



Americans and Palestinians

REACHING ACROSS THE BARRIERS

Each day Americans send contributions to ANERA for the Palestinian refugees. Each month ANERA sends these contributions to programs which benefit those refugees. These two groups—American contributors and Palestinian recipients—do not directly hear from one another, do not directly know one another. But both groups often write their thoughts in letters to ANERA. Excerpts from some of these letters are reprinted below—to give these Americans and Palestinians the chance to hear what each has said to ANERA—and what each really has to say to the other:

Recently I mailed you a check . . . but have decided that I should send more as your needs seem great, so I am sending another check May the Lord bless the good work you are doing. (Long Island, Kansas)

I am ever so grateful for your grant Your cheque came at a most opportune moment The school is running smoothly and inflation is our main worry Wishing you the best from all the children and the staff. (Dar Al-Awlad, Jerusalem, West Bank)

I give each year . . . and know what fine work you are doing How important it is to help these refugee children . . . lead constructive lives and to help them help themselves. (Greenwich, Connecticut)

Let me express to you . . . our deep gratitude and appreciation Your financial grant has been always a source of encouragement and a stimulus to carry on with our work for the welfare of the underprivileged children . . . making their lives useful in the community and uplifting them from their poor surroundings. (Rawdat El-Zuhur, Jerusalem, West Bank)

(My friend) and I taught English at Birzeit College for two summers We are deeply distressed over the news that periodically reaches us. (Buffalo, New York)

The situation is quiet here but there are a lot of rumors about war Even peace of mind is difficult to attain in this country I hope that with your kind support, we will be able to carry on with our educational mission. (Birzeit College, Birzeit, West Bank)

The tragic condition in which the Palestinian refugees find themselves, I identify with as an American. (Erdenheim, Pennsylvania)

My best regards to all those who think of us, hoping that our cooperation will help to serve the understanding and good will of both our nations. (Palestine Women's Union, Gaza Strip)

God bless you all for your kind deeds. Please always keep the truth prevailing No human who loves God and country should tolerate such cruel actions. (Manhattan Beach, California)

It is heart-warming indeed to know that there are people in the United States today who stand up for right and justice. (Society of In'ash El-Usra, Bireh, West Bank)

I am sure you sent me your appeal not realizing that we are Jewish. I am glad you did, however, as the plight of the Palestinian refugees has tormented me for a long time and I am glad to be able to help The plight of these people must be part of any settlement in this area of the world or there will never be a settlement. I wish you success in your work. (New Rochelle, New York)

The members of the club and I appreciate your help very much and I am very happy and thankful I hope we will be able to meet each other some day. (La Jeunesse du Marjoun, Marjoun, southern Lebanon)

ANERA'S FINANCES ...

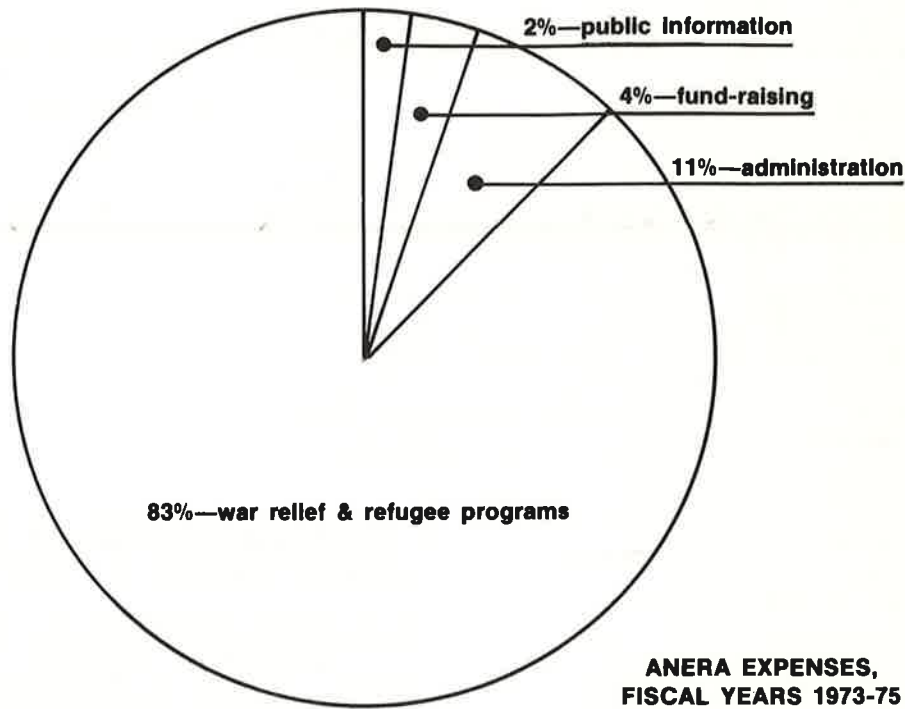
In fiscal year 1975, Americans contributed roughly \$300,000 to the Palestinian refugees through ANERA.

These contributions from Americans throughout the United States represent more than just dollars—they demonstrate a concern for the Palestinian refugees which transcends political and cultural barriers. This demonstration of American concern is especially important during these critical times in the Middle East.

Each year ANERA conscientiously strives to increase the amount of aid available for refugee programs and to decrease the proportional amount spent on administrative and fund-raising expenses.

Based on a three-year average, ANERA has been able to keep **administrative and fund-raising costs** to just **15% of total funds donated**. This compares very favorably with other organizations such as the American Cancer Society which spends 22% of its funds on administrative and fund-raising costs, the Easter Seal Society which spends 25% and the Epilepsy Foundation which spends 48%.

ANERA raises all of its funds in the United States from three main sources: corporations; pharmaceutical companies; and individuals and groups. The circle below shows the percentage of ANERA's income contributed by each source during the past fiscal year.

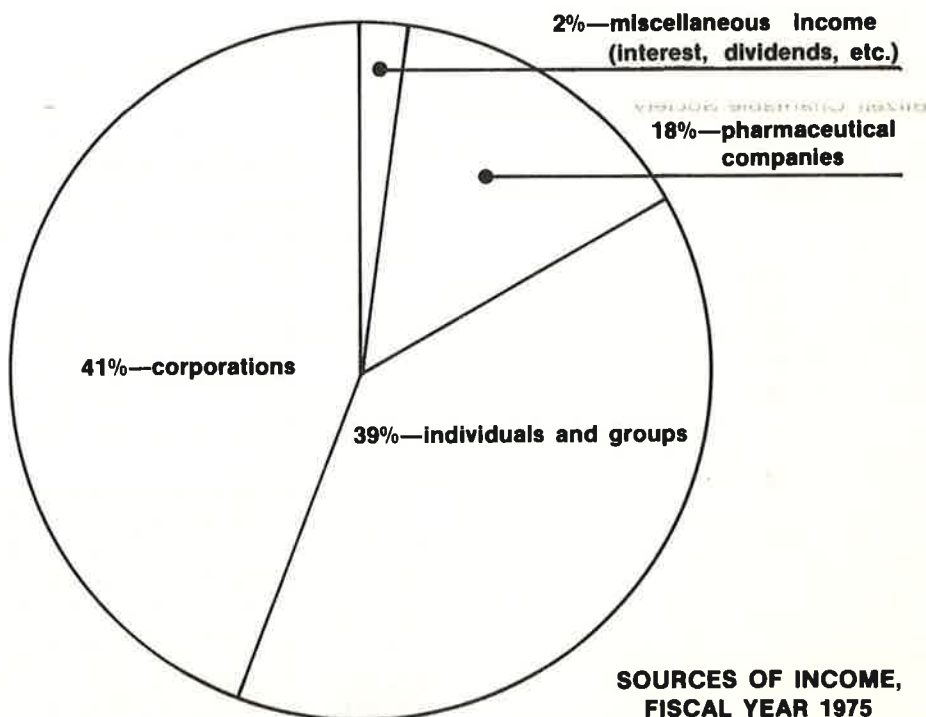


FACTS ABOUT ANERA

In the eight years of its existence, ANERA has distributed over \$3 million in cash and medical supplies to war relief projects and programs of benefit to the Palestinian refugees.

ANERA's staff consists of one part-time and six full-time employees. The main business of ANERA is conducted at the office in Washington, D.C. ANERA also maintains a one-person office in New York City which handles the storage and shipping of medical supplies and drugs to the Middle East.

ANERA's fiscal year 1975 ended on June 30. The firm of Ernst and Ernst audits ANERA's financial statements annually. The audit and ANERA's annual report for fiscal year 1975 will be available in September, 1975.



**EDUCATIONAL GRANTS
1974-75**

Elementary & Secondary Schools/Orphanages

College des Freres (Jerusalem, West Bank)	\$ 1,000
Dar Al-Awlad (Jerusalem, West Bank)	\$ 2,000
Gaza College (Gaza, Gaza Strip)	\$ 5,000
Jeel Al-Amal (Bethany, West Bank)	\$ 2,000
Marjoyoun National College (Marjoyoun, Lebanon)	\$ 3,000
Rawdat El-Zuhur (Jerusalem, West Bank)	\$ 2,500
UNRWA (largely for use at Karameh School, Jordan)	\$ 9,245
TOTAL	\$24,745

Vocational Training Programs

Industrial Islamic Orphanage (Jerusalem, West Bank)	\$ 4,000
UNRWA (largely for use in the Occupied Territories)	\$11,850
YMCA/Jericho Vocational Center (Jerusalem, West Bank)	\$ 4,000
YWCA (Jerusalem, West Bank)	\$ 4,000
TOTAL	\$23,850

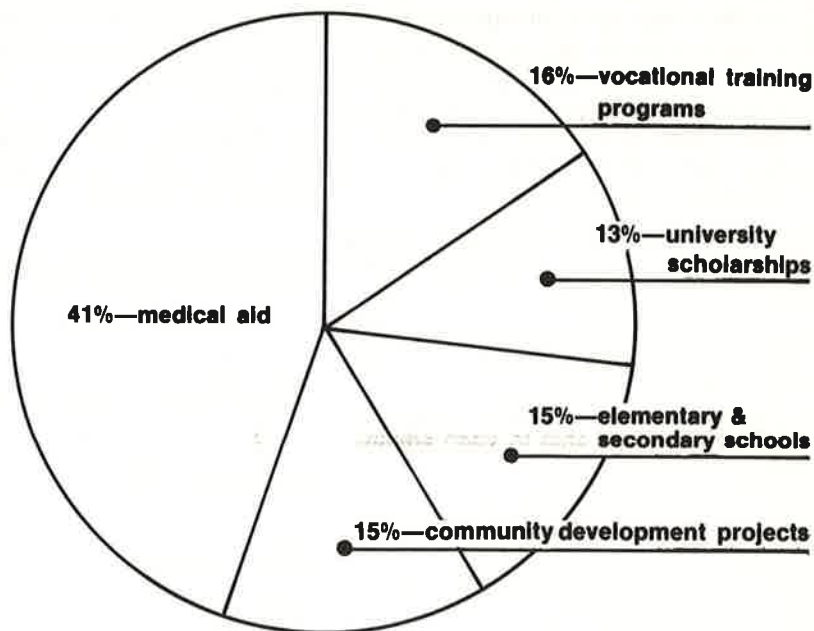
University Scholarships for Refugees

American University of Beirut (Beirut, Lebanon)	\$ 5,000
Beirut University College (Beirut, Lebanon)	\$ 2,500
Bethlehem University (Bethlehem, West Bank)	\$ 2,000
Birzeit College (Birzeit, West Bank)	\$ 6,735
TOTAL	\$16,235

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS
1974-1975**

Birzeit Charitable Society (Birzeit, West Bank)	\$ 125
Deir Ammar Summer Camp (West Bank)	\$ 1,000
La Jeunesse du Marjoyoun (Marjoyoun, Lebanon)	\$ 1,000
National Alliance of YMCA's (Beirut, Lebanon)	\$ 2,000
Palestine Women's Union (Gaza Strip)	\$ 1,000
Project Ryaiat (Jerusalem, West Bank)	\$ 500
Red Crescent Society (Bireh, West Bank)	\$ 1,000
Society of In'ash El-Usra (Bireh, West Bank)	\$ 1,000
UNRWA Special Programs (for use in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, & the Occupied Territories)	\$ 8,579
World Alliance of YMCA's (East/West Bank of Jordan)	\$ 6,100
TOTAL	\$22,304

**GRANT EXPENDITURES,
FISCAL YEAR 1975**



**GRANTS FOR MEDICAL AID
1974-1975**

Four Homes of Mercy (Bethany, West Bank)	\$ 1,000
Palestine Red Crescent Society (Beirut, Lebanon)	\$ 2,500
UNRWA (medical supplies & drugs for use in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, & the Occupied Territories)	\$58,257
TOTAL	\$61,757

SPECIAL APPEALS

Mr. Joe Robbie, Managing Partner of the Miami Dolphins, pledged \$5,000 to ANERA if this amount could be matched by donations from other Americans of Arab heritage. Arab-Americans responded generously to this challenge and contributed well over \$5,000 during fiscal year 1975. To date, funds have been used for sports programs for refugee children through special donations by ANERA to the World Alliance of YMCA's (for use in Jordan), National Alliance of YMCA's (for use in Lebanon), and to the Deir Ammar Summer Camp Project (for children in the Occupied Territories).

Readers also responded generously to special appeals appearing in issues of the Newsletter. A total of \$5,181.42 was contributed to be used for food, UNRWA vocational and elementary school scholarships, for Birzeit College and to boost programs in southern Lebanon and in the Occupied Territories (donations for programs for Palestinian women, which were requested in the May-June, 1975, issue of the Newsletter, are still being received at the ANERA office).

***ANERA is a non-profit, charitable organization which seeks to increase total assistance in cash and kind from American sources to Palestinian Arab refugees and other needy individuals in the Arab World; to be responsive in crises affecting civilian populations in the area, particularly displacement and casualties caused by war; and to increase American understanding of the Palestinian refugee problem.**

**DONATIONS FROM GROUPS
FISCAL YEAR 1975**

Arab American Women's Friendship Association
Brooklyn, New York

Cambridge Committee of AMER
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Contemporary History Class
Rice Memorial High School
Burlington, Vermont

Dominican Sisters
Congregation of the Holy Cross
Edmonds, Washington

Free Palestine of Greater Kansas City, Missouri

Islamic Society of Jacksonville, Florida

Lebanese American Club of Mobile, Alabama

Pal-Aid International
Chicago, Illinois

Rashid Club of America
Bethesda, Maryland

Student Congregation
Rooke Chapel
Bucknell University
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce
New York City

U.S. OMEN
Sacramento, California

U.S. OMEN
San Francisco, California

IN MEMORIAM

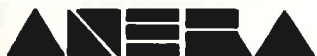
During the past fiscal year, donations were received in memory of the following:

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Jeremiah E. Fries
Mrs. Eugene Holman
Dr. L. Emmett Holt, Jr.
Dr. A. Willard Jones
Paul W. Lapp
Steven and Linda Lehn
Mrs. David Till

IN HONOR

In fiscal year 1975, ANERA received donations in honor of the following:

Mr. and Mrs. George Barakat
The Honorable Ghazi Chidiac
Mr. and Mrs. David Hendry
Emelie Houri
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