



# The Palestine Children's Relief Fund

*a non-political, non-profit, humanitarian relief organization*

## 2005 Fact Sheet

### What is the P.C.R.F.?

- The Palestine Children's Relief Fund is a registered non-political, non-profit, tax-exempt organization that was established in 1991 by concerned Americans to address the medical and humanitarian crisis facing Palestinian youths in the Middle East. It has since expanded to help suffering children from other Middle Eastern nations, based only on their medical needs.

### What is the Objective of the P.C.R.F.?

- The main objective of the P.C.R.F. is to locate in the U.S. free medical care for every Arab child from the Middle East who cannot be adequately treated in their homeland. The P.C.R.F. is the main organization regularly sending injured and sick Arab children to the U.S. and Europe for free care that is not available to them there.
- Thousands of injured and sick Arab children have had expert medical care through volunteer P.C.R.F. medical missions to the Middle East over the past 10 years.
- The P.C.R.F. also helps to improve the quality of medical care in the Middle East by sending medical equipment and supplies to war-torn Lebanon and the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

### What has the P.C.R.F. Done?

- Since 1991 over 700 injured and sick Arab children have been or currently are being treated for free outside of the Middle East through the P.C.R.F.
- The P.C.R.F. trains Palestinian surgeons so they can treat patients there and has sent American medical personnel to the region to treat difficult cases and train medical personnel in country.
- The P.C.R.F. has executed numerous emergency relief projects including powdered milk and diaper distributions to poor and malnourished children in areas of Gaza and the West Bank, and wheelchair distributions to the West Bank and to refugees in Syria and Gaza.
- The organization has sent teams of plastic surgeons and nurses to treat child burn victims in Gaza, and teams of orthopedic surgeons and nurses to treat children with orthopedic deformities in the West Bank and Gaza.
- Since 1998, the P.C.R.F. has been sponsoring, organizing and coordinating on the ground, in coordination with the Ministry of Health in Palestine and Iraq, volunteer missions to go and provide life-saving open heart surgery for sick and dying Arab children and adults with heart disease.
- The P.C.R.F. has provided summer camps for disabled and handicapped children in Northern Gaza, Central Gaza, Khan Younes Refugee Camp, Hebron, Bethlehem, Ramallah, Nablus and other areas.
- In 2001, the P.C.R.F. launched a new project to provide start-up economic grants to poor mothers of large families in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

### Where Does My Money Go?

- Your money or frequent flyer miles cover the travel costs of bringing injured children to the U.S. and Europe for medical treatment that they cannot receive in their homeland.
- Your money also goes to cover costs of medical shipments and medical missions to the region.
- Through the "Child Sponsorship Program" you can sponsor a sick or injured child and witness the progress of that child. Each sponsor is given a personal file and photo of the child with progress reports.
- The P.C.R.F. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and all donations given to the P.C.R.F. are tax exempt.
- For three years in a row, the P.C.R.F. has received the highest 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for "exceptional financial management, outperforming most of its peers."

