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Your Majesty Queen Noor Al Hussein,

I am writing you on behalf of the Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF). We are a non-profit American-registered NGO established in 1991 to provide sick and injured children in Palestine with free medical care that is not available to them locally. We send injured and sick children from Palestine for free care abroad. To date, over 1000 children from all over the Middle East have been provided with care outside of their countries. We know that efficiency and transparency are important for a charity, which is why we are very proud of receiving the highest 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, as well as the endorsements that we have received from President Jimmy Carter, HH Princess Haya AlHussein, Reverend Desmond Tutu and many others.

This is our 20th year, and the PCRF has grown to become the largest provider of free specialized surgical and medical care for poor and needy children in Palestine. We also extend our services to children in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. We treat thousands of children every year in the Middle East by organizing and sponsoring medical teams to provide specialized care free of charge. We also provide direct humanitarian aid to poor and needy children, such as wheelchairs, summer camps, child sponsorship and food and medicine. In 2003, we established the only pediatric cardiac surgical center in Palestine at Al Makkased Hospital in Jerusalem, and last year alone provided nearly 200 children with life-saving heart surgery. In 2011, we are establishing a pediatric cancer department at Al Hussein Hospital in Beit Jala. You can see our work in the attached annual report that details all our work in 2010 and online at www.pcrf.net.

The work we do is made possible by private donations solicited from donors in the United States, Middle East and all around the world. We have many local chapters that are completely volunteer run, which help in raising funds by holding annual galas and hosting guest speakers.

Here in Chicago we have a very active chapter and have held successful galas which have raised much needed funds for PCRF, our galas have always been well attended by the local community and have been endorsed by the Mayor of Chicago Richard Daley and the Governor of the state of Illinois Patrick Quinn. Every year PCRF galas have been honored with the presence of an esteemed and respected guest speaker such as Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, past US presidential candidate Ralph Nader and Dr. Mads Gilbert in addition to others.

We are currently planning our 2012 Chicago PCRF gala and would be honored to have your majesty as our guest speaker. The topic of your speech could be

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Steve Sosebee President & CEO any relevant topic of your choice, maybe something pertaining to the new political situation in the Middle East. Typically, the speech can be from 30-60 minutes long.

Your presence with us as our esteemed keynote speaker would be a great honor and privilege, and would go a long way in helping raise funds to alleviate the suffering of the poor and needy sick children of the Middle East.

We typically host our Gala in April or May, however would you be kind enough to honor us with your presence, we can plan it according to your schedule.

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me for any additional information.

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