

Injured & Sick Children Treated Abroad in 2010 T

he 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.



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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.

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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.

Iraqi girl returns home after urological surgery in New Jersey



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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.

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Iraqi boy has follow-up care in Jordan



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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 Abdulrahman get the care that was otherwise not available to him locally.

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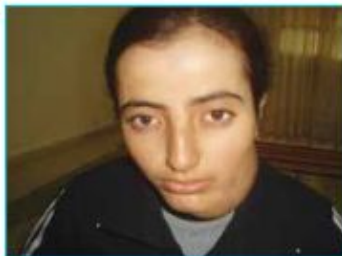
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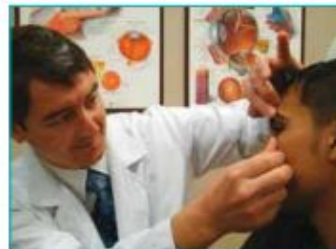
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In late October, 2-year-old Fadwa Albeltaji had urological surgery by Dr. John Gazak at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina. She is from the West Bank town of Hebron and was brought by the PCRf to the USA for her second stage operation, 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

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Two Palestinian boys sent for 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 Elihad 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.



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