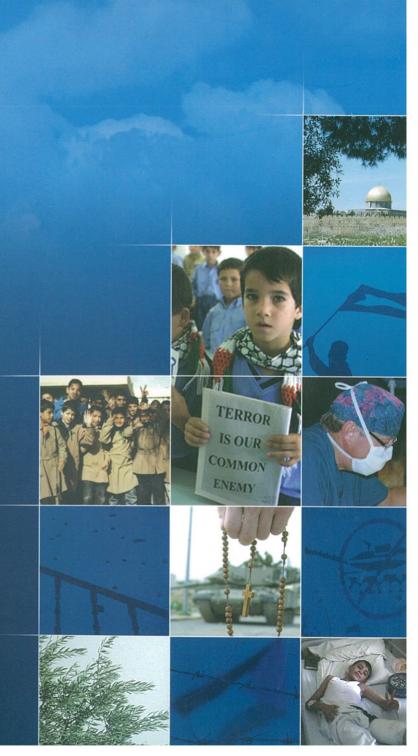
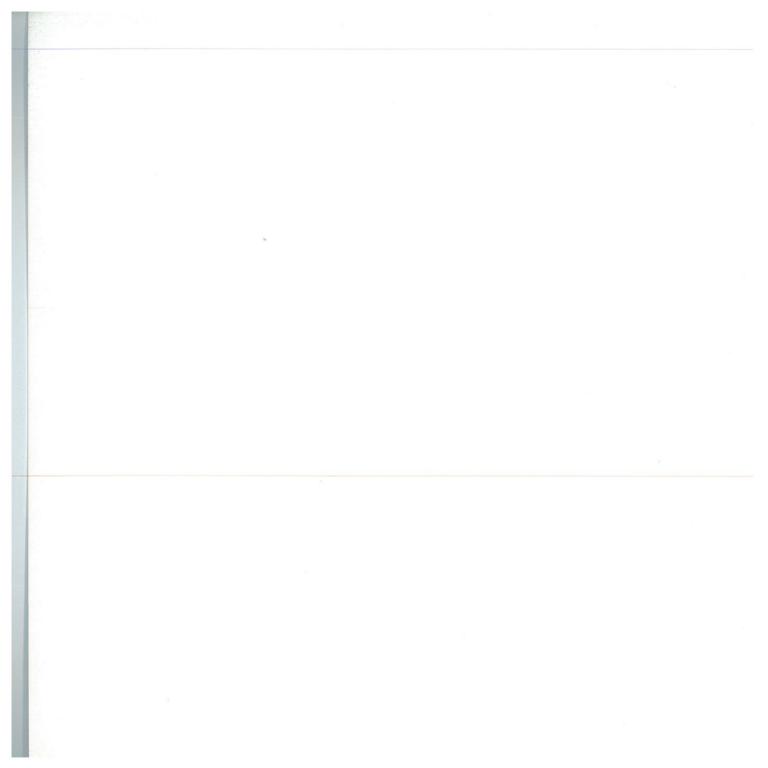


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# to the Palestine Children's Relief Fund

The Palestine Children's Relief Fund is an American-registered nonprofit humanitarian relief organization established during the first uprising to provide free medical care to sick and injured youths who could not be adequately treated in the occupied territories. In the ten-plus years that the PCRF has been working, hundreds of injured and sick Arab children from Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Jordan have had free medical care provided in Europe, North America and the Middle East. We arrange not only the free care for children, we also work with volunteers to take care of housing and the basic social care of the children (and sometimes their mothers) while they are abroad for treatment.

In addition to being the main organization actively organizing free medical care abroad for Palestinian children, the PCRF arranges and coordinatees medical missions on the ground in the Middle East. Over the past five years, PCRF teams have provided free pediatric and adult open-heart surgery, ophthalmic surgery, plastic and reconstructive surgery, orthopedic surgery and other medical training programs for doctors and nurses throughout the Middle East. Providing medical supplies and equipment is also a key aspect of the PCRF relief efforts in the Middle East. Over the past several years, hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of medical supplies have been shipped to hospitals and charities in the region.

In 2001, the PCRF began a modest project in response to the deepening economic crisis facing the Palestinian population in Gaza and Lebanese refugee camps. Single mothers whose husbands were killed or in prison and who were left to raise large families without income or support received start-up grants from the PCRF as a means of earning long-term consistent income. The PCRF has provided grants for single mothers to for such projects as grocery stores, a meat freezer, a chicken farm and sewing machines. In 2002, several women successfully set up and run small businesses through the PCRF, enabling them to better care for their children.

To respond to the crisis on the ground in 2002, the PCRF launched a Disabled Child Sponsorship Project in which we identified handicapped children whose families were too poor to provide them their basic medical or social support. Once these children were identified, the PCRF located sponsors abroad for them, who would cover the basic costs of medicine and supplies which the family were too poor to provide. By the end of 2002, the PCRF hopes to sponsor 100 disabled children in this program.

This annual report for 2002 outlines the successful efforts of the PCRF and its many volunteers throughout the world who have responded to the terrible humanitarian crisis in Palestine. We are committed to continue to provide medical care for children who otherwise have little hope of a better future, and hope you will join us in our much-needed urgent humanitarian efforts.

# from the President

### **Dear Supporter,**

Since the Al-Aqsa Intifada erupted in late September of 2000, Palestinian children have been the main victims of the violence in the Middle East. By the end of the second year of the uprising, 21% of all Palestinians killed in the territories (328) were children, including 97 under the age of 12 years.



Over 3,000 children have been injured by IDF gunfire, tank shells, Apache helicopters and F-16 attacks on refugee camps, towns and villages throughout Palestine. Following the IDF re-occupation of areas that were under the control of the Palestinian Authority, nearly a million children have endured hot summer months under strict curfew, with the continued closure

of schools preventing them from getting a basic education. Nearly 80% of all Palestinian children suffer from some form of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), while thousands of children are now homeless as a result of the Israeli collective home demolition policy. Unemployment in some areas of the West Bank

and Gaza is over 75%, which has seen an alarming rise in hunger and malnutrition among children in Palestine. According to a study that was done by the World Bank in 2002, nearly 21% of all Palestinian children show signs of some form of malnutrition.



It is difficult sometimes to find ways to do something effective and positive to help the children of Palestine, especially in light of current political environment effecting the region as a whole. I am proud to say that the Palestine Children's Relief Fund offers individuals outside of Palestine a way to do something positive for the children there. In the past year, we have sent over fifty babies for open-heart surgery abroad, saving the



lives of these children who did not have the choices for treatment locally. Helping us transport and house these children and their mothers is only one way to help. Throughout this annual report, you will see the many different projects and programs that the PCRF has initiated and ran in an effort to respond to the terrible crisis in Palestine. With your help, we can better provide humanitarian support for the poorest and most neglected children in the Holy Land.

We have also undergone fundamental changes over the past year in an effort to respond to the siege and closures imposed by the IDF on the civilian population under occupation. In February, the PCRF expanded its staff on the ground to reach children in each region otherwise cutoff by tanks and soldiers. We now

have fieldworkers all over the West Bank and Gaza to locate and prepare children in need of medical care or other social needs. But we cannot successfully provide children in Palestine the care they need without the support of concerned persons outside. It is up to people who are pained by the killing and suffering of Palestinian children to support our relief efforts on the ground there, or we will fail. More than ever we need your help to continue to reach children in need of services only the PCRF can provide. I hope you will ensure that we have the means to do our difficult job to the best of our ability for the sake of peace and the welfare of the Palestinian children.

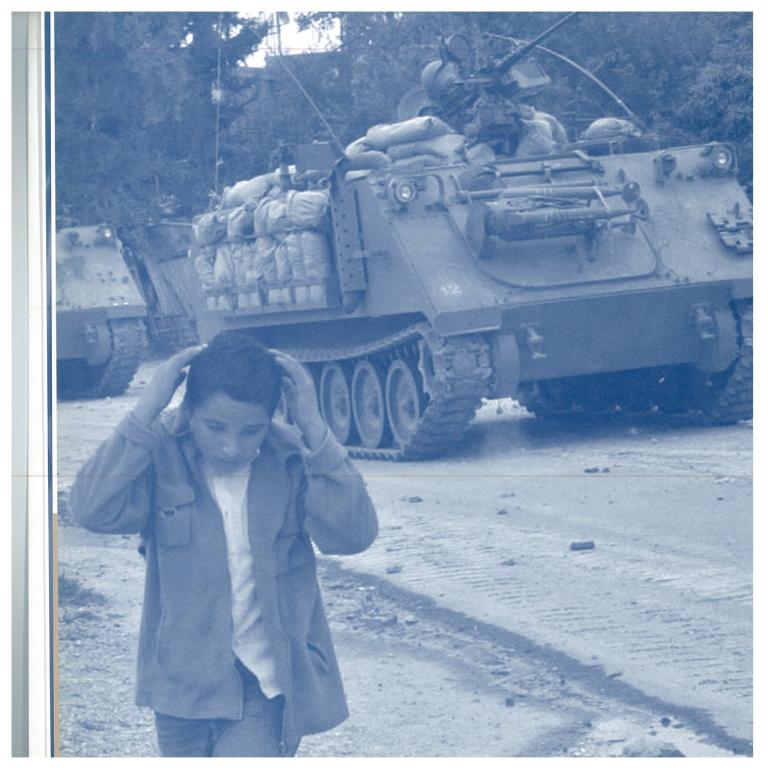


### Sincerely,

### **Steve Sosebee**

President & CEO
The Palestine Children's Relief Fund





# Children Treated Abroad in 2002

### Children Treated in North America, 2002

In 2002, The PCRF continued to arrange and send injured and sick Arab children abroad for free medical care that is not available to them locally. In addition to locating and arranging costly and complex surgery for these children, the PCRF also works with local volunteers in cities where the children are being treated to help house, translate, visit and assist in their general well-being. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of free medical care was arranged by the PCRF in 2002 for dozens of Arab children who otherwise would not get the care they needed, in many cases saving the lives of dying babies:

Marah Shublak	She went with her mother for open-heart surgery in February to Stony Brook,			
2.6 years (Rimal/Gaza)	NY. In cooperation with Gift of Life.			
Nuha Shileh	She went with her mother for open-heart surgery at the Hospital for Sick Chil-			
2 years (Jalazone RC/Ramallah)	dren in Toronto, Canada in March.			
Malak Daoud	She went with her mother to Chicago Children's Hospital for open-heart sur-			
3 years (Qalqilya)	gery by Dr. Emile Bacha and Dr. Ziyad Hijazi in March.			

### Mira Masrieh

15 years (Meih Meih RC/Lebanon)

She was born with congenital foot disorders and was brought for orthopedic care for the second time at the Shriners Hosptial in Philadelphia.

### Sireen Jaradat

5 Years (Sa'ir/Hebron)

She had Cardiac Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Ohio in May.



Sireen Jaradat

Fahed Sbeih 8 months (Khader/Bethlehem)	This baby had open-heart surgery at NYU Medical Center in June.
Shayma Iqdah 4 years (Gaza)	She came with her mother for spine surgery to remove a tumor at Mt. Sinai Hospi tal in New York in June. In cooperation with Healing the Children.
Muhanned Abbasi 7 years (Damascus/Syria)	This boy came with his mother for spine surgery at the Shriners Hospital in Chi cago in May.
Ahmed El Bohisi 14 years (Deir El Balah RC/Gaza)	He suffered a gunshot to chest and had surgery in June in Phoenix, AZ. In coop eration with Healing the Children.
Abrar Al-Zoghnourih 1 year (Ramallah)	She came with her mother for open-heart surgery in Indianapolis in July.In coop eration with Healing the Children.
Falastin Ali 2 years (Ramallah	She came for open-heart surgery at Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C. in August. In Cooperation with Save a Child's Heart.
➤ Hassan El Hawajry 2 years (Gaza)	He came with his mother for open-heart surgery in August at Children's Hospita in Madison, WI.
<b>Kussai Thabet</b> 1 year, (Nuseirat RC/Gaza)	He came with his mother for open-heart surgery in September at Cincinnati Children's Hospital in Ohio.
Mohammed El Behsihi 2 years, (Gaza)	He came with his mother for open-heart surgery in September in Austin, Texas. In cooperation with HeartGift.



► Eslam Alarni, 6 years, (Khan Younis/Gaza)	She came with her mother for corneal grafts for her eyes at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles, CA in October. In Cooperation with Healing the Children.

### Abeer Hroub,

She came with her mother for spine surgery at the Shriners 11 years, (Dheisheh RC/Bethlehem) Hospital in Los Angeles, CA in October.

### Dana Zubaidi,

2 years, (Ramallah)

She came with her mother for open-heart surgery at St. Christopher's Hospital in Philadephia in October.



Eslam Alarni

### Nour Ismail,

15 years, (Irtas/Bethlehem)

He lost both legs from an IDF bomb in May and was brought for new prosthetics at the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia in November.

### Sabreen Ambousi,

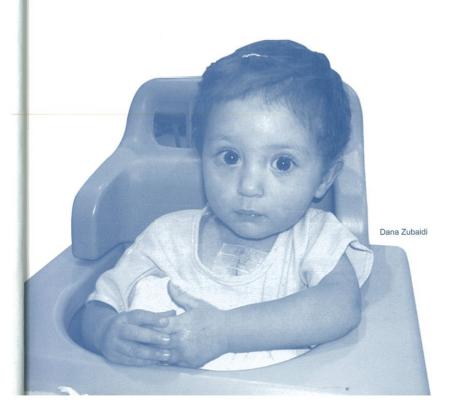
15 years, (Ein El Hilwah RC/Lebanon)

She was born without an arm and came for a prosthetic limb at the Shriners Hospital in Erie, PA.

### Ala' Nasir,

6 years, (Yarmouk RC/Damascus)

She came for open heart surgery with her mother at the University of Kansas Medical Center in November.





Nour Ismail

### Children treated in Belgium:

In 2002, the PCRF continued its relationship with the University of Gent in Belgium to provide life-saving open-heart

surgery for sick Palestinian and Iraqi babies who cannot be treated in their country.

This project was first started in 2000 by the





PCRF, after the Gent team completed its fourth mission to Ramallah Hospital. Many complex cases were too difficult to treat on these missions, which were suspended when the Intifada erupted, so the PCRF and the Palestinian Ministry of Health began to send sich babies with their mothers to Gent for life-saving treatment, under the supervision on Professor Guido Van Nooten and the surgeon Dr. Katrien Francois.

pen-heart surgery in June.

### Children Treated at University of Gent:

1. Dina Abu Libda	3 months, (Deir El Balan/Gaza). She nad Av Canal surgery in January.
2. Abdullah Abu Amer	6 months, (Shujaiyah/Gaza). He had AV Canal surgery in January.
3. Aya Nijem	2.4 years, (Maghazi RC/Gaza). She had open-heart surgery in February.
4. Ghada Takkouna	2 years,(Gaza). She had open-heart surgery in March.
5. Abdulkareem Ghaban	2 years,(Gaza). He had cardiac surgery in March.
6. Aziza Fatafta	11 years, (Hebron). She had MV Replacement surgery in April.
7. Fatma Al Araj	7 months, (Jebalia/Gaza). She had surgery to close a VSD in May.

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5	months,	(Gaza).	She	had	surgery	to	repair	TOF	in	May

9. Mjahed Ladi	2 years,(Nablus). He had o

10. Lu'ay Saad	10 years, (Bethlehem). He had catherization and open-h	eart surgery in September.

11. <b>F</b>	Fatima Al	Zaanin	2 years,(Bei	t Hanoun/Gaza).	She had	open-heart	surgery	in Septembe	r.
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10 Amina Al Dalaga	2 many (Chailth Dadmon/Corn)	Cha had onen haart surgary in October
12. Amira Al Dalasa	5 years, (Sheikii Kauwan/Gaza).	. She had open-heart surgery in October.

### 14. Asel Ahmed 3 years, (Jebalia). She went for surgery to repair TOF in October

15. Qusay Asfour 4 years, (Hebron). He was sent to Belgium for surgery in November.

### Children treated in Italy:

In 2002, the PCRF began a program with Dr. Giancarlo Crupi, The Rotary Club, the Department of Health in Milan and Bergamo Hospital in Italy to start sending sick Palestinian babies with their mothers with congenital heart disease for life-saving open-heart surgery, which is not available to them locally. This program first began in 2001, but has expanded to be a much larger and more significant humanitarian effort by Dr. Crupi and Bergamo Hospital. In addition to treating children in his hospital from Palestine, Dr. Crupi has also led three



past missions to Palestine through the PCRF to treat children on the ground there, and visited Gaza in October to evaluate the possibility of doing a mission to Shifa Hospital in 2003.

### Children Treated at Bergamo Hospital:

	1. Noor Nmrooty	2 years, (Sheikh Radwan/Gaza). She had surgery to repair her TOF in January.
	2. Nesreen Abu Shanab	1 year, (Shujaiyah/Gaza). She had open-heart surgery in January.
	3. Wessam Musleh	3 years, (Ramallah). He had a debanding surgery and closure of his VSD in February.
	4. Bara' Shanan	8 months, (Gaza). She had cardiac surgery in March.
	5. Anas Abu Amra	2 years, (Gaza) He had cardiac surgery in March.
6. Jinan Eqdemat 7. Ibrahim Srour		4 years (Kharas/Hebron) She had cardiac surgery in July.
		3 years, (Beit Lahya). He had surgery to repair TOF in October.
8. Anas El Khair		18 months, (Shati RC). He had surgery to repair TOF in October.
	9. Moustafa Salem	6 years, (Halhoul). He went for surgery to fix VSD in October.
	10. Mohammed Abu Libda	9 months, (Breij RC). He went for cardiac surgery in November.
	11. Mohammed Abu Hassanin	18 months, (Rafah RC). He went cardiac surgery in November

In addition to sending children to the University of Gent in Belgium and Bergamo, Italy for surgery, the PCRF also sent children for surgery in other parts of Europe for free medical care that is not available to them locally. In particular, the PCRF is working with Terres des Hommes in Palestine to send children to Lusanne, Switzerland for open-heart surgery. The PCRF is dedicated to saving the lives of sick and injured children, and are working with many different institutions who can provide free care.

### Children Treated in Europe:

### 1. Khitam Owda 12 years

(Qasra/Nablus). She was sent to Lusanne, Switzerland for open-heart surgery by Dr. Tony Corno in January.

### 2. Abdullah Kattan 6 years

(Damascus/Syria). He was sent to Lisbon, Portugal for Surgary by Professor Jose Frangata in June.

### 3. Khaled Abu Salama 8 years

(Khan Younis/Gaza). He was sent in July to Lusanne, Switzerland for open-heart surgery.

### 4. Mohammed Bucheed 11 years

(Khan Younis/Gaza). He was sent in July to Lusanne, Switzerland for open-heart surgery.

### 5. Ala' Raslan 9 years

(Tulkarem). She was sent to Vienna, Austria for open-heart surgery by Dr. Gregor Wollenek in August

### 6.Abdel Hady El Haj, 12 years

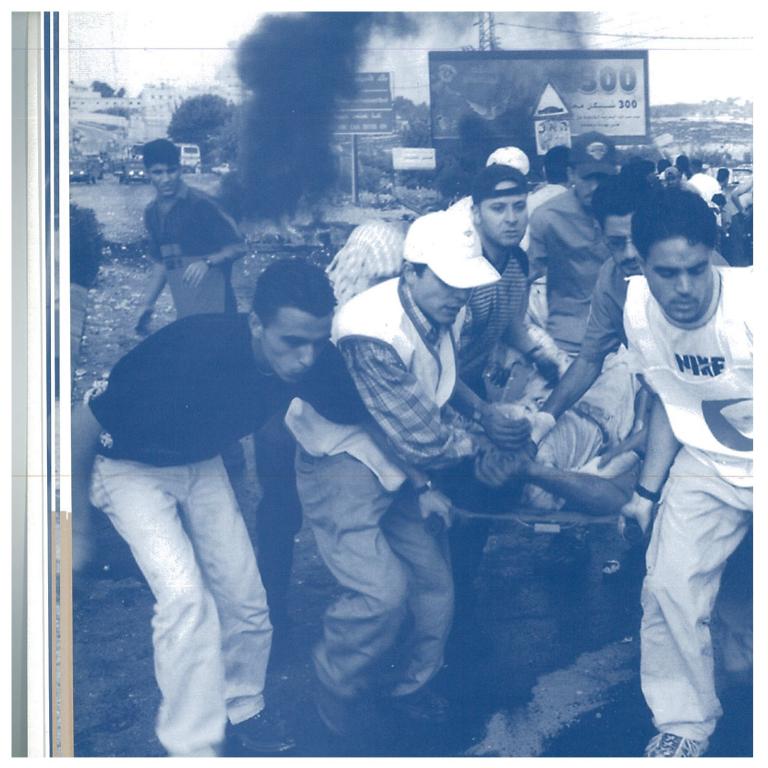
(Rafah RC/Gaza) He was injured by IDF shrapnel in September and was sent to Milan, Italy for Neurosurgery in November.



Abdel Hady El Haj







# Missions in 2002

### Austrian Surgeon Tours Ramallah Hospital

In mid-February, Professor Gregor Wollenek, a cardiac surgeon from Vienna, Austria, went to Palestine through the PCRF to visit Ramallah Hospital in preparation for a later mission. During his trip, he met with the head of Ramallah hospital and toured the surgery department, intensive care unit, and catherization lab, meeting with local specialists. He was to go visit Shifa Hospital in Gaza on February 15th, but was prevented by an IDF invasion of the northern part of the Strip, which closed the Erez crossing into Gaza. The PCRF also sent Ala' Raslan from Tulkarem to Professor Wolleneck in August for free open heart surgery.

### Belgian Cardiac Team Visit Palestine Despite War

In March, the PCRF sent Professor Guido Van Nooten, chief of cardiac surgery at the University of Gent in Belgium, and Professor Daniel de Wolf, a pediatric Cardiologist for a three day trip to Palestine. Despite the invasion and re-occupation of many Palestinian towns and cities by the IDF in the weeks preceding their visit to Palestine, the two doctors, who have worked in Palestine with the PCRF in the past, still came. On Saturday, March 9th, they saw sick babies with congenital heart disease in Ramallah Hospital. However, due to Israeli measures in the northern part of the West Bank, most of the children were not

Professor de Wolf did an emergency Rushkind procedure on 20-day old Kareem Barghouty in the Ramallah Catherization lab, saving this babies life and giving the PCRF time to send him to Wolfson Hospital for an emergency switch operation. On March 10th, the Belgian consul general Mr. Leo D'aes drove the two doctors and the PCRF President in his armored diplomatic car into Bethlehem to see children with heart disease at the Greek Orthodox Clinic in Beit Sahour. Bethlehem was under attack by the IDF then, and the Belgian consulate of East

permitted to come for examination.



Dr. de Wolf, Professor Van Nooten and Belgian Consul General D'aes prior to trip to Bethlehem

refugee camp in northern Gaza, killing 19 civilians.

Jerusalem showed great courage in this providin important service to ensure the safety of the visitin team. 18 children were seen by the PCRF/Belgia team in Bethlehem, many of whom were late ser abroad for surgery in 2002 through the PCRF. O Monday, March 11th, the team went to Mohamme Durra Hospital in Gaza, where 24 children were see by Dr. de Wolf. Professor Van Nooten visited th Minister of Health, Dr. Riyad Zanoun, who thanke him for coming to Palestine during these very difficult days and showing great courage and support for the people there. The team left Gaza on Monda afternoon, hours before the IDF attacked the Jebaly

### ■ American Trains Nurses in Palestine, Lebanon

In March, Lynn Grass, a registered nurse from San Diego, went to Palestine for a month long mission in which she provided expert training in neonatal intensive care nursing to four Palestinian institutions in the Middle East. This was her second mission for the PCRF, as Lynn went in 2000 to Lebanon to train nurses as Al-Hamshiry Hospital in Sidon. From March 11-17th, she worked at the new neonatal intensive care unit at Shifa Hospital in Gaza. From March 18-23rd, she worked at the Caritas Pediatric Hospital in Bethlehem. For following week, she trained nurses for the Ministry of Health at the Ibn Sina nurse's college in Ramallah, where she worked during the first week of the assault providing treatment to injured patients in Ramallah Hospital. In early April, she went to Lebanon, where she was to work for 10 days at the Haifa Hospital in the Bourj Al Barajnah refugee camp in Lebanon.



### American Doctor Helps Address Humanitarian Medical Disaster in Gaza, Ramallah



Jim Lai.

Dr. Jim Lai, an American doctor specializing in emergency medicine, was sent by the PCRF in July to Gaza to help train and work with local doctors and nurses at Shifa Hospital in Gaza City. Dr. Lai works at New York Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn and volunteered to go help train and work with doctors and nurses in Gaza early in 2002. He spent a month in Gaza and at Sheikh Zayed Hospital in Ramallah bearing witness to the incessant killing of innocent children in Gaza by the IDF. Dr. Lai worked with the Palestinian Ministry of Health to try to improve the quality of emergency medicine, an important specialty given the crisis on the ground.

### ■ PCRF Sends EMT to Train Ambulance Drivers in Ramallah

In early March, the PCRF, in cooperation with the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), sent Shane Debrowski, an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) from Canada, to Ramallah to being a six-month training program for PRCS EMS personnel. This is the second trip to Palestine for Shane, who went through the PCRF to Ramallah last summer for a three-week program. This project comes at a particularly dangerous time for emergency medical personnel in Palestine. The Physicians for Human Rights in Israel reported in March that 165 Palestinian ambulances had been attacked by the IDF, with more than 135 paramedics and other personnel injured, with at least five killed in March alone.

The Fourth Geneva Convention protocols expressly forbid any shooting at ambulances, as does the World Health Organization. Shane has been advised to use great caution in doing his work with the PRCS, considering that the protests by many international organizations and governments against these attacks on ambulances have not reduced the number of violent incidents.



### ■ Two Ophthalmic Missions to Syria

are now able to see again.

In April and June, 2002, the PCRF sponsored teaching missions to Hasakeh, Syria to train local doctors and treat patients in ophthalmic surgery. These missions were led by Baillie Brown, a nurse on our medical advisory board, who gets tens of thousands of dollars worth of donated medical supplies. It is also in cooperation with the Ministry of Health in Syria. Below are a list of patients who were treated during these missions and



### Patients Treated in Syria by the PCRF:

Name	Age	Surgery	Date	The same
Abed El-Ali	67	Cataract Rt. Eye	,4/01/02	
Eida El-Nasser	59	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/01/02	
Haleema Hussein	70	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/01/02	
Md. Othman	65	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/01/02	
Refaa Waga a	57	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/01/02	
Ali Musleh	80	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/01/02	
Badrieh Razeq	55	Cataract Rt. Eye	4/01/02	
Ali Akil	57	Cataract Rt. Eye	4/01/02	
Wadha Alkhaled	60	Cataract Rt. Eye	4/01/02	
Ghazalh Khalifeh	65	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/01/02	
Ahmad Farhan	73	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/02/02	
Mekhlaf Khalif	73	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/02/02	
Mehdi Khalil	64	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/02/02	
Leila Mahmoud	28	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/02/02	
Shamsa Khalil	70	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/02/02	
Hussein Omar	70	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/02/02	
Hawa El-Hassan	60	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/02/02	

Name	Age	Surgery	Date
Ewan Jano	65	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/02/02
Sultana Abbas	58	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/02/02
Jarwa Al-Azawi	60	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/02/02
Najdiyah Safar	68	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/02/02
Hilal Wawi	68	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/02/02
Sheikh Sheikho	75	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/03/02
Khalaf Rhayil	72	Cataract Glaucoma	4/03/02
		Lt. Eye	
Sleiman Saedoun	52	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/03/02
Wadha El-Khaled	45	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/03/02
Alayan Khader	70	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/03/02
Bachir Slaiman	75	Cataract Lt. Eye	4/03/02
Drayei Khalil	70	Cataract Rt. Eye	4/03/02
Mohamad Khaled	60	Cataract Rt. Eye	4/03/02
Md. Ibn Jihad	62	Cataract Rt. Eye	4/03/02
Ismail Hisso	63	Cataract Rt. Eye	4/03/02
Mahatab Khoder	22	Cataract Rt. Eye	4/03/02

### Visiting Eye Surgeon: Dr. Joe Hegleh:

Age	Surgery	Date
18	Cornea Transplant Lt. Eye	6/17/02
70	Cataract Rt. Eye	6/17/02
80	Cataract Rt. Eye (Phaco)	6/17/02
100	Cataract Rt. Eye (Phaco)	6/17/02
71	Cataract Rt. Eye (Phaco)	6/18/02
68	Cataract Lt. Eye (Phaco)	6/19/02
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Name	Age	Surgery	Date	
Amsha Haloush	30	Cataract Lt. Eye (Phaco)	6/19/02	
Fahim Hussein	50	Cataract Rt. Eye (Phaco)	6/19/02	
Serana Malki	75	Cataract Lt. Eye (Phaco)	6/19/02	
Ali Ramadan	12	Cataract Lt. Eye (Phaco)	6/20/02	
Fatima Hussein	61	Cataract Lt. Eye (Phaco)	6/20/02	
Ramadan	70	Cataract Rt. Eye (Phaco)	6/20/02	

### ■ Medical Assessment Team visits Palestine

In Late September, the PCRF sent two American doctors to Gaza and the West Bank to assess the current health-care situation during the siege, as well as screen children for treatment outside. Dr. Basil Hantash of Stanford and Dr. Nader Habela of Children's Hospital in Philadelphia spent nearly two weeks visiting Shifa Hospital, Mohammed Durra Pediatric Hospital and the European Khan Younis Hospital in Gaza, and Caritas Pediatric Hospital Bethlehem and Hussein Hospital in Beit Jala, as well as the Palestine Red Crescent Society in Ramallah. They also made several



visits to injured Palestinian children, as well as screening of cases in the hospitals in an effort to being arranging treatment for them abroad Dr. Joseph Hegleh led the second mission in June and treated many poor patients, as well as teaching young doctors in cataract surgery.

### Occupational Therapist Trains in Wafa Hospital

In October, the PCRF sent Merlin Nathan, an Australian occupational therapist to Al Wafa Rehabilitation Hospital in the Gaza Strip for two-weeks of evaluation and training. This is the beginning of an extensive program by the PCRF to improve with Wafa Hospital the quality of occupational therapy in Gaza. Currently, there are only a very limited number of OT specialists in Gaza serving thousands of disabled persons in need of such help. The PCRF will work with Merlin Nathan to develop a comprehensive strategy in working to promote occupational therapy projects for Gaza in 2003.

### Ophthalmic Surgeon Treats Patients in Khan Younis



In October, the PCRF sent Dr. Francis Nathan, an eye surgeon from Australia, to the European Hospital in Khan Younis to do cataract surgery on poor Palestinians in the neglected southern district of the Gaza Strip. Dr. Nathan has worked in the Middle East through the PCRF many times in the past, providing sight-saving surgery for poor people in Palestine, Lebanon and Syria. Working for a week at the European Hospital, Dr. Nathan was able to provide sight-saving treatment using thousands dollars worth of donated supplies to the following people:



### Surgeries list done by Dr. Nathan at Gaza European hospital:

Patient Name	Age	Diagnosis	Surgery	Date
Feddeya Al Soufi	80 Year	Cataract Rt. Eye	Cataract Extraction	Oct. 7 2002
Amna Harb	65 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	Cataract Extraction	Oct. 7 2002
Hamda Jarbou	70 Year	Cataract Rt. Eye	Cataract Extraction	Oct. 7 2002
Hamdeya Saqer	65 Year	Cataract Rt. Eye	Cataract Extraction	Oct. 7 2002
Dawood Naser	65 Year	Cataract Rt. Eye	Cataract Extraction	Oct. 7 2002
Badrya Al Agha	80 Year	Cataract Rt. Eye	Cataract Extraction	Oct. 7 2002
Foz Abed El Al	70 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	Cataract Extraction	Oct. 7 2002
Abed Al Aziz Qudeh	69 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	Cataract Extraction	Oct. 7 2002
Turfa Al Debary	78 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	Cataract Extraction	Oct. 7 2002
Tarefa Abed Al Wahed	74 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	Cataract Extraction	Oct. 7 2002
Abed Rhman Redwan	70 Year	Cataract Rt. Eye	ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 8 2002
Kefaya Abu Mustafa	74 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 8 2002
Hamdan Abu Marahel	16 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 8 2002
Intisar Al Halabi	54 Year	Cataract Rt. Eye	ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 8 2002
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Patient Name	Age	Diagnosis	Surgery	Date
Fatma Khalaf Allah	75 Year	Cataract Rt. Eye	Cataract Extraction	Oct. 8 2002
Mahdeha Khalefa	75 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	Cataract Extraction	Oct. 8 2002
Nada Rawi	57 Year	Cataract Rt. Eye	ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 8 2002
Abed Al Majeed Abu Taha	60 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 8 2002
Mohammad Tafesh	68 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 8 2002 **
Mohammad Al Hout	48 Year	Cataract Rt. Eye	]ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 9 2002
Mahmoud Zaqout	66 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 9 2002
Dawood Zurob	70 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 9 2002
Hussain Abu Shammalah	65 Year	Post Surgery Hyphima	A.C. washout	Oct. 9 2002
Aliah Muamar	70 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 9 2002
Subheya Al Qara	70 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	Cataract Extraction	Oct. 9 2002
Amanah Al Basheti	65 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 9 2002
Hussain Abu Sulaiman	80 Year	Cataract Rt. Eye	Cataract Extraction	Oct. 9 2002
Abed Al Raouf Abdallah	75 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	Cataract Extraction	Oct. 9 2002
Mustafa Al Astal	75 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 10 2002
Hasan Awad	76 Year	Cataract Rt. Eye	ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 10 2002
Wedad Mukhamar	50 Year	Cataract Rt. Eye	ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 10 2002
Zainab Isleeh	65 Year	Cataract Lt. Eye	ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 10 2002
Yousef Abu Muhasen	53 Year	Cataract Rt. Eye	ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 10 2002
Haifa Jouma	30 Year	Cataract Rt. Eye	ECCE + I.O.L	Oct. 10 2002





On October 12th, the PCRF sent a 15-member team of doctors and nurses to Shifa Hospital in Gaza City to do a week of life-saving open heart surgery on sick babies with congenital heart disease. The team was assembled by Cardiostart, a US-based charity who worked with the PCRF last year on a mission to Palestine. Led by surgeons Dr. Aubyn Marath and Dr. Alan Kerr, as well as cardiologist Dr. Ziad Saba, the team included nurses and doctors from the US, Canada, Italy, the UK and New Zealand, Belgium. Despite the heavy siège and war conditions on the ground in Gaza,





the team managed to save the lives of many sichildren who otherwise would not get the care the needed. Dr. Saba then went to work in the catherization lab in Ramallah Hospital for a week save the lives of sick children there. The children treated on this mission were:

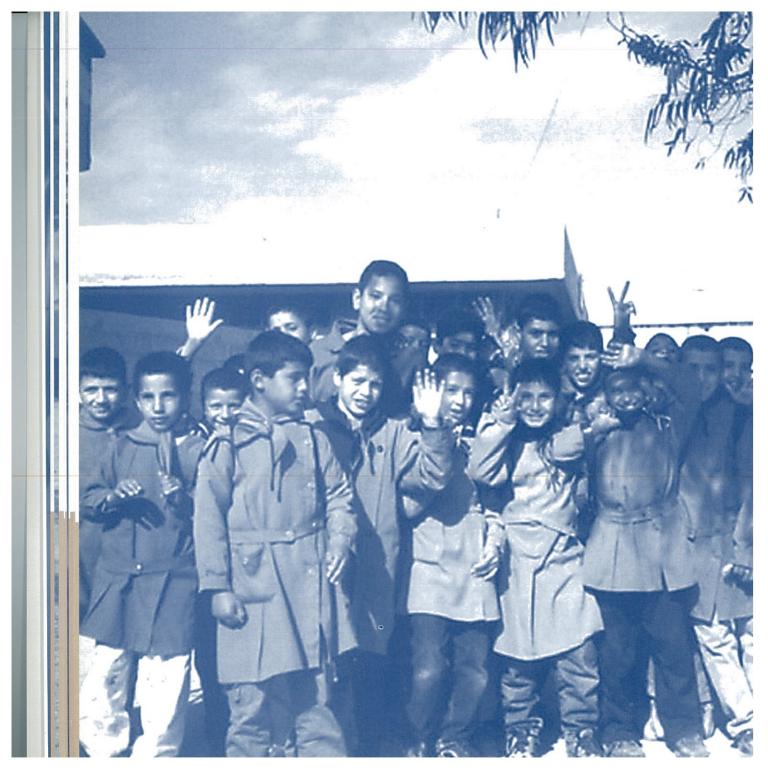
### Cardiac Cases Operated By Doctor Saba's Mission To Ramallah Governmental Hospit 14-17 October 2002:

Name	Age	Surgery	Residence	
Isam Salim Aziza	2 y	TOF	Deir El Balah	
Shayma Ahmed Katari	7 y	Partial AV canal	Jebalia RC	
Mahmoud Badawi	2 y	TOF	Gaza/Zeitoun	
Bara Ibrahim Juma	1.6 y	PDA, Sub AS	Rafah	
Zakaria Yousef Ghoul	1 y	TOF	Rafah	
Kamal Zuhair Abu Kheir	15 y	IHSS	Khan Younis	
Kareem Abu Ouda	12 m	VSD, PHT	Rafah	

### Cardiac Cases Operated By Doctor Saba's Mission To Ramallah Governmental Hospital 14-17 October 2002:

No.	date	Name	Age	Residence	Diagnosis	Procedure	
1	14/10/2002	Shams Zaghloul	2y	Nablus	Valvar PS	Balloon Dilation	E.Rug
2	15/10/2002	Nidal Al-Froukh	14y	Ramallah	Significant Coarctation of the Aorta	Balloon Dilation	,*
3	15/10/2002	Asma Jamous	Зу	Nablus	Valvar PS	Balloon Dilation	
4	16/10/2002	Muheeb Da dou	9у	Bethlehem	Pulmonary Insufficiency	Balloon Dilation	
5	16/10/2002	Rinad Mteir	4.5y	Hebron	Valvar PS + IS	Balloon Dilation	
6	16/10/2002	Rawan Milhem	2.5y	Bethlehem	Valvar PS	Balloon Dilation	
7	6/10/2002	Qusay Al-masri 2y		Ramallah	Valvar PS	Balloon Dilation	
8	17/10/2002	Maha Karam	12y	Gaza- Al-Tuffah	PDA	Catheterization	
9	17/10/2002	Mouhammad Ayesh	6y	Gaza- Al- Shate	RC Valvar Aortic	Balloon Dilation	
10	17/10/2002	Ahmad Bodeir	7y	Gaza Al-Zaytoon	Aortic	Valve Stenosis	
11	17/10/2002	Abeer Watfah	14y	Gaza	Valvar PS	Balloon Dilation	





## RELIEF PROJECTS IN 2002



In 2002, the PCRF responded to the great humanitarian crisis in Palestine by sponsoring several projects designed to provide poor and needy people relief. These included a summer camps in Gaza, a Disabled Child Sponsorship Program, wheelchair shipments to the West Bank, Gaza and Syria, and an empowerment program for poor women with large families.

### □Summer Camps







### **Northern Gaza**

From June 15 to the 27th, the PCRF sponsored a handicapped children's summer camp called Smile for Hope, in which more than 300 boys and girls between 6 to 12 years old from the northern Gaza Strip participated in the camps. There were 150 handicapped children, 100 poor children and 50 children from families whose fathers were either killed or in Israeli prisons. The activities of the camp included computer and video games, drawing and art, trips to the beach, library activities, Cultural activities, like the traditional Dabkah dance, and theater.

### Rafah

The PCRF sponsored a summer camp for handicapped and mainstream children for refugee children in the Sultan area of Rafah, southern Gaza Strip. From July 1 until the 15th, the camp integrated disabled and mainstream children a variety of social activities.

### **Central Gaza**



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On July 13, 2002 the PCRF sponsored a summer camp in the Nuseirat Rehabilitation Center in the central part of the Gaza Strip. More than 150 children participated in this camp: 48 Cerebral Palsy cases, 50 mentally handicapped children and 52 mainstream children from surrounding refugee camps. The focus on this camp was to provide children and their families a break during the summer, as well as to have children interact with other kids having special needs. This helps to break down the stigma in Palestinian society towards handicapped and disabled people.

### **Women Empowerment Project**

In 2001, the PCRF launched a new project to provide start-up econonic grants to poor mothers of large families in the Palestinian refugee camps of Lebanon and the Gaza Strip. Since the Al-Aqsa Intifada erupted, the stardard of living and income for large poor familes in Palestine has gotten even worse. No one is hit harder by the Israeli siege and war on the Palestinian people than single-mother families with small children. The PCRF has responded to this crisis by providing one-time start-up grants to single mothers, enabling them to begin small businesses or economic efforts that will provide them with continued income and will help them to feed and better take care of their children. In 2002, the PCRF has continued its success with the Women's Empowerment Project and has extended its reach to poor refugee families in Lebanon. The PCRF plans to continue this effort by identifying, interviewing, and supporting many more women in Palestine ar Lebanon who are seeking a chance to support and take care of their children by working for themselves.



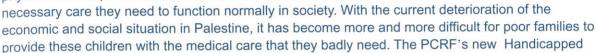
Name	Age	Location	#	Project	Project Start Date	Cost of Project
Rahma Abu Leilah	35	Rafah	8	A shop for freezing meet and fish	January 1, 2002	\$1194
Yosra Ashor	42	Rafah	9	Chicken Farm/Rabbit Farm	January 1, 2002	\$1470
Samera Afana	45	Rafah	1	A shop for freezing meet and fish	January 1, 2002	\$1047
Ahlam Kasoha	31	Rafah	4	A wool machine	January 1, 2002	\$1047
Fathiya Khashan	41	Borj al Barajneh Camp/Beirut	3	Lingerie Shop	February 26, 2002	\$330
Salimah El-Saeed	37	Rashdiya Camp, Lebanon	6	Clothes shop	February 28, 2002	\$700
Nadwa Metkal	34	Naher El-Bared Camp/Lebanon	2	Spices Shop	May 15, 2002	\$1200

# of Children

### **Handicapped Child Sponsorship Program**

In response to the deepening economic and social crisis in Palestine, the PCRF launched in the second quarter of 2002 a new program to provide humanitarian assistance to needy children with disabilities, and whose families are too poor to provide them the medicine or care that they need.

There are currently thousands of sick and injured Arab children in the Middle East suffering from mental or physical handicaps and who are unable to receive the



Child Sponsorship Program is designed to provide sick and injured Palestinian children support by matching them with donors and sponsors abroad who will help cover the costs of such humanitarian things as medication, therapy, and schooling.

This project is one of the first to give donors the ability to help and witness the progress of an individual child. Each sponsor is given a personal file and photo of the child they are sponsoring, including a medical and social report, as well as quarterly progress reports illustrating how their contribution has helped the child. 100% of the sponsor's funds go directly to the child's care and constant follow-ups by PCRF social workers ensure that the funds are used for the stated humanitarian purposes. We currently have dozens of sick and injured Arab children waiting for a sponsor to enable them to overcome their disabilities.

List of
Handicapped
Children
Currently
being
Sponsored:

### Northern Gaza District:

Name	Age	Residence	Diagnosis
Randa Oka	12 y	Gaza City	mental and physical retardation, developmental delays.
Reham Shaladan	12 y	Gaza City	Physical retardation, epilepsy, speech impairment.
Faten Sami Abu Yousef	12 y	Amer Housing	paraplegia, hydrocephalic meningitis, stool &
		Project/Gaza	urine incontinence.
FathiAl-Dashan	13y	Zeitoun/Gaza	physical retardation - lower limb atrophy, congenital, fine motor delay
			prenatal trauma by IDF.
Mahmoud Ghabayen	8y	Jebalya RC/	Congenital mental and physical retardation.
Salwa Hamdan	8y	Gaza	congenital mental and physical retardation; urine and sto
		Sabra/Gaza	incontinence; presents as extremely hyperactive and non-responsive
			to parental directives; hx of psychotropic medication (Tofranil
			Tegretol) for neurological condition.
Zaher Abu Sido	10y	Nasser/Gaza	Anoxia during mother's labor resulted in the need for ventuse deliver
			profound mental retardation and cerebral palsy.
Shaymaa Abu Sido	3 y	Nasser/Gaza	Mental and physical retardation
Shyren Al Adham	3 y	Gaza	Gangrene, Septicemia (amputated both legs above the knee, as we
			as all fingers in both hands)
Sada Halawa	5 y	Jabalia RC/Gaza	Congenital diplegia, cerebral palsy, urine & stool incontinence

### Central Gaza District:

Name	Age	Residence	Diagnosis
Imad Abu Slesel	11 y	Meghazi RC.	Paraplegia stool and urine incontinence
Mohammed El Hamarna	8 y	Meghazi RC.	Acute subdural hematoma from falling; cerebral palsy, stool an urine incontinence
Madi Abu Melek	8 y	Deir El Balah RC.	Microcephaly, psychomotor retardation
Maisaa Salha	3 у	Deir El Balah RC.	Arhtrogyposis; multiple congenital handicapped lower limps walking disability.
Hadeel Hamdan	8 y	Nuseriat RC.	Meningitis, hemeplagia following fever when she was 3 months old urine & stool incontinence, convulsions of left upper and lower limbs
Asad El Kodary	15 y	Nuseirat RC.	Micro cephalic lower limbs; profound mental and psychomotor re tardation, cerebral palsy; urine & stool incontinence.
Thaer Al Jammali	6 y	Breij RC.	Mental retardation, physical handican

Name	Age	Residence	Diagnosis
Ghada & Alaa Abu Slaeih	4 y	Bureij RC	Mental retardation, physical handicap.
Mohammed Jwefel	7 y	Nuseirat RC	Congenital abnormalities in the hands and legs; inability of both
			children to walk or stand
Abdullah Jaber	7 y	Meghazi RC	Paraplegia resulting from fall; urine and stool incontinence; R/O
			depression
Mohammed Abu Kuthma	7 y	Nuseriat RC	Cerebral palsy, quadriplegia since birth.

### Southern Gaza Children Sponsored:

Name	Age	Residence	Diagnosis
Eslam El Akhras	10 y	Rafah RC	Spina Bifida
Riham Meqdad	4 y	Rafah RC	Cerebal palsy, resulting in mental retardation; hyptotonia; urinary and
			fecal incontinence
Ramadan Meqdad	9 y	Rafah RC	Cerebal palsy resulting in mental retardation, hypotonia, fecal & urinary
			incontinence
Reham Abu Taha	2 y	Rafah RC	Cerebal palsy resulting in mental retardation and stool/urine incontinence.
Ahmed Abu Taha	7 y	Rafah RC	Cerebal palsy, resulting in mental retardation, stool & urine incontinence
Mostafa Abu Taha	8 y	Rafah RC	Cerebal palsy resulting in mental retarding, stool and urine incontinence.
Aya Abu El Hussein	12 y	Rafah RC	Cerebal palsy resulting in mental retardation and urine and stool incontinence.
Ayoub Abu El Hussein	7 y	Rafah RC	Cerebal palsy resulting in mental retardation.
Fedaa El Meshwahi	11 y	Rafah RC	Congenital Quadraplegia.
Ahmed El Shana	14 y	Khan Younis	RC, Muscle atrophy, quadripelgia, and CDH
Faten Shaqfa	12 y	Rafah RC	Spina bifida, resulting in parapalegia and urine & stool incontinence
Khaled El Reqeb	15 y	Bani Suhaila	spastic paraplegia and shortening of achilles tendon
Ibrahim Qannan	10 y	Khan Younis	Perth's disease, resulting in abnormal gait pattern and need for brace
			and modified shoes
Samia Zarob	8 y	Khan Younis	Muscular dystrophy, quadriplegia and urine/stool incontinencePKU
Asma'a Qeshtaa	8 y	Rafah RC	resulting in mild mental retardation
Hiba Qeshtaa	4 y	Rafah RC	PKU resulting in severe mental retardation and urine and stool
			incontinence
Feryal El Reqeb	13 y	Bani Suheila	Spastic paraplegia and shortening of achilles tendon
Ibrahim Qeshtaa	13 y	Rafah RC	PKU resulting in severe mental retardation and urine and stool
			incontinence

### Children in Qalqilya District:

Name	Age	Residence	Diagnosis
Ayat Al-Aqra	13 y	Qalqilya.	Bilateral hydro-ureter of both sides, and Bilateral hydronephrosi
Noor Daoud	5 y	Qalqilya.	Hydrocephalus, Spastic diplegia, Optic atrophy.
Walid Abdul Rahman	1 y	Qalqilya.	Bilateral Chest Infiltrations, Hyperinflation, Tracheomalacia,
			Cystic Fibrosis.
Murad Abu Asab	5 y	Kufur Saba.	Congenital Heart Disease.
Fatemah Qar an	9 y	Qalqilya.	Deformity of upper and lower limbs. Bilateral CDH.
Wafa Hindi	6 y	Qalqilya.	Amputation of left leg at knee level.
Amal Nazzal	4 y	Qalqilya.	Recurrent Urine tract infections.
Tareq Samman	13 y	Qalqilya.	Right Leg Lymphedema

### Children in Hebron District:

Name	Age	Residence	Diagnosis
Moustafa Al-Karaki	4 y	Al-Qadi Valley	Adreno-Genital syndrome.
Khaled AL-Ja bari	5 y	Al-Sha ybeh	Progressive Dystrophy, Paralysis.
Ayman Al-Hawareen	3 y	Al-Thahrieh	Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy.
Jawdat Abu Sneineh	8 y	Wad Al-Hariyyah	Neonatal asphyxia, convulsions, psychomotor retardation.
Rana Abu Aram	4 y	Yatta	Psychomotor Delay, west syndrome.

### Ramallah District:

Name	Age	Residence	Diagnosis
Wajeeh Suleiman	10 y	Beit- Our	Growth Hormone Deficiency Growth Delay.
Omar Al-Jinzawi	9 y	Um-Alsharayet	Head Trauma by shrapnel; depressed fracture with bilatera
			extenuation more to the left temporal extension; epidermal hematoma
Mohammed Hamad	1 y	Qalandia RC	Hypo thyroids Bronchopulmunary dysphasia.
Sukoun Ahmad	8 y		Infections and complications after cardiac surgery.
Maram Taha	6 y	Hizma	Al-Amari RC. Prolactinoma
Salsabell Zeidan	3 y	Deir Jeer	Paraplegia, double incontinence, organic-mental retardation, V-
			P shunt. Complicated Spina bifida, paralysis in the lower part of
			the body.

Name	Age	Residence	Diagnosis
Rawand Al-Khatib	3 y	Hizma	Spastic Quadriplegia, epilepsy, brain damage.
Sireen Al-Khatib	3 y	Beitunia	Central Perilous Puberty.

### Bethlehem District:

Name	Age	Residence	Diagnosis
Ala addin Khaleefah	12 y	Hizma	Ubeidiyyeh, congenital metabolic disorder; metabolic acidosis abnormal gait.
Ikram Issa	3 y	Khader	asphyxia encephalopathy.
Nidal Al-Issa	13 y	Dheisheh RC	Mylomeningocele; Neurogenic bladder disorder resulting in urine and stool incontinence; Hydrocephaly.
Ahmed Ali	3 у	Bethlehem	Nesidiblastosis.
Wasim Da dara	2 y	Aida & Azza Refugee Camp	West's Syndrome; cytomegalovirus infection; microcephaly; convulsive disorders.

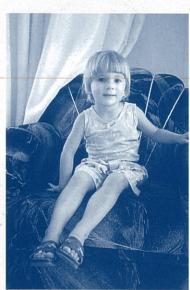


### **Lebanon:**

Name	Age	Residence	Diagnosis
Raed Halimeh	12 y	Bourj Al Barajneh	RC. Cerebral Palsy, Quadriplegia
Salim Hussein	1 y	Bourj Al Barajneh RC.	Congenital Dysfunction of Mitochondrial Complex IV. Severe
			Generalized Hypotonia & Motor neuro disease.
Mar ouf Marad	7 y	Sabra & Shatila RC.	Cerebral Palsy,Rt side hemiplegic, mute, deaf.
Ahmed Daweesh	2 y	Sabra & Shatila RC.	Epilepsy & sickle cell anemia.
Ayman Saeed	10 y	Ein El Hilwah RC.	Cerebral Palsy
Farah El-Ali	6 y	Sayda	Paraplegia with Epilepsy.
Ahmed Jaber	4 y	Ein El Hilwah RC.	Spinal Bifida, Hydrocephalus with minor disability in the lower
			extremities, Incontinence.
Abdullah Al-Hasan	3 y	Ein El Hilwah RC.	Ein El Hilwah RC. Major Thalasemia.
Sara El-Ali	4 y	Ein El Hilwah RC.	Major Thalasemia+Sickle Cell Anemia.
Latifa Esmail	3 y	Ein El Hilwah RC.	Kidney Problems. Large left Vesicoureteral Reflux reaching
			the left Kidney with marked Dilatation of its Pelvicalyceal
			system and ureter.
Khaled Younis	10 y	Meih Mieh RC.	Cerebral Palsy and Epilepsy







### The PCRF Ships Wheelchairs to the West Bank, Gaza & Syria.

### ■ Wheelchair Shipment Sent for Refugees in Syria

In January 2002, a 20-foot container of 88 quality wheelchairs arrived in Damascus for free distribution to handicapped Palestinian refugees in Syria.

The week-long distribution of the wheelchairs was done in-field by volunteer Greg Skolaski who was working in cooperation with Hope Haven International in Iowa. Hope Haven donated the chairs through the PCRF to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) in Syria. Thanks to this shipment and Mr. Skolaski s kind help, many poor refugees who had been waiting years for a quality wheelchair were finally provided with one for free.



### ■ Wheel Chair Shipment for West Bank



In November 2002, a 40-foot container of 130 quality wheelchairs arrived in Ramallah for free distribution throughout the West Bank to handicapped Palestinians. The distribution of the wheelchairs was done in cooperation with the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS). The shipment was donated by Hope Haven International in Iowa, who has donated several shipments through the PCRF to the Middle East in the past. In November, the PCRF sent Mark Richards of Hope Haven to Palestine to help in the distribution and follow-up evaluation process.

### ■ Shipment of Wheel Chair to Gaza

In November 2002, a 40-foot container of 120 quality wheelchairs arrived in Gaza City for free distribution throughout the Gaza Strip to handicapped Palestinians. The distribution of the wheelchairs was done in cooperation with the Society for Physically Handicapped People in Gaza. The shipment was donated by Hope Haven International in Iowa, who has donated several shipments through the PCRF to the Middle East in the past, including several to Gaza. In November, the PCRF sent Mark Richards of Hope Haven to Palestine to help in the distribution and follow-up evaluation process.





### Medical Relief Projects for 2003

In 2003, the PCRF will respond to the great humanitarian crisis in the Middle East by continuing to provide medical relief for poor and needy Arab children. This will entail continuing our efforts in the following areas:



- 1. Arranging Medical Care for Sick and Injured Youths: The PCRF was set up 10 years ago to arrange free medical are for sick and injured Palestinian youths during the first Intifada. Since then, we have sent nearly 300 children outside for free medical care that was not available to them locally. In response to the Al-Aqsa Intifada, 2002 was our most active year, as we sent several dozen children to the US, Europe and other parts of the Middle East for expert medical care not available to them locally. In 2003, we plan to continue to send children outside for free medical care, as well as to cover the medical costs of children locally in the Middle East, whenever possible.
- 2. Medical Missions to the Middle East: In 2002, the PCRF sponsored many missions to the region to help treat sick and injured patients locally, as well as to train local doctors and nurses. In 2003, we plan to continue to initiate and organize such missions. These will include more pediatric and adult cardiac surgery teams to provide life-saving surgery locally in the region as part of our "Healing Hearts" Campaign. We also plan to send specialists in ophthalmic, orthopedic, urological and plastic surgery-all areas where there is a great need for such help.
- 3. Humanitarian Projects: The PCRF is dedicated to supporting projects that help improve the welfare of children in the Middle East. In 2003, we will sponsor summer camps in Gaza, continue our Handicapped Child Sponsorship Project, send wheelchair shipments to Palestine, and continue to support a women empowerment program. These projects are important for the daily well-being of poor and needy children in the Middle East, which is why the PCRF will continue to support such humanitarian projects in 2003.



# Budget for 2003

40 Cases to North America	\$40,000
■ 40 cases to Europe	\$25,000
■ 10 Urgent Heart Cases to Wolfson	\$25,000
☐ Medical Care in the Middle East:	
American Pediatric Cardiac Team to Gaza	\$15,000
■ American Adult Cardiac Team to Gaza	\$15,000
■ Dutch Pediatric Cardiac Team to Gaza	\$8,000
Austrian Pediatric Cardiac Team to Ramallah	\$8,000
Italian Pediatric Cardiac Team to Gaza	\$8,000
☐ Misc. Teams:	
Italian Plastic Surgery Team to Khan Younis	\$4,000
Egyptian Ophthalmic Surgeon to Gaza	\$3,000
American Ophthalmic Surgeon to Nablus	\$5,000
Australian Ophthalmic Surgeon to Khan Younis	\$4,000
Occupational Therapy Volunteers to Wafa Hospital	\$10,000

\$2,000

\$12,000

Shipment of 40-foot wheelchair container to Gaza	\$4,000
Shipment of 40-foot wheelchair container to West Bank	\$4,000
Shipment of Medical Equipment to Ramallah	\$4,000
☐ Women Empowerment Project:	
Sponsorship for 10 single women to start up business	\$10,000
☐ Handicapped Child Sponsorship Project:	
Running costs for sponsoring 100 handicapped children	\$5,000
☐ Summer Camps for Disabled Children:	
■ Six summer camps in Gaza for disabled children	\$6,000
Administrative Costs:	
Administrative Costs:  Ramallah Office:  Office Rent	\$2,000
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■ Ramallah Office:	\$2,000 \$2,000 \$30,000
Ramallah Office:  - Office Rent  - Utilities, equipment and supplies  - Salaries for 6 fieldworkers, Project Manager  Gaza Office:	\$2,000
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Ramallah Office:  Office Rent Utilities, equipment and supplies Salaries for 6 fieldworkers, Project Manager  Gaza Office: Utilities, Equipment and Supplies Salaries for 4 fieldworkers, project manager	\$2,000 \$30,000 \$2,000
Ramallah Office:  - Office Rent  - Utilities, equipment and supplies  - Salaries for 6 fieldworkers, Project Manager  Gaza Office:  - Utilities, Equipment and Supplies  - Salaries for 4 fieldworkers, project manager  US Office:  - Office Rent	\$2,000 \$30,000 \$2,000 \$23,000 \$12,000
Ramallah Office:  Office Rent Utilities, equipment and supplies Salaries for 6 fieldworkers, Project Manager  Gaza Office: Utilities, Equipment and Supplies Salaries for 4 fieldworkers, project manager	\$2,000 \$30,000 \$2,000 \$23,000

TOTAL	\$369,000
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■ Lebanon Office:

- Utilities, equipment and supplies

- Salary & Expenses for one project manager

