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In 2010, the **San Diego Chapter** of the PCRf organized many special activities to support our relief work, as well as to help care for an injured 4-year-old girl from Gaza, Farah Abu-Halima. Some of the activities included «Mujaddara Night» in March, which commemorated Earth Day and focused on bringing in younger members of the community. In November, a mixer was held to bring in new members of the community, while a gift drive was organized in December for more than 40 children from the Iraqi Palestinian refugee community who've been resettled in their area. The chapter plans many more programs in 2011 to further the humanitarian work and support for the PCRf.

The **PCRf-NJ chapter** in 2010 was very active in providing support for sick and injured children brought for treatment in their area, as well as raising funds and awareness for the PCRf and it's humanitarian mission. Three children had care through the chapters support -- Iraqi Zahra Qusay, Gazan Asad Mahmoud and Jenin baby Salma Ghanem, who came with her mother. In April, a gala dinner was held called, "Healing Bodies ... Restoring Hope" and was attended by over 400 supporters. The Chapter is working now to raise support and awareness for the PCRf pediatric oncology/hematology unit in Beit Jala. The PCRf-NJ chapter in 2010 was very active in providing support for sick and injured children brought for treatment in their area, as well as raising funds and awareness for the PCRf and it's humanitarian mission. Three children had care through the chapters support -- Iraqi Zahra Qusay, Gazan Asad Mahmoud and Jenin baby Salma Ghanem, who came with her mother. In April, a gala dinner was held called, "Healing Bodies ... Restoring Hope" and was attended by over 400 supporters. The Chapter is working now to raise support and awareness for the PCRf pediatric oncology/hematology unit in Beit Jala.





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Dear Steve Sosebee:

On behalf of Charity Navigator, I wish to congratulate Palestine Children's Relief Fund on achieving our coveted 4-star rating for sound fiscal management.

As the nonprofit sector continues to grow at an unprecedented pace, savvy donors are demanding more accountability, transparency and quantifiable results from the charities they choose to support with their hard-earned dollars. In this competitive philanthropic marketplace, Charity Navigator, America's premier charity evaluator, highlights the fine work of efficient charities such as your own, and provides donors with essential information needed to give them greater confidence in the charitable choices they make.

Based on the most recent financial information available, we have calculated a new rating for your organization. We are proud to announce Palestine Children's Relief Fund has earned our 4-star rating for its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances. Approximately a quarter of the charities we evaluate have received our highest rating, indicating that Palestine Children's Relief Fund executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way, and outperforms most other charities in America. This "exceptional" designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Palestine Children's Relief Fund from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.

*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 irrefutable data shows that users of our site gave more than they planned to before viewing our findings, and in fact, it is estimated that last year Charity Navigator influenced over \$10 billion in charitable gifts.

We believe our service will enhance your organization's fundraising and public relations efforts. Our favorable review of Palestine Children's Relief Fund's fiscal health will be visible on our website as of May 1st.

We wish you the best in all of your charitable endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ken Berger  
President & Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Mr. Kabat:

This responds to your February 11, 2010 and March 25, 2010 correspondence to the Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC"), on behalf of the Palestine Children's Relief Fund ("PCRF"), seeking confirmation that PCRF's proposed continuation of the provision of *pro bono* medical care to indigent Palestinian child patients in hospitals in the West Bank and Gaza and a clinic in Gaza does not require a specific license.

As you know, following elections in January 2006 in the West Bank and Gaza, OFAC determined that Hamas, a terrorist entity whose property and interests in property are blocked under OFAC-administered economic sanctions programs, has a property interest in the transactions of the Palestinian Authority. Accordingly, pursuant to the Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 594 (the "GTSR") and the Terrorism Sanctions Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 595 (the "TSR"), U.S. persons are prohibited from engaging in transactions with the Palestinian Authority unless authorized. Sections 594.204 of the GTSR and 595.204 of the TSR prohibit any U.S. person from engaging in any transaction or dealing in property or interests in property of persons whose property or interests in property are blocked including the making or receiving of any contribution of funds, goods, or services to or for the benefit of persons whose property or interests in property are blocked. Section 597.201 of the Foreign Terrorist Organizations Sanctions Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 597 (the "FTOSR"), requires U.S. financial institutions to retain any funds in which a foreign terrorist organization has an interest. The assets of Hamas are blocked pursuant to the GTSR and the TSR, therefore transactions with the Hamas controlled Palestinian Authority or other Hamas controlled entities are prohibited without authorization.

OFAC informed you in its May 30, 2007 letter that, as of July 6, 2006, the GTSR, TSR and FTOSR authorize by general license, in-kind donations of medicine, medical devices, and medical services to the Palestinian Authority Ministry of Health, provided that such donations are strictly for distribution in the West Bank or Gaza and not intended for resale, and that no payment may involve a debit to an account of the Palestinian Authority on the books of a U.S. financial institution or to any blocked accounts. 31 C.F.R. §§ 594.515, 595.513, 597.511. Please note that this authorization does not permit the transfer to the Ministry of Health of any item listed on the Commerce Control List in the Export Administration Regulations, 15 C.F.R. part 774, supplement no. 1. Based on the information provided in your letter, PCRF's proposed *pro bono* medical care to indigent Palestinian children involving dealings with the Palestinian Authority Ministry of Health remains authorized under revised General License No. 6 of July 6, 2006, regardless of whether it is the Palestinian Authority Ministry of Health in the West Bank or the Hamas-led de facto Palestinian Authority Ministry of Health in Gaza.

Sincerely,

*for Clara David*  
Andrea Gacki

Assistant Director for Licensing  
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## Message from the President & Chairman of the Board

Dear friends and supporters,

2010 was our 19th year as a non-profit organization providing specialized medical care, surgery, and other humanitarian aid for sick and injured children in the Middle East. From our humble beginnings of placing one injured child at a time at a hospital in the USA for free, to our current ability to provide crucial specialized surgery for thousands of kids from Palestine, Lebanon's camps and war-torn Iraq, we have remained focused on working to heal the wounds of war, poverty and occupation in the Middle East. Our objective in the beginning remains as it is today - to identify and provide free expert care for any child who we can help, regardless of their nationality, religion, gender, creed or race. Our strength over the nearly two decades that we have been working has been to work with like-minded volunteers from all over the world who share this humanitarian belief. While the political and economic conditions in which Palestinians in the Middle East fluctuates over time, the overall conditions of thousands of children in need of cancer care, heart surgery, or other specialized care is precarious at best.

The ability of the PCRF to reach each year thousands of children in need of surgery is a responsibility that we do not take lightly. In 2010, we sent more teams of doctors and nurses from top-notch institutions in North and South America, Australia, New Zealand, Europe and the Middle East to not only provide a high-

level of care otherwise not available in Palestine or Lebanon's camps, but also training and experience for hundreds of doctors and nurses in an effort to improve their ability to better care for their own patients in the future. We also were able to find millions of dollars worth of donated surgery and care for injured and sick children in hospitals in the USA, Europe, Dubai, Abu Dhabi and, for the first time, Kuwait.

With the global recession, charities who depend completely on the generous support of donors like you have an responsibility and obligation to ensure that our administrative costs are at a minimum and that we provide a transparent and efficient operating structure. We were very proud to have another 4-star rating from Charity Navigator in the last year (see enclosed letter), as we want our donors and supporters to know that your funds are being put to good use.

Our plans for 2011 are as ambitious as ever. We will continue to bring in volunteer surgery teams from all over the world to help treat children locally and train doctors and nurses in Palestine and Lebanon's camps, as well as locate free care for sick and injured kids who cannot be treated within this program. Our support for other humanitarian relief programs, like the child sponsorship project, shipping quality pediatric wheelchairs to handicapped kids or supporting summer camps will continue as well. We also are taking on our most

ambitious project to date: the building of a pediatric oncology/hematology department at the Hussein Hospital in Beit Jala. We also will continue to support the creation of the first and only pediatric cardiac surgery program at Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem.

Our work is completely dependent on volunteers and donors to reach these poor and needy children. We hope that this annual report provides you the information that you need to conclude that we are a serious and professional organization dedicated to helping build lasting improvements in the health care services in the Middle East, while at the same time helping to save the lives and treat thousands of sick and injured children every year. We count on your support to ensure that our work can continue.

In Solidarity,

**Dr. Musa Nasir**  
*Chairman of the Board*

**Steve Sosebee**  
*President & CEO*



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## Injured & Sick Children Treated Abroad in 2010

**I**njured and Sick Children Treated Abroad:  
The Palestine Children's Relief Fund was established in 1991 to identify and send injured children for free medical care that they could not get in their homeland. While we have expanded considerably since our initial founding, we still are the main organization providing millions of dollars worth of free care in North America, Europe and the Gulf for sick and injured children from Palestine, Iraq, Lebanon and Syria.

January

### Iraqi girl has neurosurgery in Arkansas Children's Hospital



On January 24, 5-year-old Christine Makboob from Nineveh, Iraq had neurosurgery at Arkansas Children's Hospital by Dr. Samer Elbabaa. She was born with a spine deformity called tethered cord, which was causing her significant neurological disorders including incontinence. She could not be adequately treated in her war-torn country. Dr. Elbabaa not only volunteered to treat this child, who traveled with her mother Dina, but he has also been on PCRF missions to the West Bank.

March

### Injured Gaza Boy Has Two Operations at the Cleveland Clinic



On March 2nd, 9-year-old Dawoud Abu Armana underwent plastic and reconstructive surgery at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio for injuries he sustained during the Israeli assault on Gaza in January, 2009. Dawoud suffered head wounds when his home in the Breij refugee camp was hit by an Israeli shell. Dawoud suffered two defects in his skull, which were repaired by the chief of plastic surgery, Dr. Frank Papay. He also inserted tissue expanders under Dawoud's scalp to fix the burned areas of his head. In June, Dawoud had his second operation to remove the tissue expanders and cover this scalp with new hair. The boy returned to his family in Gaza in July.

### Gaza boy who survived massacre has surgery in Los Angeles



On March 15, 12-year-old Abdullah Alathmna underwent orthopedic surgery at the Shriners Hospital in Los Angeles. Abdullah lost 18 members of his family, including his mother and several siblings, when an Israeli tank shell hit their home in the Gaza town of Beit Hanoun on November 8, 2006. Abdullah lost his leg and has been treated twice through the PCRF, in 2007 in Oakland, and again in 2009 in Dubai, both times to be fitted for an artificial leg. However, he began to experience severe pain in his amputated stump last Fall in Gaza and the PCRF arranged for him surgery at the Shriners Hospital, which was not available to him in the besieged Gaza Strip. Dr. Hugh Watts, a member of the PCRF Medical Advisory Board and the former chief of staff at the Shriners, performed the operation.

### Injured Gaza girl has neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore



On March 17, 7-year-old Noor Thabet from Gaza City underwent neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore after being shot in the head by an Israeli soldier on top of a tank outside her aunt's home on January 14, 2009. Nour suffered a defect in her skull that left her brain unprotected. The PCRF brought her with her mother Lubna and three other injured children in mid-February through the Rafah crossing. She was operated on by Dr. Richard Redett, with the support of Dr. Mazen Bedri, who has been on several past PCRF missions to Palestine as a volunteer surgeon. The girl and her mother stayed with a host family in Fairfax, VA and were supported by PCRF volunteers in the DC area.



### Injured Gaza Girl has Orthopedic surgery in Detroit



On March 20, 15-year-old Falasteen Tambora from Beit Lahya had orthopedic surgery at Grace Sinai Hospital in Detroit after being shot in the leg by Israeli soldiers while seeking refuge in an UNRWA school with her family after her home was shelled on January 16, 2009. Dr. Jiab Suleiman, an orthopedic surgeon who led a past mission with the PCRF to Ramallah, treated her as a volunteer. Falasteen arrived in February with three other injured children from Gaza and was cared for by host families in the Michigan and Ohio area.

### Palestinian Girl has Orthopedic Surgery in Dubai



On March 29, 17-year-old Safaa Fahmawi from the Nour Shams refugee camp in Tulkarem underwent orthopedic surgery to lengthen her right left leg by Dr. Marc Sinclair of the "Little Wings Foundation" at the Medcare Hospital in Dubai. The girl was born with a congenital deformity of her leg and could not get the specialized corrective surgery in Palestine. The PCRF has worked in the past with Little Wings not only in treating Palestinian children in Dubai, but also sponsoring medical missions to the West Bank, where dozens of children had surgery and care otherwise not available to them. Safaa stayed more than 9 months in the UAE with a host family and was cared for by the PCRF-UAE chapter. Over three dozen children have been treated in the UAE in the past two years through the PCRF.

### Three injured kids get prosthesis in Dubai



Throughout March and into August, injured children from the Gaza Strip had expert medical care through the PCRF in the UAE Emirate of Dubai. 17-year-old Taghreed Abu Helo from the Breij Refugee camp lost her leg in an accident, while 16-year-old Khalil Al Jadeily, also from the Breij Refugee Camp, lost both legs when the IDF bombed his home in January, 2009. 14-year-old Mohammed El Ejla lost a leg and an arm from an IDF bomb in January, 2009 while near his home in the Shujiya area of Gaza City and is in Dubai with his mother, Hala. Their treatment was sponsored through the support of the Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum Humanitarian & Charity Establishment, who have supported dozens of injured Palestinian children to get medical care in the UAE over the past few years through the PCRF.



April

### Jenin Girl Has Pediatric Surgery in New Jersey



On April 26, 18-month-old Salma Basam from the West Bank town of Jenin had pediatric surgery by Dr. Saad Saad at the K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital, which is part of the Jersey Shore University Medical Center. The child was born with a birth defect that could not be treated in Palestine. Dr. Saad volunteered his time to treat this child, and the hospital provided their services as well on a humanitarian basis. Dr. Saad has also led several surgical missions to the West Bank through the Palestine Children's Relief Fund in the past few years including a mission in June to treat dozens more children who otherwise would not get the expert care that they need locally. Salma and her mother Nihal are being hosted and supported by the PCRf New Jersey chapter and stayed with host families.

May

### Iraqi girl returns home after urological surgery in New Jersey



At the end of May, 8-year-old Zahrah Al-Saadi from Iraq returned home after urological surgery by Dr. Vance and Dr. Vincent Moss of the Mid-Atlantic Multi Specialty Surgical Group in Howell, New Jersey. This is the girl's second operation through the PCRf by the Moss brothers in the USA. She was born with a congenital malformation of her bladder that cannot be treated in Iraq, and had surgery at the Kimbell Medical Center Lakewood, New Jersey. The Moss brother's have volunteered to operate on several PCRf children from Palestine and Iraq in the past few years.

June

### Burned Jenin Girl is the First PCRf Child Sent to Kuwait



On June 1, 9-year-old Hala Mahmoud from the West Bank town of Maythaloun near Jenin arrived in Kuwait for plastic and reconstructive surgery through the Ministry of Health. The girl suffered 3rd degree burns on her face, arms and legs in an accident and had reconstructive surgery not available to her in Palestine. She was cared for by volunteers in Kuwait, and her trip to the Gulf state is being sponsored through the support of the Amir and the Ministry of Health.

### Burned boy from Jenin has surgery in Arizona



On June 28, 9-year-old Nidal Abuarra from the West Bank town of Toubas underwent plastic and reconstructive surgery on his face and left hand after he suffered third-degree burns in an accident when he was three months old. He was treated by Dr. William Leighton, a plastic surgeon at the Scottsdale HealthCare Greenbaum Surgical Specialty Hospital as a charity case. He was hosted and cared for by many volunteers in the Arizona community.



### Syrian Baby has life-saving surgery in Italy



On June 25th, 3-year-old Takwa Faraj Al Salem from the Syrian village of Al-Raqah was sent with her mother Setah to Bergamo, Italy for life-saving open-heart surgery by Dr. Giancarlo Crupi. She was born with a congenital heart defect that could not be treated in Syria. Dr. Crupi has led several surgery missions to Palestine over the past 10 years, providing hundreds of Palestinian children life-saving care, and treated over a dozen more children from Lebanon, Syria, Palestine and Iraq for free at his hospital in Bergamo.

July

### Iraqi boy has follow-up care in Jordan



On July 5, 7-year-old Louay Naji from Iraq had follow-up ocular care through the financial support of the PCRF in Jordan. The PCRF covered his surgery in Jordan in 2009 when Dr. Khaled Abughazaleh and his team operated on this boy for his maxillofacial deformities. In December, he also had surgery by Dr. Amal Alsayyad, at the Al Khalidi Medical Plaza. Dr. Alsayyad has volunteered on PCRF missions to Palestine and Lebanon in 2009 and 2010. The PCRF brought Louay back to Jordan to provide him a new ocular prosthesis, which was done by Hassan Awada at the Eye Specialty Hospital in Amman.

August

### Injured Gaza Boy has Neurosurgery in Georgia



On August 5, 13-year-old Abdulrahman Almotawaq from Jebalia in the northern Gaza Strip had neurosurgery at the Medical Center in Georgia by Dr. Said Elshihabi of the Columbus Spinal and Neurological Center. Abdulrahman was injured on January 9, 2009 when an IDF shell hit his home where his family were seeking refuge. While several members of his family were injured, Abdulrahman endured serious head wounds. He arrived in late July in the USA with another injured boy who was being treated in Chicago and Los Angeles, and had surgery to close two large defects in his skull. The hospital and surgeon donated their time and services to help Abdelrahman get the care that was otherwise not available to him locally.

### Injured Gaza Boy has Neurosurgery in Chicago, Prosthesis in Los Angeles



On August 18, 14-year-old Muath Abu Rabea from Beit Lahya in the northern Gaza Strip had neurosurgery by Dr. Yoon Hahn, Professor and Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn, IL. Muath suffered severe head injuries, the loss of most of his teeth and the amputation of his right leg from an Israeli bomb that hit his home on January 4, 2009. Other family members were killed in the attack and Muath was in a coma in Gaza for two months. Dr. Hahn repaired his skull defect and Dr. Khaled Abughazaleh the provided Muath dental implants. In September, Muath went to the Shriners Hospital in Los Angeles for free prosthetic care. The Chicago chapter of the Palestine Children's Relief Fund arranged his housing and care in Chicago, while the Southern California Chapter arranged for him care during his stay in L.A.

### Girl from Toubas has Surgery in Virginia



On August 21, 19-year-old Iman Ghanem from Toubas in the Northern West Bank had surgery for a congenital condition known as hemangioma by Dr. Saher Sabri, a radiologist working at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville. After her care in the USA, the PCRf helped to arrange her follow-up care by Dr. Saher in Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem in September.

October



On October 19th, 2-year-old Elham Awad from Jebalia in the besieged Gaza Strip was sent with her grandmother (also named Elham) to Dubai to start orthopedic surgery by Dr. Marc Sinclair of the Little Wing Foundation at the Medicare Hospital. Elham was born with congenital dislocation of both hips and had two operations by Dr. Sinclair. The PCRf and Little Wings have cooperated on treating several kids in Dubai for surgery, as well as on medical missions to Palestine, including one earlier in October to Gaza, where dozens of kids were seen and treated by the 7-member team. Elham and her grandmother were cared for by the volunteers from the PCRf UAE chapter in Dubai, who have taken care of dozens of kids sent to the UAE over the past several years.

September

### Injured Gaza Boy has ocular treatment in Dubai



On September 14, 17-year-old Abdel Hadi Al Jadadi arrived in the United Arab Emirate of Dubai to start treatment for an injury he sustained in an Israeli attack near his home in the Breij refugee camp in January, 2009. Abdel Hadi suffered head injuries as a result of the bombing, which killed one of his brothers and took the legs of his brother Khalil, who had prosthetic treatment earlier in 2010 in Dubai through the PCRf. Abdel Hadi was treated at Moorfields Eye Hospital in Dubai for the left eye that he lost and was hosted and cared for by the PCRf-UAE chapter.

### Gaza girl sent to Dubai for Orthopedic Surgery



### Iraqi baby has life-saving surgery in Texas



2-year-old Ziad Assad Jameel from Baghdad had life-saving open-heart surgery at the end of October by Dr. Adil Husain at the Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. The boy came with his mother Intisar and his surgery was sponsored by HeartGift of San Antonio. The Palestine Children's Relief Fund covered all of his travel and other logistical arrangements to get him out of Iraq, and has partnered with HeartGift in the past to treat other children from the Middle East. We have have sponsored missions to Palestine with Dr. Husain, who is also a member of the International Palestinian Cardiac Relief Organization (IPRCO) of the PCRF.

### Palestinian Girl Has Urological Surgery in North Carolina



In late October, 2-year-old Fadwa Albeltaji had urological surgery by Dr. John Gazak at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina. She is from the West Bank town of Hebron and was brought by the PCRF to the USA for her second stage operation, after having surgery on her bladder in 2009. She came with her mother and was supported by many volunteers in the community, who arranged housing and appointments during their stay. Dr. Gazak has led several missions to Palestine, including a trip to Nablus in September, where he treated dozens of children with urological deformities. Unfortunately, Fadwa's condition was too complex to be treated in Palestine

### Injured Gaza Boy has Treatment in Philadelphia



In October, 17-year-old Asad Mahmoud from the northern Gaza town of Beit Lahya returned to the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia for continuation of the treatment that the Palestine Children's Relief Fund sent him for in 2008. The boy lost both legs and an arm from an Israeli bomb attack near his home in 2006, but needed to have his prosthesis adjusted and replaced due to his growth. He was cared for by the PCRF chapter in New Jersey and also by local volunteers in the Philadelphia area. He returned home to Gaza in December.

November

### Refugee Girl Has Neurosurgery, Cancer Treatment in Italy



In early November, the PCRf sent 7-year-old Ola Abu Jamous from the Nur Shams refugee camp in Tulkarem went with her mother Buthainya to the The Meyer Children Hospital of Florence, Italy for surgery on a brain tumor that was discovered in a surgery mission by a team led by Prof. Lorenzo Genitori. Her surgery was too difficult to do in Palestine, but online donors enabled the PCRf to send her for surgery. Unfortunately, her tumor was found to be cancerous and she started a program of radiation therapy in early December to cure her cancer. Her father Yaser also joined them during her treatment.

December

### Two Palestinian Boys Recovering from Surgery in Abu Dhabi

On December 15, two Palestinian boys from the West Bank town of Tulkarem had orthopedic surgery at the Shiekh Khalifah Medical Center in Abu Dhabi in the U.A.E. Hand surgeon Dr. Lucia Heras operated on the congenital deformity of the right elbow of 15-year-old Mohammed Hamshari. Dr. Heras has participated on several past surgery missions for the PCRf to the Gaza Strip. This was her first treatment of a child in the UAE for us. Dr. Maria Caron operated on the club feet of 2-year-old Zaid Abushayeb, who was with his mother Abeer. The three of them were flown to Abu Dhabi for free by Etihad Airlines, and are being cared for there by the volunteers of the PCRf-UAE chapter. Two other children from Palestine are currently recovering from surgery in Dubai.





على نقطة إغاثة فلسطين، ومستشفى خليفة

## طفلان فلسطينيان يجريان عمليتين بأبوظبي تسهمان في علاج إعاقتيهما

تحت إشراف أطباء من مستشفى خليفة في أبوظبي، أجري على اثنين من الفتيان الفلسطينيين المصابين بإعاقات جسدية عمليتين جراحيتين ناجحتين في علاج إعاقتيهما. الفتيان هما محمد (14 عاماً) وسالم (11 عاماً) من مخيم جنين في الضفة الغربية المحتلة. محمد يعاني من إعاقة جسدية منذ ولادته بسبب إصابة في العمود الفقري، وسالم يعاني من إعاقة في السمع.

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## Volunteer Surgery & Medical Missions in 2010

**M**edical Missions to the Middle East: The Palestine Children's Relief Fund is the main international humanitarian relief organization organizing, sponsoring and running surgery missions to the West Bank, Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem and Lebanon's refugee camps. Over the past 10 years, over 15,000 injured and sick children have had specialized surgery in their home country by visiting specialists sent to treat them from all over the world. Hundreds of doctors and nurses have also been trained and gained experience from working with the PCR teams, who come with a spirit of humanity and solidarity for the people that they are serving. In 2010, we sent more teams to work than any time in our nearly 20-year history.

January

### American Pediatric Urological Surgery Team to Rafidiah Hospital, Nablus



On January 6, Dr. Anthony Balcom, a pediatric urologist from the University of Wisconsin, and his wife, Dawn Balcom, a surgical assistant, completed a two-week mission at Rafidiah Hospital in the West Bank town of Nablus. Over two dozen children had specialized urological surgery, and many dozens more were screened and consulted by the Balcoms, who went on their first mission to Palestine with the PCRF in November, 2008. Again in December, 2010, they returned to Nablus for another two-week mission.

### Italian Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon Operates in Makassed Hospital, East Jerusalem



On January 8, Dr. Giancarlo Crupi, a pediatric cardiac surgeon, and Dr. Theresa Castillo, a pediatric cardiologist, both from Bergamo Italy, started a week of surgery and training for the local doctors at Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem. Dr. Crupi has led several past PCRF missions to Ramallah, Gaza and East Jerusalem, as well as treated dozens of children for free at his hospital in Bergamo.

### American Pediatric Cardiologist Screens Children in Ramallah



On January 15th, Dr. Mike Cooper returned to the West Bank town of Ramallah to provide free screening and consultation for nearly two dozen children at the PCRF clinic. Dr. Cooper has led several missions to the West Bank for the PCRF in the past, and would lead another in both May and October, 2010.



### Swiss Plastic Surgery Team Opens 2010 by Treating Injured Children in Gaza

On January 17, a four-member team of doctors and nurses from Switzerland returned to the besieged Gaza

Strip to provide expert reconstructive surgery on burned and injured children at Nasser Hospital in East Jerusalem. Led by Prof. Walter Kunzi, who has led past missions to Gaza for the PCRF, the team included Bärbel Costabile, Dr. Abdul-Rahman Jandali and Dr. Johannes-Joseph Kuttenger.

### French Surgery Mission Returns to Gaza

Joining the Swiss team on January 17, a French hand surgery and neurosurgery mission returned for their nearly quarterly visit to Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis in southern Gaza to operate on patients and continue their training for local surgeons. This mission is an ongoing project with the French Consulate in East Jerusalem and was led by Prof. Christophe Oberlin and included anesthesiologist Dr. Christophe Denantes, Julie-Christine Chino, and Dr. Azez Rafee Asan.





### American Pediatric Urological Surgery to Alia Hospital, Hebron



On January 22nd, a 3-member team from the USA arrived in the West Bank town of Hebron to start a week of screening and treating children with urological disorders. The team was led by pediatric urological surgeon Dr. John Gazak from Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina, and included Dr. Kevin Healy, an anesthesiologist from Ames, Iowa, and scrub nurse Teresa Bubb from Portland, Oregon. The same team worked last Spring in Palestine through the PCRF as part of a project in coordination with International Volunteers in Urology (IVU), and would work again with the PCRF and IVU in Nablus in September, 2010. In addition to screening over 140 children on the first day, the team operated on nearly two dozen children from all over the West Bank.

### Japanese plastic surgery mission to Rafidiah Hospital, Nablus



On January 28th, a three-member team of doctors and nurses from Japan completed a week of plastic and reconstructive surgery on burned and deformed children at the Rafidiah Hospital in Nablus. Led by Tokyo surgeon Dr. Diachi Morioka, who led past PCRF missions to Palestine and Lebanon, the team also included anesthesiologist Dr. Kenichiro Ogura and scrub nurse Shoko Haggi-Resse. Nearly 20 children had care that was otherwise not available to them locally, as well as the continued support for the doctors and nurses in the hospital.



the American NGO, International Volunteers in Urology (IVU). The PCRF and IVU have cooperated in the past to treat hundreds of children with urological deformities all over Palestine, and was the third pediatric urology mission to Palestine in January, 2010

### Italian Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Team to Makassed Hospital, East Jerusalem



On January 28th, a 4-member team of surgeons and nurses from Massa, Italy started the first of what would be six trips to Palestine in 2010 to operate on children with congenital birth defects at Makassed Hospital. Led by surgeon Dr. V. Stefano Luisi, the team included junior surgeon Dr. Luigi Arcieri, anesthesiologist and intensive care doctor Elisabetta Perversi and physiotherapist nurse Maura bDell'Amico. Dr. Luisi is supported also by FORMED in Tuscany and has treated several children for free in his hospita in Massa as well through the PCRF in the past.

### Chilean pediatric urologist treats kids in Ramallah Hospital

During the last week of January, Dr. Richardo Yanez from Concepcion, Chile completed a week of surgery on children from the West Bank with congenital urological malformations. This is Dr. Yanez's third mission to Palestine through the PCRF. His mission was in cooperation with

February

### Belgian Pediatric Cardiac Team Save over a dozen babies in Makassed Hospital, East Jerusalem



On February 13, a four-member team of doctors and nurses from the University of Ghent in Belgium finished a week of pediatric cardiac surgery at Makassed Hospital. Led by surgeon Dr. Katrien Francois, who has been volunteering in Palestine for over 10 years, the team included intensivist/cardiologist Dr. Kristof Vandekerckhove, who was on his second mission, perfusionist Dirk de Smet, who has been on several past missions, and ICU nurse Charlene De Maerteleire for her first trip. The team treated 14 children from the West Bank and Gaza Strip who were born with heart disease.

### Palestinian Plastic Surgeon completes mission to treat refugees in Haifa Hospital, Beirut



On February 20, Dr. Hisham Ammous, the head of plastic surgery at Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem, completed a mission to Haifa Hospital in the Bourj Al Barajnah refugee camp in Beirut. He has led several missions to provide surgical care for burned and other needy children in Lebanon's camps through the PCRf, as well as treating hundreds of kids through a local PCRf initiative in the West Bank.

### American Spine Surgeon Operates on Scoliosis at the Specialist Hospital in Nablus



On February 24, Dr. Tom Bailey, a Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, completed his fourth mission to Palestine in the past three years with the PCRf. Dr. Bailey has been treating children with scoliosis and the training local surgeons at the Specialist Hospital in Nablus.

### French Pediatric Cardiac Team Completes A week of Saving Lives in Jerusalem



At the end of February, Prof. Dominique Metras, the head of pediatric cardiac surgery at the Hopital d'Enfants de la Timone in Marseille, France, completed a week of providing life-saving open heart surgery on over a dozen babies from the West Bank and Gaza Strip at Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem. Prof. Metras has led several past missions to Makassed with the PCRf, in cooperation with the French consulate in East Jerusalem, and would return in December as well for a brief surgical trip.. Also on the mission again was Patrick Siclis, a perfusionist who has been on past missions to Palestine.

March

### Australian Cataract and Oculoplastic Surgeons Provide Free Care at Alia Hospital, Hebron



On March 13, Dr. Francis Nathan, an ophthalmologist from Australia, and Dr. Amal Al-Sayyed, an oculoplastic surgeon from Amman, Jordan provided surgery on patients at the Alia Hospital in the West Bank town of Hebron. Dr. Nathan has been on over a dozen past surgery missions for the PCRF to the West Bank, Gaza and Lebanon, providing over one thousand Palestinians sight-saving surgery. This was Dr. Amal's first volunteer surgery mission to Palestine with the PCRF, and both would return again in October.

### Italian Team's 2nd mission in 2010 saves more lives in East Jerusalem

For the 2nd time in 2010, and for the 10th time since November 2007, a team from Messa, Italy provided life-saving surgery for sick babies from the West Bank and Gaza Strip at Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem. Led by Dr. Stefano Luisi, the team included surgeon Dr. Luigi Arcieri, physiotherapist Maura Dell'Amico, anesthetist Dr. Elisabetta Perversi and perfusionist Ilsa Britta Haggner.



### Dubai neurologist treats patients in Watani Hospital, Nablus



During the last week of March, Dr. Deeb Kayed, a neurologist working at several hospitals in the UAE Emirate of Dubai, visited Watani Hospital in the West Bank town of Nablus to providing treatment, consultation and support for local patients, as well as training and experience for local doctors. The lack of adequate neurological care in Palestine has resulted in hundreds of patients in need of care and services. This was Dr. Kayed's first trip to Palestine through the PCRF, and he would return again in October.

### American Breast Cancer Screening Team Completes Mission to the West Bank



At the end of March, Dr. David and Dr. Cathy Brenner returned to Palestine to start a program with the Augusta Victoria Hospital on Mount Scopus in East Jerusalem to provide support in breast screening for Palestinian women for breast cancer. The team also is helping to evaluate the needs of the growing cancer treatment program at the hospital. The Brenner's have led past surgery and training programs with the PCRF to Hebron, Nablus, Gaza and Lebanon's camps. Support for the mobile mamography clinic and treatment of cancer patients is part of the on-going effort by the PCRF to address this area of need in Palestine, which is one of the main causes of mortality for Palestinian women.

April

### American Pediatric Urology Mission Completes a Week of Surgery in Tulkarem



On April 2, a 5-person team worked for a week in the Thabet Thabet Hospital in the West Bank town of Tulkarem, providing poor children urological care that they cannot get locally. The team was led by Dr. Carlos Angle, a Staff Pediatric Surgeon at East Tennessee Childrens' Hospital in Knoxville. The PCRF worked with Surgical Volunteers Overseas to support this mission, which provided over two dozen children specialized surgery that they otherwise would not get locally. The team also included anesthesiologist Dr. Sudha Bidani, anesthesia assistant Yoo Eun Emily Hwang and nurses Alphonso Chicas and Filonsia George.

### American Plastic Surgery Mission Treats Children in Makassed Hospital, East Jerusalem



On April 5, Dr. Andrew Elkwood and Dr. Saad Saad from New Jersey completed a surgery mission to Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem. Dr. Elkwood is a plastic surgeon who has treated children through the PCRF in the USA in the past. This is his first mission to Palestine. Dr. Saad is a pediatric surgeon who has also treated children through the PCRF for free in the USA, and has been on past missions to the West Bank with the PCRF, and went again to Ramallah Hospital in June.



### Italian plastic surgery team treats children at Alia Hospital in Hebron



On April 24, a five-member group of doctors and nurses from Bergamo, Italy started surgery in the West Bank town of Hebron on burned children in need of plastic and reconstructive surgery not available to them locally. Led by Dr. Enrico Robotti, who has led several past surgery missions through the PCRF to Gaza, the team also included Dr. Bernardo Righi, Dr. Bengini Alberto, And nurses Isabella Pesent and Elisabette Piazalunga.

### Swiss Surgeon Provides Charitable Care for Patients at Jenin Hospital

On April 24, Dr. Kristen Engle began a week of general surgery at the Jenin Government Hospital in the northern West Bank. Dr. Engle, who was born in California but resides in Switzerland, is a specialist in critical care and trauma surgery. This is her first trip to Palestine through the PCRF.



### American PAL Team Train 100 medical personnel at Al Ahli Hospital in Hebron



At the end of April, a 3-member team from Tulsa, Oklahoma started a week-long workshop in the West Bank town of Hebron, providing workshops and training courses in Pediatric Advanced Life Support Training (PALS) for over 100 local doctors and nurses from all over the West Bank, as well as EMTs. The team included Dr. Patrick Van Schoyek and two RNs, Debi Lammert and Gaye Marie Rotramel. In addition to the nearly 100 persons trained in this important area of medicine, six instructors were also trained, who will then go on and continue educational courses in the future.

### New Zealander Provides Dozens of Babies Life-Saving Cardiac Surgery



For the month of April, Dr. Alan Kerr, formerly of Green Lane Hospital in Auckland, provided dozens of children from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank open-heart surgery at Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem. Dr. Kerr has been volunteering with the PCRF for 10 years and has saved the lives of over 600 Palestinian children. Also joining him for a week on this mission was ICU nurse Farzana Shah from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

May

### Italian Heart Surgery Team Completes Third Life- Saving Trip to Makassed



On May 7, a six member team of doctors and nurses from Massa, Italy finished a week of pediatric cardiac surgery at Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem. This is the third mission in 2010 by surgeon Dr. Stefano Luisi and included intensivist/ anesthesiologist Dr. Paolo del Sarto, physiotherapist Alessandra Vanni, surgeon Dr. Tommaso Gasbarri, pediatrician Dr. Pierina Del Carlo. Dr. Maria Grazia Andreassi, responsible of the Genetic laboratory at the Italian Center for National Research, went to Gaza to start a project in which she hopes to identify why there is a higher incidence of heart disease among children from that besieged strip of land. Most of the children who had life-saving surgery on this mission were from Gaza.

### American Team Provide Cleft Lip and Palate Surgery in Hebron



On May 15, a 9-member team of doctors and nurses from the USA arrived in the West Bank town of Hebron for a week of plastic and reconstructive surgery on children with cleft lip and palate deformities. The team was led by Prof. John van Aalst, chief of pediatric plastic surgery at the University of North Carolina. He has led several PCRF-sponsored missions to the West Bank over the past few years, most at the Thabet Thabet Hospital in Tulkarem. This is their first trip to Hebron and the team included surgeon Dr. Libby Wilson, CRNAs Tim Hatcher and Bobby Silvers, as well as anesthesiologist Dr. Ron Herring, speech pathologist Lynn Fox, and nurses Emma Marks and John Butz. Dr. James Liau also participated in this mission.

### American Pediatric Cardiologist Screens Children in Ramallah

On May 24, Dr. Mike Cooper, a pediatric cardiologist from the Bay Area of California returned to the West Bank to screen dozens of children at the PCRf clinic in Ramallah for congenital heart disease. Dr. Cooper has volunteered with the PCRf several times in the past to see kids with heart disease, including trips in both January and October. His diagnosis then leads to possible surgery at Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem, as part of the ongoing effort to treat children and build a long-term solution in Palestine for children with heart disease.



### American Pediatric Neurosurgery Mission Treats injured Gaza, West Bank Children



On May 22, a three-member team from Loma Linda University Hospital in California started a one-week mission to treat children from the West Bank and Gaza Strip with Neurosurgery disorders. Led by Professor Alex Zouros, the team included nurse Asma Taha and anesthesiologist Dr. Justin Horricks. Prof. Zouros has led several surgical missions to Palestine in the past through the PCRf, treating dozens of children with complex neurological disorders. The team worked both in Ramallah Hospital in the West Bank and Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem.

### Australian Eye Team Restores the Sight of Dozens of Refugees in Lebanon



On May 24, Dr. Amal Al Sayyad, an ocular plastic surgeon from Jordan, and Dr. Francis Nathan, an ophthalmic surgeon from Australia, provided free cataract and reconstructive surgery on Palestinian refugees at the Al-Nida'a Hospital in the Ein El Hilweh refugee camp in Saida, Lebanon. The team worked together through the PCRf in Hebron last March, and again in October 2010, and have been providing hundreds of Palestinians all over the region excellent ophthalmic care that they otherwise would not get.



June

### American Pediatric Cardiac Team Saves Gaza, West Bank Babies in Makassed Hospital



On June 3, a 7-member team of volunteers from the Rush University Medical College in Chicago provided life-saving open-heart surgery on sick children from the Gaza Strip and West Bank at Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem. Led by surgeon Dr. Anastasios Polimenakos, an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the Rush Center for Congenital & Structural Heart Disease and The Heart Institute for Children at Hope Children's Hospital, the team included ICU nurses Kevin Rice, Erica Bak and Patricia Wojtyla, OR nurse Mary Hayes, perfusionist Michelle York and Respiratory Therapist Yesenia Bobadilla.

### American Plastic Surgery Team Treats Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon



On June 11, a plastic surgery team from the USA completed a week of reconstructive surgery on Palestinian refugees living in Lebanon. The team was composed of surgeon Dr. Kristin Boehm and anesthesiologist Dr. Naureen Adam, both from Atlanta, GA. They worked at the Haifa Hospital in the Bourj Al Barajnah refugee camp in Beirut, and provided surgery on 18 patients, as well as consultation for more than 60 more. This was their first mission with the PCRF.

### Pediatric Surgery Team Treats Dozens of Children in Ramallah Hospital



On June 11, pediatric surgeon Dr. Saad Saad and anesthesiologist, Dr. Khaled Morsi, completed a week-long mission at Ramallah Hospital in the West Bank. The two New Jersey doctors have been on past missions to Palestine through the PCRF, the most recent was Dr. Saad's trip to Makassed Hospital in March. The team treated nearly two-dozen children with complex surgical needs, most of them as a result of birth defects. In addition, the team provided experience and training for local surgeons and nurses.

### American Mission Evaluates Pediatric Oncology and Hematology in West Bank



On June 3, a 4-member team from Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City arrived in Palestine for a week of evaluating the status of pediatric hematology and oncology care for Palestinian children. Led by Dr. Mohamed Radhi, Associate Professor of Pediatrics and a specialist in bone-marrow transplant care, the team also included Dr. Kristin Held, a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in the Pediatric Stem Cell Transplant, Cathy Burks, a certified pediatric oncology nurse and Angela Riemann a Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Social Worker. The team visited the oncology department at the government hospital in Beit Jala, Watani Hospital in Nablus and the Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem. The PCRF sponsored a lecture by this team for doctors and nurses from all over Palestine on June 6 at the Shepherd's Hotel in Bethlehem. In 2011, the PCRF will work on helping to build and improve the quality of oncology care with this team in Palestine

### British Heart Team saves children from Gaza, West Bank in Makassed



On June 24, a 5-member team of doctors and nurses from Royal Brompton Hospital in London completed a mission to Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem, where they provided life-saving open-heart surgery for several children from the besieged Gaza Strip and occupied West Bank. Led by surgeon Dr. B. Sethia, who has led several missions to Palestine through the PCRF since 1999, the team also included anesthesiologist/intensivist Dr. Alistair Cranston from Birmingham perfusionist Angela Wright and two ICU nurses - Jodie Luckie and Natasha Pool.

### Pediatric Dental Surgery Mission Treats Children in Tulkarem



On July 2, Dr. Bilal Siab from North Carolina and Dr. Lena Qahwash from the Chicago area arrived in the West Bank town of Tulkarem to continue to provide high-quality pediatric dental care for children in Thabet Thabet Hospital. Both have volunteered in the past with the PCRF and have been active in supporting the continuation of oral health and care for children under the cleft lip and palate program that was set up several years ago.



July

### Gaza children treated by French Surgery Team in Khan Younis



On July 3, a 5-member team of surgeons arrived in the besieged Gaza Strip for a week of neurosurgery and hand surgery on poor and needy patients, as well as training for local doctors at the Nasser Government Hospital in Khan Younis. This is the second mission to Gaza in 2010, as the team also worked there in January, in cooperation with the PCRF and the Consulate of France in East Jerusalem. The team was led by Prof. Christophe Oberlin, who has led many past missions to Gaza, and included other team members who have also volunteered in Gaza in the past. They were Dr. Christophe Denantes, Dr. Azez Rafee Asan, Dr. Lucia Heras Garcia and Dr. Oliver Mares.

### Swiss Team Treat Burned Gaza Children



On July 3, a 3-member team of surgeons from Switzerland entered the besieged Gaza Strip to operate on burned children at the European Gaza Hospital in Khan Younis. Led by Dr. Walter Künzi, the team included OR nurse Bärbel Costabile and surgeon Dr. Abdul Rahman Jandali. The team has volunteered several times with the PCRF in the past to help treat dozens of injured and needy children in Gaza, including a mission in January. The PCRF is one of the very few American-registered NGOs with a license from the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) in the US Department of Treasury to support humanitarian surgery missions to Gaza and to work in public hospitals there to treat poor children for free. The Consulate of France in East Jerusalem is also a partner with the PCRF in this effort.

### International Surgery Team treats Dozens of Patients in Palestine



On July 8, a 7-member international team of doctors provided over 60 patients with maxillofacial injuries or deformities free care at the Salfet Government Hospital in the West Bank. Led by surgeon Dr. Khaled Abughazaleh from Chicago, the team included surgeons Prof. Rafael Ruiz Rodriguez and Dr. Juan Carlos Lopez Noriega from Mexico, Prof. Fernando Sandoval and his son Dr. Fernando Jose Sandoval of Ecuador, and two American anesthesia doctors, Dr. Omar Durra and Dr. Paul Meyer. All of these volunteer doctors have worked in Palestine in the past with the PCRF, though this is the first mission to Salfet Hospital between Ramallah and Nablus. Thousands of children have been treated or screened by these doctors over the past several years, and many local doctors and nurses trained by their expert guidance.

### Italian Heart Team's 4th mission in Pediatric Cardiac Surgery in Makassed

On July 17, a 6-member team of doctors and nurses from Messa, Italy provided life-saving surgery for sick children from Gaza and the West Bank for the fourth time in 2010. Led by surgeon Dr. Stefano Luisi, the team also included surgeon Dr. Giovanni Concistrè, cardiologist Dr. Luciano DeSimone, nurse Giuseppina Dolfi and medical engineer Paolo Marcheschi. Perfusion was provided by Southampton, UK specialist Inderaj Bilkhoo.



August

### American Surgery Mission Completes Week of Treating Patients in Jenin



On August 1, a two member team of general surgeons from the USA completed a week of surgery on local patients and lectures and training for the local doctors in Jenin Government Hospital in the northern West Bank. Both Dr. James Starling from Wisconsin and Dr. Wael Otaibi from New York have volunteered in the past with the PCRf, though this was the first joint mission with the two working together. In addition to screening dozens of patients and providing many of them expert surgical care that was otherwise not available to them locally, Dr. Starling and Dr. Otaibi provided lectures and new surgical techniques for the local medical community in Jenin.

### American Hand surgeon does a two-week mission in Lebanon & Palestine



On August 5, Dr. Jose Monsivais from El Paso, Texas completed a 2-week mission providing expert hand surgery for children in Lebanon's refugee camps, and in the southern West Bank town of Hebron. Dr. Monsivais has worked in the past with the PCRf, and volunteered his time at Haifa Hospital in the Bourj El Barajneh refugee camp in Beirut, and moved the following week to Alia Government Hospital in Hebron. Neither the Palestinian population in Lebanon nor those under occupation in the West Bank have access to a hand surgeon specialist, and Dr. Monsivais's mission enabled dozens of needy patients access to high-quality care that they otherwise would not have locally.



### Gaza, West Bank babies have life-saving heart surgery in East Jerusalem



On August 28, a five-member team of doctors and nurses from University Hospital in Padova, Italy arrived in East Jerusalem for a week of life-saving open-heart surgery on sick babies from the West Bank and Gaza Strip. This team, led by Prof. Giovanni Stellin, the Director of Pediatric and Congenital Cardiac Surgery at the hospital, included Dr. Demetrio Pittarello, a pediatric cardiac anesthesiologist, Dr. Vladimiro Vido, a pediatric cardiac surgeon, Fabio Zanella, a perfusionist and Elisabetta Cattelan, an OR Scrub Nurse.

September

### American Surgery Mission Completes West Bank Trip



On September 23, Dr. David and Cathy Brenner completed their second trip to Palestine in 2010, which was a 10-day mission to the West Bank and East Jerusalem, as part of the ongoing PCRF effort to help improve the quality of oncology care for Palestinian patients. Working both at the Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem and the Beit Jala government hospital near Bethlehem, as well as visiting remote West Bank locations as part of a mobile mammography clinic to screen women for breast cancer, Dave (urologist) and Cathy (general surgeon) continued a program that last saw them in Palestine in March.

### New Zealand Heart Team Saves Palestinian Children's Lives in Jerusalem



On September 12, a six member team from Auckland, New Zealand arrived in East Jerusalem for an extended mission in pediatric cardiac surgery. Led by surgeon Dr. Alan Kerr, who has treated over 600 Palestinian babies with heart disease since 2000, the team included anesthesiologist/intensivists Dr. David Buckley and Dr. John Beca, as well as ICU nurses Nicola Gini, Christine Armstrong and Carsten Zopf. All of the team have worked in the past in Palestine through the PCRF and part of the ongoing effort to build the first and only pediatric cardiac surgery program in Palestine.

### American Pediatric Urology Team Treats Children in Nablus



During the last week of September, a three-member American team returned to the West Bank for a week of treating Palestinian children with congenital malformation of their reproductive system, bladders and kidneys. The same team has worked in January this year in Hebron. Surgeon Dr. John Gazak, from Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina, has also treated a few Palestinian children for free in the USA through the PCRF. Portland nurse Teresa Bubb and Iowa anesthesiologist Dr. Kevin Healy work 12-hour days at the Rafidiah Hospital in Nablus as volunteers, providing expert surgery on needy children, as well as training and experience for the local doctors and nurses.



### Two Oncology Missions work in Bethlehem

In late September and through the first week of October, Dr. Henry Sprance, the Medical Director of the Perricone Center for Gynecologic Oncology in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Jersey Shore University Medical Center, and Sana Massad, who is on faculty in the School of nursing at the Midwestern State University, volunteered at the Hussein Hospital in Beit Jala/Bethlehem treating patients suffering from cancer, as well as training local nurses and doctors. Dr. Sprance provided expert surgery on female cancer patients, while Sana Massad held several lectures and workshops for nurses dealing with oncology patients. Dr. Sprance also gave a lecture under the sponsorship of the PCRF for nearly 30 doctors from the West Bank.

October

### Orthopedic Mission treats children in Gaza

On October 2, a 7-member team of doctors and nurses arrived in the besieged Gaza Strip for a week of orthopedic surgery on injured and disabled Palestinian children. The team is from the Little Wings Foundation centered in Dubai, the U.A.E. and led by surgeon Dr. Marc Sinclair, who has led past missions to Palestine in cooperation with the PCRF. He has also treated several children in Dubai that the PCRF has sent for free care there. This team included nurses Gillian Beale, Tina Marie Morrison, Metsehet Aberra, and Drs. Dirk Josef Moessner and anesthesiologist Dr. Paul Castillo Rodas. Ealaoin Culligan is the Little Wings coordinator.



### Dubai-based Neurosurgery/Neurology team completes mission in Nablus



On October 9, neurosurgeon Dr. Amr Sarwat and neurologist Dr. Adeb Kayed completed a week-long mission to the West Bank town of Nablus. Dr. Sarwat provided spine surgery for several patients in Rafidiah Hospital, while Dr. Kayed saw patients at nearby Watani Hospital. Both doctors work in Dubai -- Dr. Sarwat at City and Welcare Hospitals, while Dr. Kayed in private practice in Jumeriah. Dr. Kayed also went to Nablus in March through the PCRF, while this was Dr. Sarwat's first mission to Palestine. In addition to providing expert care for needy patients in the West Bank, the two also provided much-needed training and experience for local surgeons.



### Australian Orthopedic Mission Completes Surgery in Besieged Gaza



On October 16, a 4-member team of doctors and nurses from Australia and Italy completed a 10-day orthopedic mission to the European Hospital in Khan Younis. Led by surgeon Dr. Tim Keenan, who has led several past PCRF missions to Nablus, the team included Italian anesthesiologist Dr. Stefano Donao from Rome, OR nurse Kassy Keenan and PT Jaquie Hocking from Perth. Dozens of poor and needy Palestinians from the besieged Gaza Strip were provided expert care by the team, as well as training and experience for the local doctors. The mission was co-sponsored by Australian NGO "Toward's Hope."

### Italian Pediatric Neurosurgery Mission Treats Children in Nablus



On October 16, a 4-member team of doctors and nurses from the Anna Meyer Children's Hospital in Florence, Italy arrived at Rafidiah Hospital in the West Bank city of Nablus to start a week of neurosurgery on children with complex needs, including spine and head disorders. Led by Prof. Lorenzo Genitori, the chief of pediatric neurosurgery, the team included anesthesiologist Dr. Leonardo Bussolin, scrub nurse Vasta Valeria and OR nurse Vergna Simona. The team screened more than 50 children from all over the West Bank and selected the most urgent and needy children, including a 7-year-old with a tumor in her brain who required evacuation to Florence for further surgery to save her life in November.

### American Plastic Surgery Mission Treats Burned Children



On October 16, a 3-member American team arrived in the West Bank for a week of plastic and reconstructive surgery on burned children at Rafidiah Hospital in Nablus. Led by surgeon Dr. Bill Riley, the team included OR nurse Martha Cook and anesthesiologist Dr. Romnii Ross. This team has worked with the PCRF for several years in treating over 100 injured children in Palestine.

### Italian Pediatric Cardiac team's 5th life-saving mission to Palestine in 2010

On October 23, a 4-member team of doctors and nurses from Messa, Italy completed a week-long trip to Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem, where nearly a dozen sick babies from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip had life-saving open-heart surgery. This is the 5th mission to Palestine in 2010 by this team, led by surgeon Dr. Stefano Luisi. The team also included surgeon Dr. Egidio Varone, Intensivist/anesthesiologist Dr. Paolo Del Sarto, and ICU nurse Mariangela Domenici.



### Visiting Pediatrician supports needs of children in Lebanon's camps & Palestine's Jordan Valley

For two weeks, American pediatrician Dr. Barbara Preston from Grand Junction, Colorado diagnosed sick and neglected Palestinian children in the refugees camps in Lebanon, as well as the neglected communities in the Jordan Valley, where very little services are available in the health care sector. In Lebanon, Dr. Preston screened children in the PCRf Child Sponsorship Project, which has dozens of sick and poor children whose families are too poor to provide them the basic medicine or supplies they need for their chronic diseases or disabilities. For many of these children, it was their first trip to see a pediatrician and it helped them and their families better understand the child's exact needs. Dr. Preston also provided lectures for doctors in the Palestine Red Crescent Society hospitals.

In Palestine, Dr. Preston visited remote communities in the Jordan Valley, which makes up the majority of any other district in the West Bank, with a mobile clinic of the Ministry of Health. The purpose of this visit was to provide expert care and exams for children living in beduin communities or towns far from areas where specialized care for children can be obtained. This was the first time a pediatrician had visited these areas and many children benefitted from her care. For those children who need more care, the PCRf will follow up with their families to ensure that they get the treatment that they need.

### American Pediatric Dental Surgeon Returns to Treat Palestinian Children in Lebanon's camps

From October 25 to November 5, Dr. Daniel Ravel provided expert dental care for special needs children from several different Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon. Dr. Ravel has led several missions in the past with the PCRf to Palestine and Lebanon's camps, as well as training local doctors and conducting workshops. Many Palestinian children with special needs do not get adequate dental care within the local health care system, and the PCRf has been working with Dr. Ravel and several other volunteer dentists from the USA in addressing this issue through treatment and education.





### Chicago Pediatric Cardiologist Screens Children in Palestine



From October 6-9, Professor Ra-id Abdulla from Rush University in Chicago screened children with congenital heart disease in the West Bank. Prof. Abdulla has led several missions for the PCRF in the past, including trips to Gaza, the West Bank and Iraq in which hundreds of babies with heart disease were provided excellent diagnostic care as part of the first step in providing life-saving open-heart surgery through visiting PCRF missions, most to Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem. Prof. Abdulla worked with local doctors in Caritas Hospital in Bethlehem, as well as in the PCRF program in Makassed Hospital. His team worked earlier in the year in Makassed and provided several children from Gaza and the West Bank open-heart surgery.

### Two Eye Missions Restore the sight for over 100 Palestinians



At the end of October and early November, the PCRF sent two ophthalmic surgery missions to the West Bank to provide cataract surgery on poor and needy patients at both Rafidia Hospital in Nablus and Al Alia Hospital in Hebron. The first team consisted of surgeons Dr. Roberto Jules from El Salvador and Dr. Fidel Díaz de León from Mexico, both experts in the phaco area of cataract surgery. Dr. Jules has been on past PCRF missions to Palestine, while it was Prof. Fidel's first trip to the West Bank. Two weeks later, Australian Dr. Francis Nathan returned to Palestine for a week of eye surgery in Hebron. Dr. Nathan has been on several past trips to Gaza, Lebanon and the West Bank for the PCRF and has restored the sight for hundreds of poor people in those countries. His wife Merlin Nathan, meanwhile, worked with local NGOs in Hebron to provide training and help in the area of occupational therapy for poor children.

November

### French Surgery Team Completes Thirds 2010 Mission to Gaza



On November 12th, a 3-man team completed a week-long trip to Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis in the besieged Gaza Strip in which they provided expert orthopedic and neurosurgery on needy patients, as well as further training for local surgeons. Led by surgeon Prof. Christophe Oberlin, who has led several past missions with the PCRF to Gaza, the team included anesthesiologist Dr. Christophe Denetes and surgeon Dr. Azez Rafee Asan, who only was able to work for one day after being denied entrance to Gaza by the IDF, despite having a prior permit and working there in the past. This is part of an ongoing project with this team and the French Consulate in East Jerusalem to provide training for local surgeons in hand and orthopedic surgery. This mission was sponsored through the PCRF by the Firedoll Foundation of California.

### American Breast Cancer & Urology Mission to Palestinian Camps in Lebanon a Success



From November 8-18th, Dr. David and Dr. Cathy Brenner followed-up their 2009 mission to Lebanon's camps with another trip to provide treatment, teaching and training for the refugee population there. Working in all camps with the PCRFB staff over the Eid holidays, the general and urological surgeon gave lectures to women on early detection of breast cancer, surgery for some women and also urological screening for patients in need of specialized care. Dr. David and Dr. Cathy, who are married, have led several missions to the Middle East for the PCRFB over the past few years, including a trip to the West Bank in September for the same general purpose.

### Maxillofacial Surgery Team Returns to Nablus



On November 27, three doctors returned to Rafidiah Hospital to continue their ongoing treatment of children with facial deformities. Dr. Khaled Abughazaleh from Chicago and Ecuadorean surgeons Prof. Fernando Sandoval and his son Dr. Fernando Jose Sandoval have been on nearly a dozen surgery missions to Palestine, the most recent last July to Salfet Hospital. They continue to provide expert maxillofacial surgery for poor people who have very little options for such quality care locally, including following up with the same patients until they reach a level of better function. They have donated, in addition to their services, tens of thousands of dollars worth of equipment and supplies to the local hospitals, as well as teach and train young surgeons in this area of medicine.

December

### Dr. Alan Kerr has saved over 600 lives in Palestine



In early December, New Zealand surgeon Dr. Alan Kerr completed a month-long mission to Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem in which he provided life-saving open-heart surgery for his 600th Palestinian baby born with congenital heart disease. Also joining Dr. Kerr on this mission was ICU nurse Warren Nairn, and Dr. Antonio Pires from Portugal. Both have been on past PCRFB missions to Makassed. Since 2000, Dr. Kerr has led several missions to Gaza, Jerusalem and Ramallah to not only treat children with heart disease, but also help build the first and only pediatric cardiac program in Palestine. His commitment to not only saving hundreds of lives by also helping train local personnel has resulted in the development of a cardiac program in Palestine where children can get care in their own hospitals. Only a few years ago most of these kids either went outside for treatment or died from the lack of local care.



### Chilean Plastic Surgery Team Provides over 40 burned children surgery



On December 5, four surgeons and two anesthetists from Santiago, Chile completed two weeks of burn reconstructive surgery on children at Alia Hospital in the West Bank town of Hebron. The mission was led by Dr. Carmen Gloria Morovic from Clinica las Condes and included surgeons Maria Angelica Diaz, Carla Florin Villar and Claudia Vidal Toscanini. Anesthesia was provided on this mission by Dr. Maria Haydee Osse and Dr. Mario Poblete Arnou.

### American Plastic Surgery Teams Treat Children in Jenin, Tulkarem



The first week of December saw the PCRF send two American plastic surgery teams to the West Bank towns of Jenin and Tulkarem for a week of plastic and reconstructive surgery on children with facial birth defects and burns. This was in cooperation with The Smile Train, an American nonprofit who is working to address the issue of cleft lip and palate deformities in the developing world. The Jenin team was led by L.A. surgeon Dr. Libby Wilson, who has been in the past to Palestine through the PCRF, while Dr. Winston Ota from Hawaii provided anesthesia. The Tulkarem team was led by North Carolina surgeon Dr. John van Aalst and included CRNA Karen Wentworth from Kentucky and recovery room nurse Cindy van Aalst. This team has been working for the past few years at Thabet Thabet Hospital in Tulkarem providing cleft palate and lip surgery. The PCRF has been the main nonprofit addressing with The Smile Train the issue of cleft deformities in Palestine and several more missions are planned in 2011.

### French Cardiac Mission Returns to Jerusalem



For three days in early December, Dr. Dominique Metras returned to Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem to provide open-heart surgery for four sick Palestinian babies with congenital heart disease. This was Dr. Metras' second mission to Jerusalem in 2010, and his fifth in the past three years. This mission was in cooperation with the French Consulate in East Jerusalem. Also joining him on this mission was Dr. Virginie Fouilloux, on her first trip to Palestine.

### Three Chicago doctors treat pediatric dental patients in Tulkarem



On December 9, a three-member team of pediatric dentists from the Chicago area completed a week-long trip to Thabet Thabet Hospital in the West Bank town of Tulkarem. The team members all have been on past PCRF missions to Palestine and included Dr. Suzi Azhari, Dr. Sahar Alrayyes, and Dr. Lena Qahwash. This is part of an ongoing effort to provide free care for special needs children who don't usually have access to quality dental care in Palestine due to their physical or mental issues, as well as experience and training for local health care providers. Several past missions have been sent by the PCRF to the West Bank and, most recently, the refugee camps in Lebanon to provide free care.

### Italian Surgery Mission Treats Nearly 100 Patients in Nablus



On December 9, a four member of doctors and nurses from Lucca, Italy completed a two-week mission to Rafidia Hospital in the West Bank town of Nablus. The team provided expert care in plastic and reconstructive surgery, as well as training and treatment for patients in laparoscopy surgery. The mission was led by general surgeon Dr. Andrea Carobbi and included plastic surgeon Dr. Pietro Messei and Or nurses Maria Rosa Paolini and Saida Kraich. Nearly 100 patients had surgery through this mission, which was the first trip to Palestine for this team. The PCRF is the main organization bringing volunteer surgery missions to Palestine, as well as sending injured and sick children abroad for surgery.

### Bay Area Heart Team Works in Makassed Cath Lab



For a week starting on December 11, a 3-member team from California provided invasive catheterization care for Palestinian children with congenital heart disease from the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Led by pediatric cardiologist from Oakland Children's Hospital, Dr. Ziad Saba, the team included anesthesiologist Dr. Mark Escajeda and ICU nurse Hope Freidman. This is the first invasive cardiology mission to Palestine in 2010, though the PCRF has supported several trips to both East Jerusalem and Ramallah in the past. New technology and medical advancements have enabled many children born with heart defects to have corrections in the cath lab rather than having open-heart surgery.

### Pediatric Urology Mission Returns to Nablus for Second Mission in 2010



On December 16, Dr. Anthony Balcom, a pediatric urologist from the University of Wisconsin, and his wife, Dawn Balcom, a surgical assistant, returned for their second mission to the West Bank town of Nablus for 10-days of surgery on children with congenital malformations. They also did a mission in January, 2010, to Rafidia Hospital, treating dozens of children from all over the West Bank with complex disorders that cannot be adequately treated locally. Hundreds of children in Palestine had urological surgery in 2010 through the missions of the PCRF.



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## Humanitarian Relief Projects for 2010

The Palestine Children's Relief Fund is active in providing children in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Lebanon's refugee camps direct humanitarian aid and assistance, in addition to being the main medical care in country and abroad. Some of the main humanitarian relief projects in 2010 were:



### Local Plastic Surgeons Treats Over 150 Burned Children

In 2010, the PCRF continued to sponsor Dr. Hisham Ammous, the head of plastic surgery at Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem, to provide plastic and reconstructive surgery on more than 150 children suffering from burns at local hospitals throughout the West Bank. The purpose of this project is to provide surgery for children in remote areas of the West Bank who otherwise do not have access to specialized care. This project has been supported for four years and over 500 children have had surgery that otherwise would not be available to them locally.



### PCRF Hosts International Pediatric Cardiac Conference in Ramallah

On September 18, the Palestine Children's Relief Fund hosted an international conference on the development of the first and only pediatric cardiac surgery program in Palestine. Under the umbrella of the International Palestinian Cardiac Relief Organization (IPCRO), which is the consulting arm of the PCRF for this project, the program was attended by doctors and nurses from the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem, as well as international volunteers from France, the United Kingdom, the USA and New Zealand. The PCRF first started bringing congenital heart teams to Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem in 1998 and have, since 2003, treated over 1,000 Palestinian children born with heart disease. IPCRO was created by the PCRF in 2003 and has since been the responsible party in working with the Makassed Hospital staff and administration to build a unit there. The conference was moderated by Dr. B. Sethia, the IPCRO president from the Royal Brompton Hospital in London, who has been leading PCRF missions to Makassed since 1999. Also attending were the team currently working in Makassed Hospital, led by Dr. Alan Kerr, and Dr. Philippe Luxereau from France. H.E. Dr. Fathi Abu Moghli, the PA Minister of Health, attended the conference and confirmed the PA's support for referring Palestinian children to Makassed for surgery. Makassed director Dr. Rustom Nammeri and pediatric cardiologist Dr. Mahmoud Nashashibi provided details reports and guidance on the future of the project, and members from Salam ya Saghar, represent by Dr. Hani Abdeen, also attended and participated. The Gaza team was led by Dr. Marwan Sadik, who is currently leading the development of the cardiac surgery unit in Shifa Hospital. He led a mission for the PCRF in 2007 in Ramallah Hospital. Already in 2011, eleven surgery teams from all over the world have provided life saving surgery for nearly 150 babies, and several more missions are planned before the end of the year.





## Handicapped Child Sponsorship Project Enters 10th year

In 2000, the PCRF launched a handicapped child sponsorship program for chronically ill or injured Palestinian children in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Lebanon's refugee camps. In this project, children who suffer from chronic diseases, but whose families who are too poor to provide them the medicine or supplies that they need, are linked to sponsors outside who pay on average \$50 a month. The PCRF uses 100% of the sponsor's funds to buy for the child their monthly medicine or supplies that they otherwise would not get because of their socio-economic situation. Over 200 children are in currently in this program.

## Hundreds of Poor Children in Palestine and Lebanon Get Free Eyeglasses

Throughout the year, hundreds of poor children in Palestine and Lebanon's camps were sponsored for eye exams and prescription glasses. This is an ongoing program in which thousands of children have benefitted in the last few years. In 2010, our main focus was on central and southern Gaza, where the poorest children in Palestine live, as well as in the neglected camps in Lebanon. This is an essential project particularly for school children, whose education suffers as a result of poor vision in the classroom.



## Hundreds of Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon get free wheelchairs

At the end of January, a 3-member team of volunteers from the USA visited Lebanon to provide hundreds of Palestinian refugees highly specialized free wheelchairs that were otherwise not available to them locally. The chairs were shipped in cooperation with ANERA and Hope Haven International Ministries, both of which the PCRF has partnered with in the past to help handicapped children in the Middle East. The team included Greg Skolaski, Tom Glumac and his son Michael, all three of whom have worked with the PCRF in the past in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Syria. Throughout the country, we cooperated with several Palestinian and international NGOs to ensure that each child got the proper chair to fit their needs. On January 26th, the team went to the Badawi refugee camp near Tripoli in the north of the country and gave out dozens of chairs. On the 27th, the team went to the Bekaa Valley and gave out chairs in the Bar Elias and Balbaak refugee camps., and on the 28th, they worked in the Qasmeya camp in Tyre, and the final distribution was done in Saïda on the 29th.



## Wheelchair Shipment Distributed for hundreds of disabled children in Nablus

On May 30, a three-member team of American volunteers arrived in the West Bank town of Nablus to distributed highly specialized wheelchairs for disabled children from all over the West Bank. The team included two volunteers who have been on several PCRF missions in the past, Greg Skolaski and Tom Glumac, as well as new volunteer Eva Ma. The 40-foot container was helped in coordination of ANERA, while the PCRF partnered with LA-based Wheels for Humanity to ensure high-quality chairs are given to those children with the greatest physical and socio-economic needs. Thousands of highly specialized wheelchairs have been shipped to the Middle East over the past several years by the PCRF, most of them very specialized and enabling many children a chance to go to school or to enjoy other activities or mobility that they otherwise have not had in the past.





### PCRF provides Humanitarian aid for school kids, hungry children in Gaza

Throughout the month of August, the PCRF has been distributing school bags for poor children before they start the fall school-year, as well as basic foodstuff for hungry children in the besieged Gaza Strip. Hundreds of children have been provided free school bags by the PCRF in 2010, and thousands more over the past few years, in an effort to ensure that they can start the school year out with basic supplies. In Gaza, the level of malnutrition is deepening, particularly among at-risk children in the slums and squalid camps. While there is no way to completely eliminate this man-made tragedy without an end to the siege, we hope to ensure that as many children as possible get the basic nutrition through our distributions as possible. Over the past few years, we have provided thousands of at-risk babies in Gaza food and other nutrition to help alleviate the affects of hunger and malnutrition.



### Hygiene Kits Distributed in the West Bank

During the summer months, the PCRF distributed over 3,000 of hygiene kits were provided for free to poor and disadvantaged children throughout the West Bank. These kits were put together by the students at Mormon University and the Latter-Day Saints Charities in East Jerusalem. The PCRF identified children in need and provided the kids the kits that included toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, towels combs and other basic necessities.





### Summer Camps in Lebanon and Palestine Bring Together Children from All Backgrounds

For the past 10 years, the PCRf has been working with several different local and international NGOs in Palestine and Lebanon to sponsor camps for poor and handicapped children during their summer breaks. The objective of these camps is to bring together children from many diverse social-economic backgrounds, most notably disabled youths, to help break down the stigma that exists in Palestinian society towards these children. The children in these camps participate in many different educational, cultural and social activities, including trips to zoos, computer training, swimming and other activities that otherwise they would not have access to.

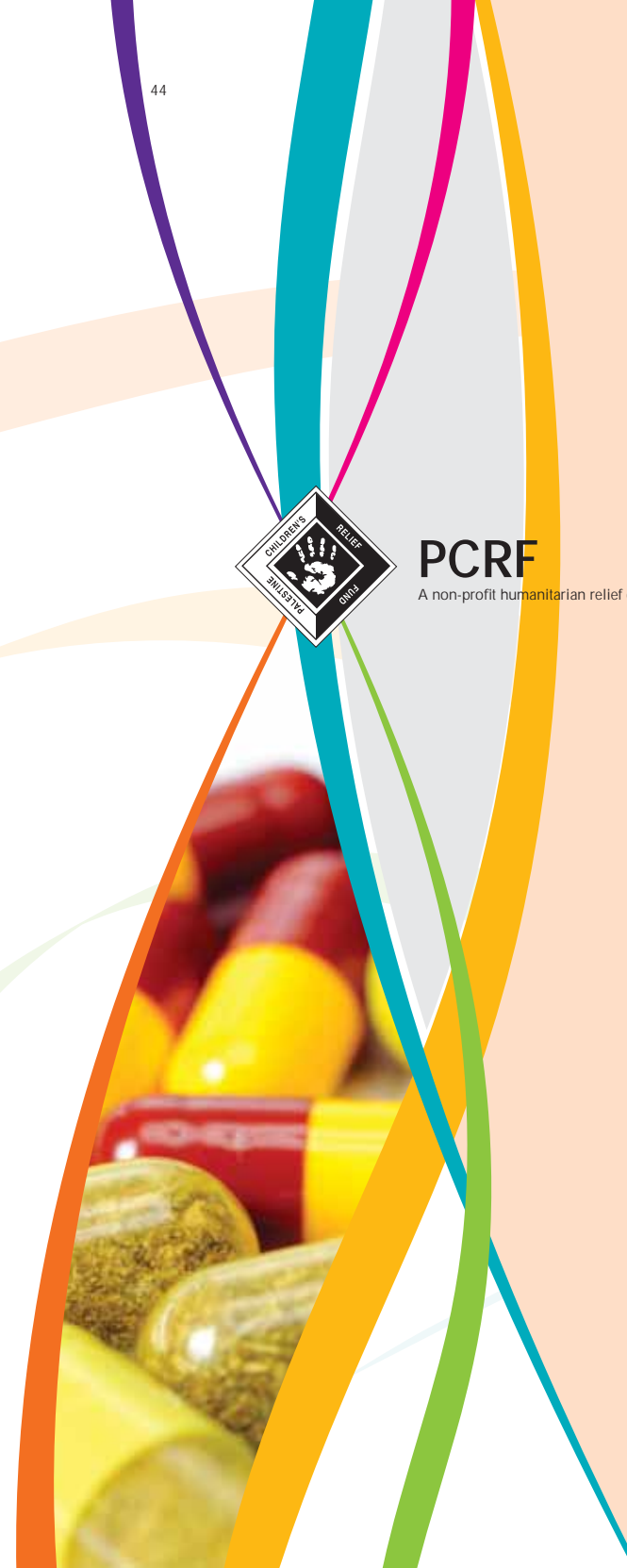




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## Budget for 2011



**Pediatric cardiology/cardiac surgery: East Jerusalem***14 missions from North America, Europe and New Zealand*

a. plane tickets for 50 doctors and nurses	\$80,000
b. one week accommodations	\$50,000

**Plastic and reconstructive surgery: The West Bank, Gaza Strip, Lebanon***10 missions from North and South America, Europe, Japan*

a. plane tickets for 40 doctors and nurses	\$60,000
b. one week accommodations	\$40,000

**Pediatric urology: The West Bank, Gaza Strip***6 missions from North and South America, Europe*

a. plane tickets for 20 doctors and nurses	\$30,000
b. one week accommodations	\$20,000

**Pediatric orthopedic surgery: The West Bank, Gaza Strip, Lebanon***5 missions from North/South America, Australia, Europe, Middle East*

a. plane tickets for 20 doctors and nurses	\$30,000
b. one week accommodations	\$20,000

**Pediatric general surgery: The West Bank, Gaza Strip***4 missions from North/South America, Europe*

a. plane tickets for 12 doctors and nurses	\$18,000
b. one week accommodations	\$12,000

**Pediatric neurosurgery: The West Bank, East Jerusalem***4 missions from North America, Europe*

a. plane tickets for 16 doctors and nurses	\$24,000
b. one week accommodations	\$16,000

**Cleft lip and palate/maxillofacial surgery: The West Bank, Gaza Strip***6 missions from North/South America, Europe*

a. plane tickets for 18 doctors and nurses	\$27,000
b. one week accommodations	\$18,000

**Pediatric oncology/hematology: The West Bank, East Jerusalem***6 missions from North America, Europe*

a. plane tickets for 24 doctors and nurses	\$36,000
b. one week accommodations	\$24,000

**Pediatric dental surgery: The West Bank, Lebanon***4 missions from North America*

a. plane tickets for 10 doctors	\$15,000
b. accommodations for one week	\$10,000

**Treatment for Injured Children Abroad:***40 Children to be sent abroad to North American, Europe and the Middle East*

a. Plane tickets for child and mother:	\$75,000
b. Visa and other basic fees:	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>

**Humanitarian Relief Projects***240-foot containers of wheelchairs shipped to Palestine*

• Handling fees	\$30,000
• Shipping Costs	\$12,000
• Local Shipping and Transportation	\$8,000

Summer Camps in Palestine and Lebanon

• Six camps in the Gaza Strip	\$12,000
• Six camps in the West bank	\$12,000
• Three Camps in Lebanon	\$6,000

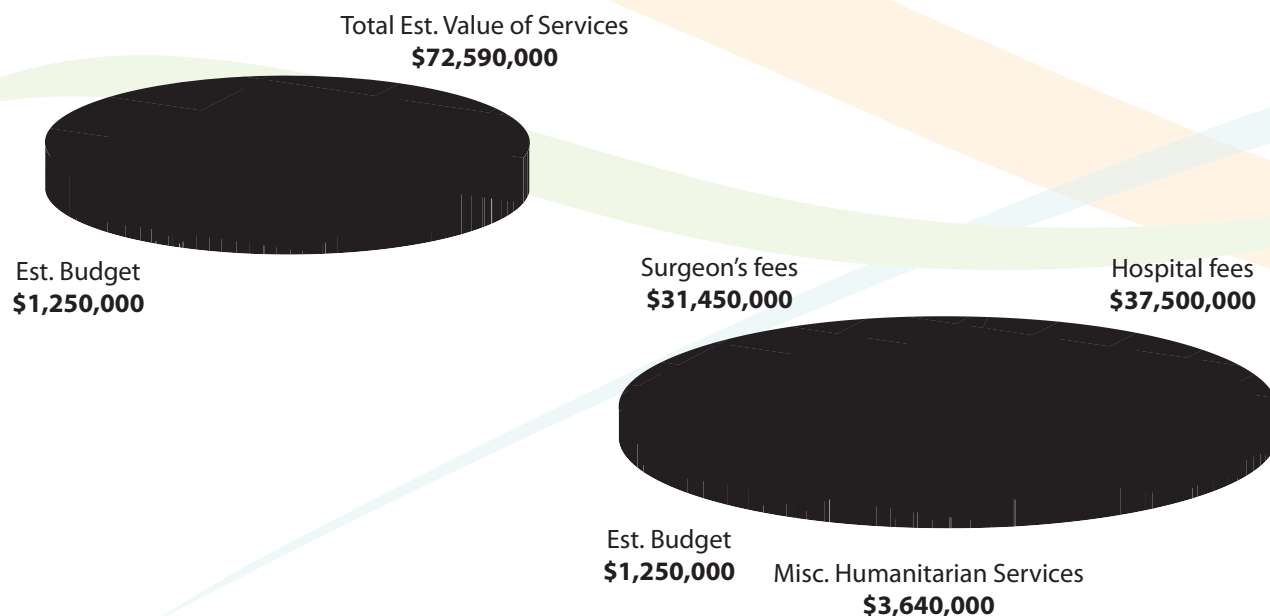
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BUDGET  
2011:  
\$530,000**



In the past several PCRF annual reports, we have tried to convey the true economic value of our humanitarian relief work for sick and injured children in the Middle East. Unlike most other NGOs, the PCRF does not give cash money to people or other organizations on the ground, but rather provides direct donated relief services for poor, injured and sick children.

While there is no moral way to measure the monetary value of a child's life, we can determine what the estimated value is of the free care and other humanitarian services that we provide for children who we send outside for medical treatment, treat through our volunteer surgery missions to Palestine and Lebanon, or support through other relief efforts. Over the past four years, we have seen both the amount of the total estimated value of our services increase, as well as the actual resources that we put into providing these humanitarian services.

In 2009, approximately 3,250 children had expert medical tests, evaluations and screenings through our visiting doctors and nurses, and over 1,000 of those children had surgery or medical treatment for free. We also paid for surgery for over 250 children in the West Bank, Jordan, Gaza and Lebanon, while sending nearly 40 children abroad for free care, some of it requiring extended stays in hospitals and ICUs. This resulted in tens of millions of dollars worth of donated services. We also provided thousands of children in Palestine and Lebanon millions of dollars worth of donated supplies, equipment, medicine and humanitarian aid, which they otherwise would not have obtained, such as wheelchairs, eyeglasses and medication. The true financial value of this work is best understood in the following graphs.



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