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 economics—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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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.

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

IPCR, 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 economic 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’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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I want to give:  
- $200 for General Programs  
- $175 for Gaza/West Bank Fund  
- $100 for Lebanon Relief  
- $75 for A scholarship ($175 each) for a child:  
- $50 for at the school with the Greatest Need  
- $35 for in Lebanon  
- in Gaza  
- in West Bank/ Jerusalem  
- Other

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:  
- Founder: $10,000 or above  
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Yes, I want to join ANERA’s Peace Plan.

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

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▷ 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 substantively to the creation of a comprehensive and just peace which we all desire.

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Washington, D.C.,
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**

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.

$69,625

**Education**

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 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

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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