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Your support is needed to keep Dar al-Ajaza running smoothly and serving its patients. We have been able to do so much.

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Drawing to a Close

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Gifts Made in Honor Of:
Yes, I want to join ANERA’s Peace Plan

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

My account number is: ________________________ Exp. Date: ________

I have enclosed a check for ____________________________ for the Gaza Women’s Loan Fund.

I would like to have this contribution and any future contributions made automatically from my bank as a monthly transaction total $5.00 or more.

I am a member of the ANERA Emergency Fund.

I would like to include my contribution in my will.

I would like to support ANERA’s Peace Plan for the Elder Hospital.

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But we have more to do. The following pages of this newsletter will show how your support has impacted the lives of people in the Middle East, and what, together, we can achieve in the future. We are almost there, but we are counting on you to make sure these dreams and those projects continue. Our work could not happen without your support.

Final Days of ANERA’s 35th Anniversary Campaign!

ANERA’s 35th Anniversary Campaign Drawing to a Close

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ANERA’s Monthly Peace Plan

Help people in need:

• have access to education, employment and health care.
• help those in conflict to live a good life.

Help ANERA:

• build facilities that last.
• plan for Maria projects.

Help yourself:

• get more nutritionally.
• be able to make the world safe for all of us.

Use the coupons on each page to help starting today!

Because of the cost of principally the transactions, we ask that all contributions exceed at least $10.00 or more.

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In laymen’s terms, the amount of money you have each month is a result of your work and how you manage your money. If you take your time to live your life, please have an email address.

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ANERA’s 35th Anniversary Campaign

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We are succeeding!

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