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# The Hope Tribune

## 15 years of life changing services

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### Fifteen Years of Hard Work and Productivity

Through 15 years of continuous contributions and community building, the Development and Relief Foundation has been able to bring great changes to the lives of thousands of underserved individuals and families, mostly women and children. Thanks to your generous contributions, hundreds of young boys and girls who would end up being street vendors due to poverty, now attend schools and receive a quality education, excel at their exams, and soon will be the next generation of professional leaders serving their community.

Thousands of patients receive quality healthcare treatment at Imam Al-Hujjah Hospital in Karbala, some of them at no cost or at substantially reduced cost. IHH provides an equivalent of \$220,000/ year of healthcare services to orphans and low-income people, free of charge or at discounted rates.

Thousands of orphans go hungry no more as your orphan sponsorship program is providing them with the nutrition they need.

I would like to wish all DRF friends, supporters and community members a blessed month of Ramadan and blessed Easter, asking them to continue their generous support during this giving session.

Seyed Ali Ghazvini

President

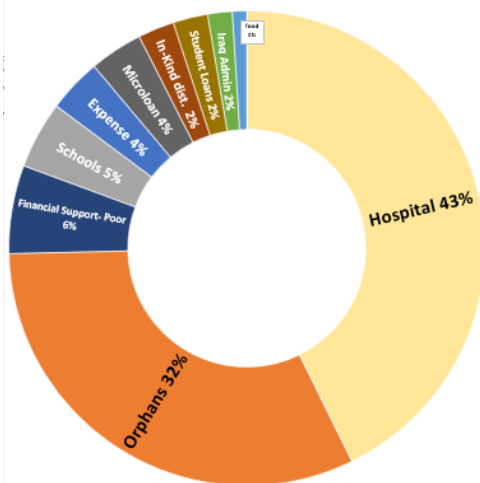
### Please vote for DRF on CharityNavigator.org.

This will evaluate our organization on basis of transparency. We know you donate your hard-earned money with trust we use it for good causes and now is the time for you to see the proof of our promise!

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**DRF received  
GuideStar platinum  
transparency  
award for  
2018 & 2019**



### Distribution Summary for the year of 2018

Hospital	43%
Orphans	32%
Financial Support- Poor	6%
Schools	5%
Expense	4%
Microloan	4%
Iraq Admin	2%
In-Kind distribution	2%
Student Loans	2%
Food	1%

## Arterial Blood Gas Test - (ABG Test)



IHH is pleased to announce the newly acquired Blood Gas Systems from our suppliers at Siemens. These state-of-the-art devices have the ability to test for the amounts of arterial gases, such as oxygen and carbon monoxide. This surely gives caregivers, patients, and hospital administration all the benefit from a less-complex testing process that improves turnaround times, patient care, and operational efficiencies.

## Knee Replacements and sports Related injuries in Al-Hujjah hospital



The medical team specializing in orthopedic surgery, fractures, and lacerations at the Imam al-Hujjah Charity Hospital in Karbala, under the supervision of Dr. Abdul Salam al-Asadi, performed a number of surgical operations. Total knee replacement surgeries were highly successful. Many patients expressed their satisfaction with the procedure and the surgery outcome and are now beginning their rehabilitation process.



## Help Feed the Hungry This Ramadan

DRF is planning to distribute food packages to over 1000 families during the month of Ramadan, along with 3000 hot meals to the less fortunate. DRF will also give orphans Eid Gifts up to \$1000.

Food packages may include: rice, oil, lentil, beans, pasta, dates, sugar, tea and more. The cost of one food package is \$25 and Eid gifts are \$30. One hot meal is only \$5. Please help us accomplish our goal during this Ramadan. Thank you.



  
**DRF Fundraising Dinner**  
**Houston, TX**  
**Nov 9, 2019**  
**Save The Date**



  
**DRF Fundraising Dinner**  
**Dearborn MI**  
**Oct 13, 2019**  
**Bint Jebail Cultural Centre**  
**Save The Date**



**DRF Fundraising Iftar Orange County, CA**  
  
**Tickets \$60 person**  
**Double Tree by Hilton Irvine 90 Pasifica, Irvine CA**  
**Sunday, May 19, 2019**  
**Time: 7:00 - 10:00**  
**Keynote Speakers**  
  
**Free e-ticket / drfvaia.eventbrite.com @drfcharity.org**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

## Miracle child

Tyba Kazem is one the most phenomenal orphan students at al-Sadiq Elementary School for Orphans. She is in the third-grade. Since first attending school until now, she has made a total change in attitude and work ethic. When DRF contacted the student's guardians, we learned that her parents died in a tragic car accident when she was four months old and she was with them in the incident, but she survived. The parents were taking her brother to the hospital as he had bronchitis and, on their way, they all died except Tyba. She was severely unstable condition in the hospital for over three months.

Unfortunately to make things worse, she was abandoned by her grandparents' families and had no one to take care of her except her uncles' wife. What surprised us was that the mother of Tyba was also orphaned by her own parents and her uncles took care of her and looked after her as their own as well.

Her new guardian took care of her and stayed with her in the City of Medicine Hospital in Baghdad for three months. This woman delicately cared for her as her own baby and when she grew up. They supported her education and raised her in the best manner. Tyba is now one of the most tidy, well-mannered, and most punctual students in the school.

Her aunt regularly comes to the school to follow up with her progress.



## Al-Salihah Champions

Al-Salihah Academy for Advanced Girls participated in the prestigious Iraqi Karate Tournament which was held in the Diwaniyah Province. Al-Salihah Girls team achieved multiple Gold and Silver medals, of whom which were the highest ranked Karate fighters in all of Iraq.



## Building a Library

A humble library was born in the beginning of this year at the Al-Salihah Academy where students can enjoy and develop their reading skills. Thanks to a Kuwaiti donor the library was furnished with new set of tables and chairs. The library welcomes your contributions to buy more needed books for the students. Donate a \$100 to purchase at least 10 books, and the library will dedicate the books in your name, your family, or your loved one's name.



## Invitation to Physicians and Medical professional Volunteers

The Development and Relief Foundation (DRF) is pleased to welcome physicians and medical professional volunteers to support its newly operated, Imam Al-Hujjah Hospital (IHH) in the holy city of Karbala, Iraq.

IHH started operating in May 2017, serving the at risk populations with devotion to the overall health and wellbeing of the people and pilgrims; providing expertise and excellence in healthcare, with special commitment to the deprived and under-served masses. IHH provides quality care and treatment to its patients and is dedicated to honoring the dignity, integrity and privacy of the patients and their families.

DRF would like to invite surgeons and physicians and healthcare professionals practicing in the following fields to volunteer at IHH preferably for two weeks.

1. Interventional cardiology
2. Orthopedics
3. Ophthalmology
4. OBGYN
5. Urology
6. Gastroenterology GI
7. General Surgery
8. Internal medicine/endocrinology
9. Nephrology
10. Rheumatology
11. Pediatrics
12. Urology
13. Midwife
14. Head nurse/ CNO
15. Quality Assurance
16. Infection control

Suitable Housings, meals, and domestic transportation (including visits to the main religious sites in Karbala, Najaf, and Kademiah) will be offered.

If you are interested please contact us at:(559)322-4852  
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### Major progress at IHH



Imam Al-Hujjah Hospital's Heart Disease and Catheterization medical team, under the supervision of Dr. Ramez El-Khoury, managed to treat a patient suffering from Coronary heart disease by means of catheterization.

The 55-year-old patient was suffering from severe chest pain. Therefore has consulted a group of hospitals and underwent various tests, including diagnostic catheterization, and was told by the doctors that he necessarily needed an open heart surgery. After admitting the patient at Imam Al-Hujjah (Charity) Hospital, checking his file, and examining him, Dr. Ramez scheduled him for a therapeutic catheterization. Two primary arteries were opened by three stents, and the catheterization was a major success.

### New publications in Arabic



### DRF Partners



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