

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL MAYOR

May 7, 2016

Dear Friends:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all gathered for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Dinner to benefit the Palestine Children's Relief Fund.

Established in 1991, the Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF) is a nonprofit organization committed to assisting disadvantaged children in need of medicine and specialized surgery. By sponsoring volunteer missions that offer pediatric, plastic and reconstructive surgeries, and rehabilitation services, PCRF has brought hope to many families through involved and invaluable humanitarian efforts. With regular shipments of equipment and medical supplies abroad, and transporting sick and injured youth to North America, Europe and the Middle East to receive care, the Palestine Children's Relief Fund works to improve local medical options abroad while upholding high standards of health care.

Tonight's dinner presents an opportunity for all of us to come together in helping and healing the global community. Proceeds from this dinner will support numerous medical relief projects that treat stricken children and strengthen their families. I recognize the organizers of this event and all involved with the Palestine Children's Relief Fund for their work in making a positive and resounding difference in the lives of countless children in the Middle East.

I hope you have an enjoyable and memorable dinner. Best wishes for much continued success.

Sincerely,

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