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# Delivering Hope, Education, And Support Services

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**“When you do good, you do it for yourselves.” Quran 17:7**



## DRF's President Message

I would like to take this opportunity and thank all friends and supporters for their generous contributions during the holy month of Ramadan. DRF's supporters donated over \$160,000 for different projects in Iraq including for Imam Al-Hujjah Hospital, which, when opened, will provide healthcare for more than 3 million people of the city of Karbala, neighboring villages and cities, and millions of pilgrims who visit the city each year. Continuation of our services depends on generous donations provided by corporations and kind individuals like you.

DRF is breaking a record this year by providing quality education to more than 500 outstanding students mostly underserved orphans who come from low income families. Thank you all for helping us break records.

## Imam Al-Hujjah Hospital-Karbala Updates

We are proud to inform our friends and supporters that DRF has signed an agreement with Siemens, the global powerhouse for healthcare industries, to furnish its diagnostic imaging unit with state-of-the-art radiology instruments, such as MRI, CT SCAN, Fluoroscopy, X-ray, and Ultrasounds for a budget of around \$3.5 million.

This major Cornerstone in preparing the hospital for operation was achieved after 9 months of continues negotiations with major suppliers. We are glad that finally we closed the deal and took another important step toward opening the hospital.

Thanks to the generous grant from The Lady Fatemah Charitable Trust's, Zeiss, a world leader in optical technology, will furnish the hospital with the newest versions of ophthalmology equipment and tools.

Another major accomplishment was that the hospital has contracted with Abbott, a major global healthcare company to furnish the blood lab with immunology, hematology, and biochemistry diagnostic machines and many more.

The great news is: the building construction should be completed in 2016, and the first phase of operation should be underway in the first months of 2017. Thank you for your support.



## Irvine Fundraiser Dinner

A great success was accomplished during the Holy month of Ramadan on June 18, 2016. A group of dedicated supporters attended the Irvine fundraising dinner. DRF collected and later distributed 32 Eid gifts for orphans, 36 food baskets, 15 Orphan Sponsorships, 10 tuition sponsorships for Al-Salihah Girls Academy, and many more.

Total contribution passed \$160,000. This is a manifestation of how caring DRF's community is. Eid gifts brought happy smiles to orphans' faces as they knew that there is someone who cares for them on this special day. Food baskets arrived at the right time as families were getting ready to celebrate the festival of Eid.



Many bright orphans cannot afford the cost of a quality education that prepares them to be admitted to the best universities in the country. The tuition sponsorship is a powerful support for those students and the path to a shining future where they can be at their greatest potential.

## Summer Activity Report

DRF was involved in a wide range of humanitarian activities during the summer. Following is a list of these activities:

- Thanks to a generous contribution by the Sepaus Foundation, DRF provided 3000 iftar meals during the month of Ramadan for the less fortunate, mostly women and children.
- Four tons of food packages were distributed among low-income families. Items included: rice, oil, lentils, sugar, macaroni, tea, and canned beans.
- 1,565 sets of clothing for orphans were distributed.
- 75 sets of home appliances for poor families were given to low-income families, thanks to the Sepaus Foundation.
- \$ 1,360 worth of Eid gifts for orphans.



With this in-kind help items for the less fortunate and the monthly financial aid that DRF provides for more than 6,600 orphans and widows, you have made the month of Ramadan a truly generous and blessed one. It's part of DRF's mission to offer a helping hand to those in need during tough times. Thank you for making our mission a reality.

## Students are Back to School

DRF has provided hundreds of outstanding students, mainly orphans, with quality education for more than 10 years. This year over 500 students went back to DRF's three schools grades 1-12. The success rates for last year's final exams in these schools were the top in the province of Karbala, Iraq. Due to this great accomplishment, student registration at these schools has increased significantly.

At DRF's schools, students enjoy quality education, meals, bus services, free student supplies and uniforms. Graduates of Al-Salihah academy, one of DRF's schools have been admitted to Pharmacy, Law, and Engineering Colleges. This accomplishment was not going to happen without your generous support. Thank you for making differences in young lives.



Muhammed Jawad  
Haithem, second grade.  
Muhammed is happy to go  
back to school and receive  
a gift of back pack and  
student supplies.



## How can you help us and make a difference in people's life:

- Hospital/ Hospital equipment: donate toward completion of construction or purchasing medical equipment.
- School: \$1000 a year sponsoring the tuition for outstanding orphan students who cannot afford a quality education.
- Orphan Sponsorship: \$600 a year or \$50 a month.
- Help for Refugees: our goal is to provide 25,000 blankets for some of the 3 million refugees in Iraq. Help us achieve this goal by donating \$10 per blanket so this winter becomes warmer for many children and families in refugee camps.
- Food and in-kind support: \$5 a meal or \$25 per food package.





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