Cancer Department



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In April of 2013, the PCRF opened the first and only public pediatric cancer department in honor of our head social worker, Huda Al Masri, who helped to build the PCRF for seventeen years before passing away from leukemia in 2009. Since its opening, we have supported the hard-working staff who have provided excellent medical care for cancer patients who previously had to cross checkpoints or go abroad for care, at great hardship to them and their families. During the past year, new patients from all over Palestine were admitted into the Huda Al Masri department for a variety of cancer types and blood disorder treatments. The PCRF continues to train and support the department staff, and we are also the only NGO providing child-life services for the patients in the department, such as tutoring for children missing school, birthday parties for kids in the department, sponsoring Red Nose Clown visits, covering medical tests and treatment not covered internally, hosting an annual Christmas party, and opening in 2015 the Huda Al Masri Healing Garden at the hospital for the children to play during their stay in the hospital.

However, there are hundreds of children in the Gaza Strip who do not have easy access to pediatric cancer treatment due to travel restrictions out of Gaza. In January 2016, the PCRF launched a new initiative to build a department in Gaza for these children, named after our co-founders Dr. Musa and Suhaila Nasir. The department will open in the first half of 2018 and start treating patients. We will provide the same humanitarian support for the patients in the Dr. Musa and Suhaila Nasir department when it opens in 2018 as we do for children in Beit Jala Hospital.







Volunteer dental team, led by Dr. Sahar Alrayyes, checks on patients they treated in December.



Construction of the Dr. Musa & Suhaila Nasir Pediatric Cancer Department in Gaza continued throughout 2017.



Some of the department staff: Nurse Kholoud, Pharmacist Dr. Salam, and Dr. Mohammed, Dr. Zeena, and Dr. Fawzi, during a bone marrow procedure.



Department head Dr. Mohammed and volunteer pediatric cardiologist Dr. Mike Cooper from the US check a child for heart problems following chemotherapy



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## Special Projects

In 2017, the PCRF initiated several projects in support of developing hospital infrastructure, training of local doctors, and medical services all over the Middle East. As we grow as a nonprofit, we will continue to address the deficiencies in the healthcare needs in the West Bank, Gaza and Lebanon to help institutions provide better treatment and care.

## Phaco Machine Donated to Rafidiah Hospital

In 2017, the PCRF sponsored the donation of a phaco ophthalmic surgery machine for Rafidiah government hospital in the West Bank town of Nablus. The machine will enable local surgeons to have better care and treatment for cataracts and other ophthalmic needs with better results in restoring eyesight and recovery time. The PCRF has provided thousands of patients sight-saving surgery in Rafidiah Hospital over the past ten years.



## Infusion Pumps for Huda Al Masri Cancer Department

In 2017, the PCRF sponsored the donation of over a dozen infusion pumps to provide chemotherapy for children undergoing treatment in the Huda Al Masri Pediatric Cancer Department in Beit Jala Hospital. The previous pumps were unreliable and unsafe for patient care. These pumps ensure that patients who are receiving chemotherapy in the department will have a safer and higher quality of care and treatment.



## Opening a Recovery Room in Jenin Hospital

In 2017, the PCRF sponsored the opening of a post-surgery recovery room at the Jenin government hospital in the northern West Bank. This department will help ensure that patients get better care following surgery.

The department was sponsored by donors from the Chicago community through the PCRF chapter.



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## Projects in Need of Funding for 2018

The PCRF is the main privately-funded nonprofit organization in the Middle East arranging free medical care for sick and injured children who cannot be treated in their home countries. The following projects and programs for 2018 are in need of your tax-deductible support to ensure that thousands of children in need of help get the care that they need.

NAME	IMPACT	BUDGET
150 Volunteer Medical Missions	8,400 children evaluated and treated	\$1,135,500
Patient Affairs	1,104 surgeries abroad and for refugees in Lebanon and Jordan	\$1,586,457
Humanitarian Projects	11,494 children, 11 centers equipped, 1,510 refugee families, and 15 institutions supported	\$848,064
Huda Al Masri Pediatric Cancer Department	Sponsorship for cancer patients treatment, psychosocial care, and maintenance for the department.	\$109,885
Dr. Musa & Suhaila Nasir Gaza Pediatric Cancer Department	Sponsorship for cancer patient's treatment, psychosocial care, maintenance for the department.	\$116,547
Building Pediatric ICU in Ramallah	20 bed unit in Palestine Medical Complex	\$2,356,500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6,152,953</b>

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