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The Palestine
Children's Relief Fund
A Nonprofit Humanitarian Relief Organization



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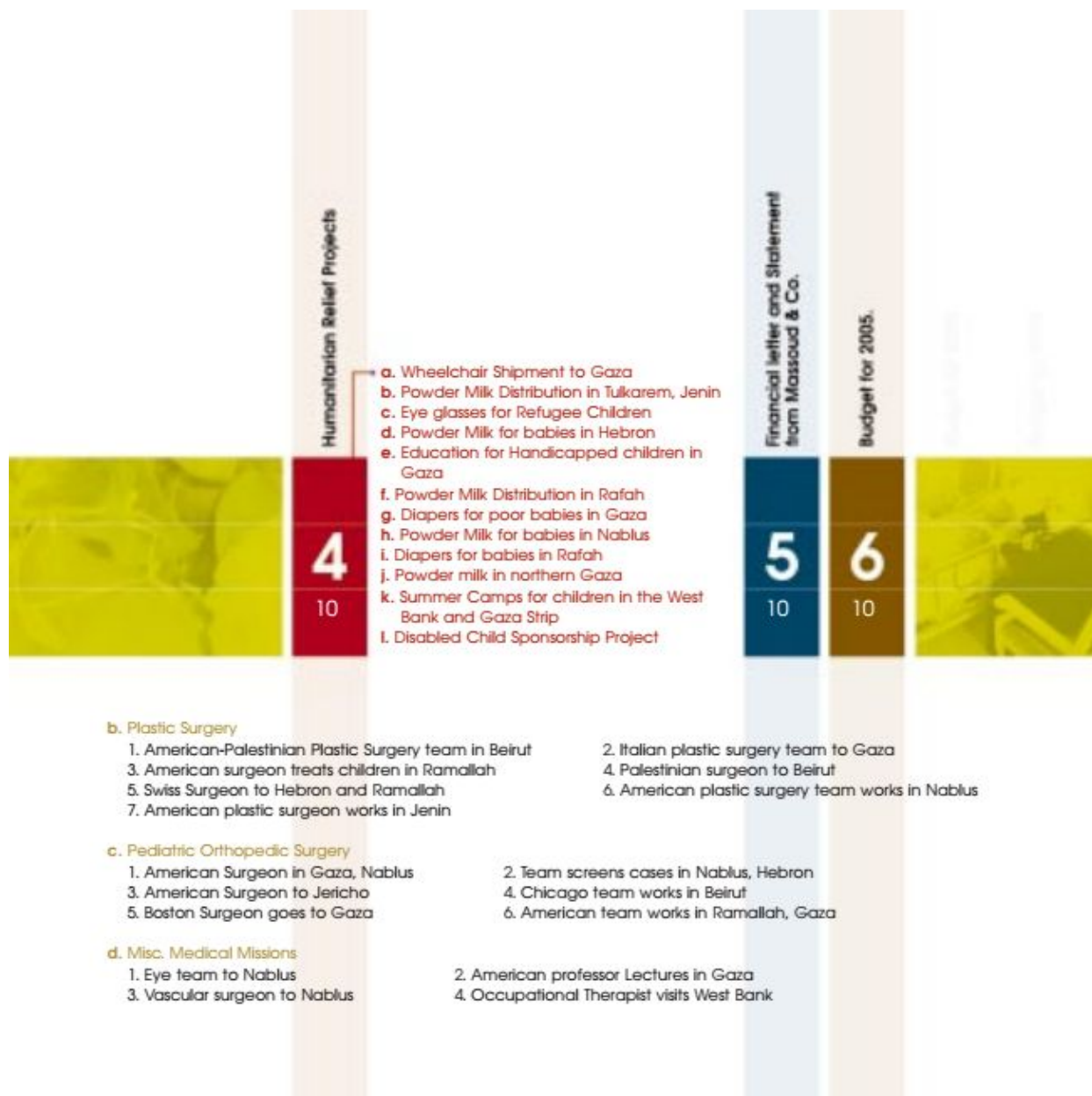
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PCRF Receives 4-star Rating from America's Largest Charity Evaluator

America's premier independent evaluator of charities, Charity Navigator, has given the PCRF the highest 4-star rating for 2003 and 2004. According to their web site, www.charitynavigator.org receiving a four out of possible four stars "indicates that your organization excels, as compared to other charities in America, in the area of strong fiscal management." This is a significant accomplishment, as the PCRF works hard to ensure that the funds that we raise go directly to provide medical relief on the ground in Palestine.



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September 29, 2004

Sara Swisher
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Dear Sara Swisher:

At Charity Navigator, America's premier independent evaluator of charities, we work to advance a more efficient and transparent philanthropic marketplace by evaluating the financial health of nearly 3,200 charities.

Among others, The New York Times, The Chronicle of Philanthropy, and NPR have profiled and celebrated our method of applying data-driven analysis to the charitable sector. Our web traffic has grown to nearly one million distinct visitors a year, making it the clear site of choice for accessing information to use in making smart giving choices. We have incredible data showing that users in our site give more than they planned to before viewing our findings. In fact, during 2003 Charity Navigator's free evaluations influenced half a billion dollars in charitable gifts.

This month we have updated our website, and your organization has received a new rating based on the most current financial information available. We value your charitable work and congratulate you for receiving a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for the annual economic evaluation. In earning our highest 4-star rating, Palmetto Children's Relief Fund has demonstrated exceptional financial management, supporting most of its costs in its efforts to educate and grow its citizens in the most responsible way possible. The consistency in your rating is an exceptional feat, especially given the economic challenges many charities have had to face in the last year.

We believe our service will be helpful to you. A 4-star rating from Charity Navigator means your supporters can be assured that Palmetto Children's Relief Fund is worthy of their trust and commitment. Catherine W. Eddy, managing director of Global Partners for Development, told us that "after receiving a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, we've experienced a dramatic increase of unsolicited donations. Donors make a point to verify so that they are supporting Global Partners due to our 4-star rating."

To help you share this accomplishment with your donors, we will be sending you a direct link to Palmetto Children's Relief Fund's rating page. We will email this link on October 1st to the following email address: info@palmetto.org. By posting the link on your website, your donors have the ability to access your 4-star rating. You can be assured in posting this link that we will assist you before making any changes to your rating.

If you would like this forthcoming email sent to an email address other than the one listed above, please email Andrea Frank at ajfrank@charitynavigator.org and identify your organization in the subject heading. Should you have further questions, feel free to email or call. Address at: (412) 619-1205, extension 111.

We wish you continued success in your charitable endeavors.

Sincerely,

Fred Hump
Executive Director

Reader's Digest names Charity Navigator as the "charity innovation of the year" in its listing of the 100 Best Things about America in 2004.

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Letter from Chairman and President

Dear Friends and Supporters:

The past four years have been exceptionally tragic in the lives of the people in the Middle East. Thousands of Israelis and tens of thousands of Palestinian civilians have been killed and injured in the ongoing conflict in the Holy Land. In Iraq, people continue to suffer and die at an alarming rate. There is little hope that either conflict will be peacefully resolved in the coming year. The most vulnerable and innocent victims in these conflicts are children, and it is the responsibility for those of us living in secure lands to find a way to help these unfortunate kids. They are the future and the leaders of the next generation in this crucial region, and to ignore their plight is to also ignore our moral responsibility to help heal the wounds of war and occupation in the region.

The Palestine Children's Relief Fund was established over a decade ago as a legal nonprofit humanitarian organization devoted to finding free medical care for sick or injured youths who could not be adequately treated in the Middle East. Depending on the support of individual donors, we have managed to send hundreds of suffering children for free medical

care in North America, Europe and the Middle East. The PCRF has also sponsored and run several dozen volunteer medical missions to the region, which has provided expert medical care for thousands of needy patients, many of them dying babies with heart disease, whose lives were subsequently saved. With the United Nations reporting a poverty rate in many parts of Palestine reaching 70% of the population, people forced to live on less than \$2 a day, the PCRF launched in 2002 a handicapped child sponsorship program in which we help to provide the medicine and care that hundreds of permanently disabled children need, but whose families are too poor to provide them.

In 2003 and again in 2004, the PCRF received the highest 4-star rating from America's Largest Charity Evaluator, Charity Navigator (please see copy of letter enclosed in this report). This rating means that our "supporters can be assured that the Palestine Children's Relief Fund is worthy of their trust and commitment." According to Charity Navigator, the PCRF has "demonstrated exceptional financial management, outperforming most of its peers in its efforts to

allocate and grow its finances in the most responsible way possible." We hope this will ensure your trust and continued support.

In 2004, the PCRf was more active than ever in providing its unique and crucial humanitarian programs to the people of the Middle East. Over the past 12 months, we have sponsored and run over 30 volunteer medical missions in such specialized areas as pediatric and adult cardiology and cardiac surgery, orthopedic surgery, ophthalmic surgery, vascular surgery and several missions in plastic and reconstructive surgery. We also distributed powder milk to malnourished children in the West Bank and Gaza, sponsored educational programs for handicapped children, sponsored summer camps for disabled children, and sent containers of wheelchairs for free distribution to disabled patients. We continue to arrange for sick and injured youths from Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq to get free medical care throughout the world, care which is not available to them locally. With our modest budget, we have provided millions of dollars worth of free expert care.

We thank the many volunteers, host families, doctors and nurses who have taken care of our children during their treatment abroad. Without their support, their often life-saving care would not have been possible and these children would have suffered a terrible fate. We also thank and acknowledge the dozens of international volunteer doctors and nurses from all over the world who have taken time away from their families and work to go into unstable areas to treat children and train local medical personnel. For those who have donated the resources necessary to make the work of the PCRf possible, we thank you for your support and trust, and hope that you will continue to make our work possible. The need is as great as ever to show suffering children from the Middle East the compassion and support they need and deserve. Without your help, we cannot do our work.

Musa Nasir, MD Steve Sosebee
Chairman of the Board President & CEO

Children Treated Abroad in 2004

The Palestine Children's Relief Fund was initially set up in the first Palestinian uprising to provide free medical care abroad for injured children who could not be treated locally. While we have expanded to provide many more important humanitarian medical projects for children in need, including medical missions, powder milk distribution, summer camps and child sponsorship programs, we remain devoted to sending specific children to Europe and North America for free medical care they otherwise would not get locally. The PCRF arranges with the hospitals and the doctors to treat our children as charity cases. We only cover the expenses of sending these children and their mothers for treatment abroad.



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