

Making Peace Among Peoples

Peace in the Middle East requires the efforts and dedicated work of more than politicians, statesmen and governments. Private citizens—Palestinians, Jordanians, Lebanese, Israelis, Egyptians and Syrians—must be part of the process. Working and communal relationships, whether between individuals or among various groups, need to be built to buttress and undergird the peace that the people of the region desire and deserve.

Since the 1993 Oslo Accords were signed by the Israelis and Palestinians, the focus of the peace process has primarily been between governments and on economies. It is natural for governments to make

peace with one another. Economies must be structurally changed so that they can relate to each other in peace rather than conflict. However, such a limited approach is insufficient. A grassroots approach, which has always been a component of ANERA's work, is essential.

Peace is not just between states or adjustments in economies—it must be between and among peoples. Governments may sign peace treaties, establish security relations, decide how borders are to be managed and arrange the flow of communications. Economies can adjust to a new trade flow which includes former adversaries. However, all of these state and economic arrangements

lack a very important dimension—the human dimension. Broad and deep popular support is essential to maintain long-term peace. If the peace process is to be viable, it will certainly have to accommodate the interests of the people, not just the interests of governments and business.

How are people involved in the peace process? The response, naturally, is that non-governmental organizations (NGOs) must be brought into the process. This is the way in which people from the grassroots are involved, and their role and stake in peaceful relations with previous adversaries are demonstrated. If a broad and lasting peace is to be realized, people and the organizations that represent them must be part of the process.

The roles of NGOs in development and the peace process can take a variety of forms: the promotion of confidence-building for peace and stability; fostering sustainable development and open political systems; and encouraging regional cooperation and integration. Over the last two decades, a few brave pioneering groups have blazed the trail for people-to-people peace activities. Some that come to mind are Interns for Peace, Israel-Palestinian Center for Research and Information (IPCRI), Legacy International, House of Hope, Seeds for Peace, and the Center for Jewish Arab Economic Development (CJAED). And in the last few years, EcoPeace—Friends of the Earth Mid-

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ANERA in Jordan

On October 14, Dr. Peter Gubser, President of ANERA, and Dr. Ibrahim Badran, Director General of the Department of Palestinian Affairs of the Prime Minister's Office of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, signed an agreement to provide assistance to refugees and poor people in Jordan. At the signing, Dr. Badran spoke of the "dire need" to improve the living conditions of 1.4 million refugees. He elaborated, saying that Jordan needs the experience of organizations like ANERA to provide services to these under-served communities. ■



UNRWA

While youth were the driving force behind the Palestinian Intifada, today it is their parents, and all Arab and Israeli parents, who are laying the foundations of peace for their children.

dle East must be added to this list.

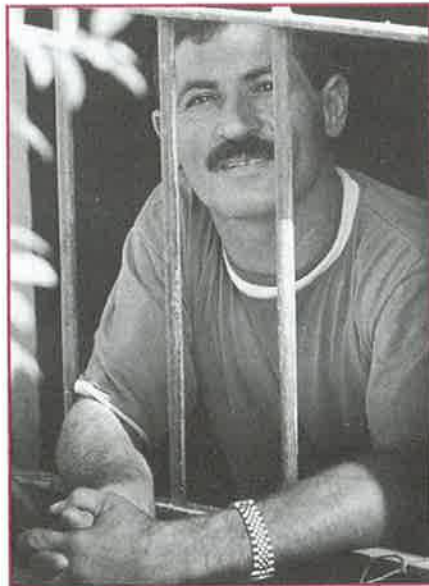
All of these organizations gather together individuals and groups from both sides of the Arab-Israel conflict and try to work out ways and means

"Fundamentally peace should be between and among peoples."

Dr. Peter Gubser

to bridge their differences—and, very importantly, to establish activities that unite the interests of the various groups.

At ANERA, we are proud that we started working in the 1980s with some of the groups, especially Legacy International, IPCRI, CJAED, and House of Hope. In the 1990s we continued our support and helped establish EcoPeace. ■



William Carter

Both individually and collectively, private citizens will determine the sustainability and prosperity of peace made by governments.

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No Funding, No Services

Due to a severe decline in donations from other sources, the Sun Day Care Center in Gaza ceased providing services to children from poor families. As a result, the Center no longer participates in ANERA's Scholarship Program.

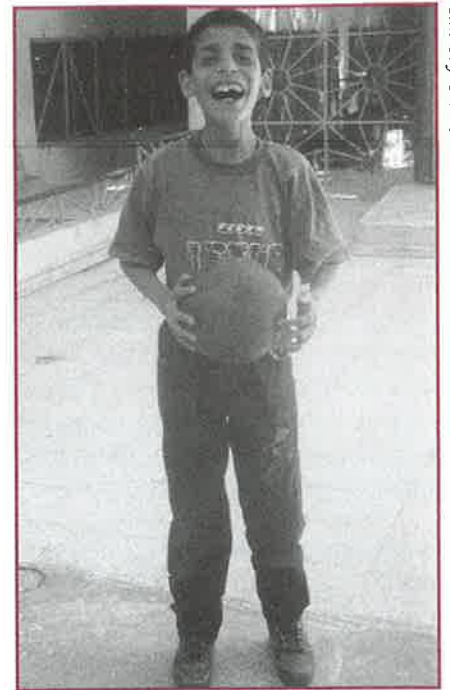
For more than nine years,

ANERA's Scholarship Program donors helped hundreds of deserving children benefit from Sun Day Care Center's truly excellent services and educational programs. As a result, graduates from the Center's programs are leading more productive lives and more fully participating in their community. ■

Stocks Appreciated!

Many thanks to friends who have made gifts of appreciated stock to ANERA in recent months! These gifts are crucial for our work and have major tax advantages for you.

For details, please contact Nina Dodge or Cyril Bindah at (202) 347-2558.



Sun Day Care Center

Mamdouh lives in Jabalia Refugee Camp and depends on social service institutions to provide him the specialized care and treatment that he requires.

In Honor of...

- Musa Alami ■ Alpha Delta Kappa ■ Mr. & Mrs. Gene Armstrong ■ Michael and Apryl Armstrong ■ Sally Blaker
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Working Together for the Future

ANERA has long supported efforts to promote social and economic development, while creating forums for peace among Arabs and Israelis. Creating working relationships and shared agendas foster peace. A better future for the people of the region is at the heart of all of ANERA's work. Currently three cross-cultural organizations benefit from ANERA's support.

In 1988, the opportunities and political will for Israeli and Palestinian leaders to exchange views were almost non-existent. Many people did

not consider a joint Israeli and Palestinian organization, working to develop solutions to the conflict, viable. ANERA disagreed. Through our donors' generosity, we provided half of the funding to establish the Israel/Palestine Center for Research and Information (IPCRI).

IPCRI, based in Bethlehem, remains the only joint Palestinian-Israeli public policy think-tank in the world. Devoted to developing practical solutions, it implements its Education for Peace Project (curricula development, teacher training and student encounters) and holds conferences on environmental and business concerns attended by Israelis and Palestinians. IPCRI focuses on issues where political impasses create major stumbling blocks for cooperation and divide Israelis and Palestinians. Where cooperation is necessary, IPCRI is ready to assist. IPCRI develops policy alternatives for the Palestinian and Israeli leadership, and is involved in activities which promote cooperation between Arab and Jewish communities.

The Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development (CJAED), in Tel Aviv, brings together Jews and Arabs with common business agendas. Sara Kreimer, Co-Director of CJAED, and her colleagues know that the eco-



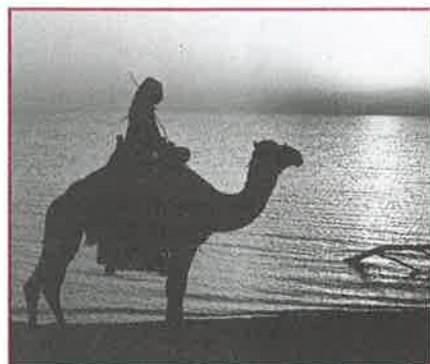
Doris Merrill

Zakaria al Qaq (left), International Director, and Gershon Baskin (right), Israeli Director, of IPCRI have created a common purpose achieved through years of dedicated work and experience.

nomie success of a community depends on the development of its individual members. By coordinating meetings and informational exchanges between local Jewish and Arab business owners, operating an entrepreneurial training program for Arab women, and assisting local groups in preparing business plans, the Center transcends ethnic and religious identities and brings businesspeople together to work on common issues.

EcoPeace—Friends of the Earth Middle East is a unique umbrella organization representing leading Egyptian, Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian

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DNRWA

EcoPeace—Friends of the Earth Middle East's Dead Sea Project consists of a major public awareness program, a campaign to register the area as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve or a World Heritage Site, and the preparation of a regional plan to guide future development of the area.



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YES, I want to help the people of the West Bank, Gaza and Lebanon!

I want to give:

- \$200 for General Programs
- \$175 Gaza/West Bank Fund
- \$100 Lebanon Relief
- \$75 A scholarship (\$175 each) for a child:
- \$50 at the school with the Greatest Need
- \$35 in Lebanon
- Other in West Bank/Jerusalem
- _____ in Gaza

Scholarship Donors receive a student's photo and letters from their school.

I have remembered ANERA in my will.

I want to support ANERA's work by being a:

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 - Builder:** \$5,000 to \$9,999
 - Benefactor:** \$2,500 to \$4,999
 - Sponsor:** \$1,000 to \$2,499
 - Sustainer:** \$500 to \$999
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- Donors giving \$250 or more to this year's Annual Fund will be recognized by category in ANERA's 1999 Annual Report.

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Your donation is tax-deductible.

ANERA's Peace Plan

Yes, I want to join ANERA's Peace Plan.

Here is my monthly gift of: \$100 \$50 \$25 \$10 \$5

I authorize my bank to transfer the amount above from my account each month. A record of each contribution will appear on my bank statement and serve as my receipt. I understand that I may stop my contribution at any time, by contacting ANERA at 1522 K. St., NW, Suite 202, Washington, DC 20005-1270, (202) 347-2558, or my bank.

Signature _____ Date _____

I have enclosed a check for my first monthly contribution, made payable to ANERA. 

Through ANERA's Peace Plan, you can be part of the solution to the troubled peace efforts in the Middle East. Consider making a modest monthly donation through our automatic giving program. In the past 30 years we learned that ANERA's programs cannot run in a stop-and-go fashion. Our programs require dependable resources over a sustained period of time. By joining ANERA's Peace Plan, you will play a significant role in our work and Lebanese long-term economic development, and education and health pro.

► Decide how much you would like to give, send

us the coupon above with your check for the first monthly gift, and we will take care of the rest!

► Each month your bank will automatically deduct the amount from your account and deposit it into ANERA's account. Donations will be clearly listed on your bank statement. You can change or stop your donation at any time.

► Not only does this make donating to ANERA quick and easy, it also helps to lower our administrative costs.

Your personal commitment makes a difference in the lives of others!

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environmental non-governmental organizations. EcoPeace promotes cooperative efforts to protect their shared environmental heritage and promote sustainable regional development. The responsible and shared use of natural resources, such as the Dead Sea, will be a long-term benefit of peace in the region.

Each of these organizations, and many others, contribute very substantially to the creation of a comprehensive and just peace which we all desire. ■

Your Legacy

Through a bequest in your will or trust, you can extend your support for Palestinians and Lebanese in need and the worthy institutions that help them, beyond your lifetime. We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity. Please use ANERA's full name "American Near East Refugee Aid" in your bequest documents, followed by our address. For information on the ANERA Legacy Society or bequests to ANERA, please contact Nina Dodge at (202) 347-2558. ■

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Hope & Need

PROJECT ACTIVITY 1998

The people of the Middle East share two fundamental hopes and needs—a true peace which will allow them to live without fear of war and violence and the opportunity for socio-economic development so they can escape poverty and, in turn, improve their education, health and well-being. ANERA's longtime focus, starting with its founding in 1968, reflects these deep-rooted desires.

In fiscal year 1998 (June 1, 1997 through May 31, 1998) ANERA and its AMER Medical Division gave development assistance and relief aid totaling \$3,537,413 to local institutions which conduct economic and community development, education and health services, assist poor and indigent persons, and technical assistance and training to civilians in the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel and Egypt. In this listing, totals include only grants, loan guarantees, technical assistance, grants in-kind and shipping costs.

During our last year, ANERA provided:

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



UNRWA

Borrowers from the Gaza Women's Loan Fund are repaying their loans, and using their business profits to provide for their family's needs. ANERA originally developed the project and is currently working with a local women's organization who will eventually fully manage the project.

Grassroots Service and Urban Economic Projects

Partial funding to local non-governmental organizations, municipalities, and other institutions providing, among other resources: microcredit, regional environmental planning and a facility for light industry. These projects are with: Association for the Development of Palestinian Camps (Lebanon), Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development (Galilee, Israel), EcoPeace (Jerusalem), Gaza Women's Loan Fund (Gaza), Hebron Municipality (West Bank), Israel Palestine Center for Research and Information (Jerusalem) and Workshops for the Blind (West Bank). **\$362,500**

Agricultural Credit & Irrigation

Partial funding for revolving loan funds for poor farmers for farm improvement as well as for irrigation infrastructure. These projects are with: Agricultural Credit Project (West Bank and Gaza), Beit Lahia Agricultural Cooperative (Gaza), Gaza Fisherman's Cooperative (Gaza), Jericho Agricultural Cooperative (West Bank), Jericho Municipality (West Bank), Khan Younis Agricultural Cooperative (Gaza) and Rural Women's Credit Program (Gaza). **\$1,304,094**

Agricultural Extension

Partial funding for animal disease control and agricultural extension systems. These projects are with: Gaza Fisherman's Cooperative (Gaza), Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (West Bank and Gaza) and the Palestinian Ministry of Agriculture—Extension Department. **\$157,100**

Total Community

& Economic Development

\$1,823,694

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Provision of training and consultants in agriculture, job creation, credit, health, and education.

Total Technical Assistance

\$69,625

EDUCATION



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The children of Al Kafaat Rehabilitation Institute, outside Beirut, Lebanon, benefit greatly from the generosity of ANERA's donors giving through the Scholarship Program.

Child Scholarships

Scholarships for orphaned, destitute, and handicapped children at: Al-Kafaat Rehabilitation Institute (Lebanon), Atfaluna Center for Deaf Children (Gaza), Dar El-Tifl (Jerusalem), Dar El-Yateem (West Bank), Rawdat El-Zuhur (Jerusalem) and Sun Day Care Center (Gaza). **\$137,948**

Youth Programs, Schools & Universities

Partial funding for sports programs and equipment, school equipment and libraries. These projects are with: Dar El-Yateem Orphanage (West Bank), Hebron Young Women's Center (West Bank), Institut de Reeducation Audio-Phonetique (Lebanon), Maghazi Educational Enhancement Center (Gaza), Rawdat El-Zuhur (Jerusalem) and Union of Olympic Sports' Committee (Gaza). **\$89,000**

Total Education

\$226,948

HEALTH SERVICES



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Palestinians of all ages benefit from ANERA's gifts of medicines and medical supplies to clinics and hospitals, and cash grants to community clinics.

Clinics, Hospitals, & Health Training

Partial financial assistance to improve the delivery of health services in the West Bank and Lebanon. These projects are with selected hospitals and clinics, including: Health Care Society (Lebanon), Jerusalem Princess Basma Center for Disabled Children (Jerusalem), Spafford Children's Center (Jerusalem) and St. Luke's Hospital (West Bank).

Total Health Services **\$160,000**

IN-KIND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

Medicines and equipment for hospitals and clinics, including shipping costs, for: the Abu Raya Health Center (West Bank), Ahli Arabi Hospital (Gaza), Hebron Zakat Committee (West Bank) and St. Luke's Hospital (West Bank).

Total In-Kind **\$1,257,146**

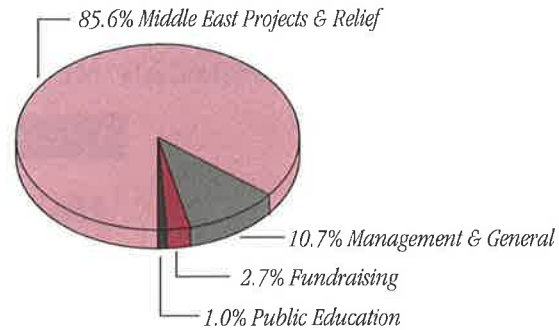
TOTAL ASSISTANCE AND AID
\$3,537,413

PUBLIC EDUCATION

ANERA has long supported modest activities that inform Americans about the Middle East, the need for peace, the condition of the Palestinians and Lebanese, and the value of economic and social development. We publish a quarterly newsletter, speak at civic and educational events, maintain a website at www.anera.org, and comment on radio and television.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Over 85¢ of each dollar given to ANERA directly supported people in need! Contributions to ANERA are tax-deductible. ANERA is audited annually by the firm of Lane & Company. ANERA is registered with and adheres to the standards of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid of the U.S. Agency for International Development, the



National Charities Information Bureau, and the New York State Office of Charities Registration. ANERA is also a member of InterAction, the American Council for Voluntary International Action.

ANERA receives support from more than 25,000 Americans and other individuals from around the world, small businesses, religious groups and over 20 private foundations and corporations. Through membership in the International Service Agencies, ANERA participates in the Combined Federal Campaign and many state and local charity giving campaigns.

In fiscal year 1998, some ANERA projects were supported through grants from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). We enjoyed project partnerships with: American Jewish World Service, AmeriCares, CARE, the Episcopal Dioceses of Jerusalem and Connecticut, the Foundation for Middle East Peace, The Richard & Rhoda Goldman Fund, Habitat for Humanity International, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Islamic Relief Worldwide, the Italian Association for Women and Development (AIDOS), Kinderen in de Knel (Children at Risk), Land O'Lakes, Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation, National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce, the Order of St. John, the Pearl S. Buck Foundation, Philanthropic Ventures Foundation, The Small Enterprise Education Promotion Network, and U.S. Organization for Medical and Educational Needs (US OMEN).

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