

FLOWERS AND CHILDREN

Six years ago, ANERA set up a scholarship program for needy Palestinian children enrolled in two East Jerusalem schools. Those schools are Dar El-Tifl (House of Children) and Rawdat El-Zuhur (Garden of Flowers). The schools have some obvious differences but are most striking in their similarities.

Dar El-Tifl is a large school today, comprised of several buildings, including dormitories, a nursery, and elementary and secondary classrooms. It serves about one thousand students. Rawdat El-Zuhur, on the other hand, operates out of much smaller quarters and provides education for children just under 4 years of age through the sixth grade. Its students number under three hundred. Both schools have more applicants than they can accommodate.

While physical differences exist, the schools share a similar history, values, and leadership. Both schools have in their directors pathbreaking, dynamic women who founded the schools on their own. These two women, Hind Hussein and Elizabeth Nasir, began by rescuing young children found begging in the streets following the 1948 war. In Elizabeth Nasir's case, two children were found living in a deplorable state. She found a room to shelter them and provided for their basic needs. From such simple beginnings Rawdat El-Zuhur arose. Likewise, Hind Hussein began Dar El-Tifl with two rooms and 55 children the first year. As more people turned to them for help, they were both required to expand their services.

Initially the goals of both institutions were modest. They sought to remove the children from the streets and provide them with vocational training. Clothes, meals, and medical care were provided. After the 1967 war, new pressures came to bear in the form of increased numbers of refugee children. Rawdat El-Zuhur became an elementary school and for the first time boys were admitted to study science, geography, arithmetic and history with the girls. Dar El-Tifl, while damaged in the fighting, expanded to educate 300 children. Their program has grown to include dressmaking, social work, teacher's education and secretarial training. Both schools now contend with the added pressure of a high inflation rate.

The children served have often seen a desperate side of life. As an antidote to this, the schools emphasize social activities of a wide range—including the performance of skits and plays, folkdancing, and singing. The staff of the schools work overtime, making home visits to the students, working with the extended family, and maintaining appropriate records on the children. A homelike atmosphere is sought, because, as Miss Nasir says, "Happy children learn best."

Courage, perseverance and dedication are the hallmarks of the fine work of these two outstanding women as well as their staffs and students.



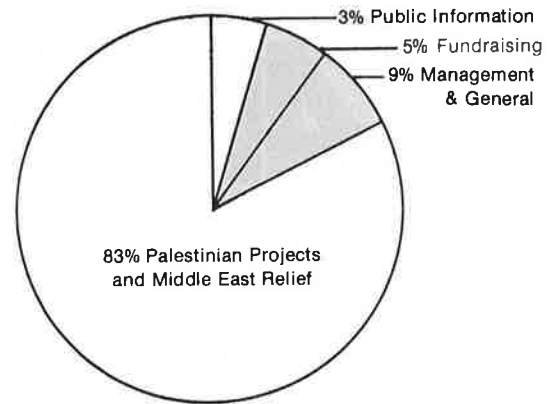
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ANERA'S FINANCES

ANERA donors responded generously this year to our appeals. The response of individuals, organizations, and corporations was gratifying.

The "pie" at right represents ANERA's expenditures in fiscal year 1984, which total \$,989,499. ANERA's FY 1984 annual audit can be obtained by contacting the ANERA office.

ANERA is proud that only 14% of its income was needed for fund-raising and management. This is an excellent record among charitable organizations and is made possible by the generosity of ANERA donors and the efficiency of the ANERA staff.



ANERA GRANTS, FISCAL YEAR 1984

In fiscal year 1984, extending from June 1, 1983 through May 31, 1984, ANERA and its AMER Medical Division gave assistance totalling \$1,518,522. Of the total, \$1,013,990 was in grants and services, and \$504,532 was in medical supplies, books and shipping.

ANERA also continued its support to more than 20 institutions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In fiscal year 1984, ANERA experience again serious delays in receiving grant approvals from the Israeli Military Occupation Authority for the expenditure of project funds. In addition to the projects marked with an asterisk on the following pages, ANERA has \$1,000,000 in grant funds from the U.S. Agency for International Development which have not received approval of the Israeli authorities.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

*These projects are pending Israeli Military Government approval. U.S.A.I.D.-funded projects not yet approved are not listed here.

Institution	Purpose	Amount
Arab Women's Society Jerusalem, West Bank	mother/child care, food for the needy, vocational training for Palestinian women	\$ 5,000
Arab Women's Union Bethlehem, West Bank	mother/child care, food for the needy, vocational training for Palestinian women, and cultural programs	\$ 10,000
Arab Women's Union Jerusalem, West Bank	mother/child care, home for the elderly, food for the needy, vocational training for Palestinian women	\$ 5,000
Association for the Development of Palestinian Camps Beirut, Lebanon	revolving loan fund to assist Palestinian artisans and shopkeepers generate employment	\$ 10,000
Beit Jala Municipality Beit Jala, West Bank	partial assistance in the construction of a municipal industrial building. The Municipality will in future rent out industrial shops	\$250,000
Bethlehem Societies Committee for Rehabilitation and Development Bethlehem, West Bank	funding for revolving loan fund for small businesses	\$ 5,000
Gaza Municipality Rainwater Conservation Gaza City, Gaza	storm water sewers and lagoon to conserve rainwater heretofore drained into sea, now to be used for irrigation and drinking	\$200,000
Halhul Municipality West Bank	construction of a wholesale fruit and vegetable market to assist farmers and generate funds for municipal services	\$250,000
*Palestine Women's Union Gaza, Gaza Strip	library, training programs, health and dental care, community activities in refugee camps	\$ 7,000
*Red Crescent Society Gaza, Gaza Strip	libraries, daycare centers, literacy programs, training of refugee women, and other special projects	\$ 7,000
Services to West Bank Cooperatives	provision of a consultant to provide organizational and training services to cooperatives in a joint program with the Near East Foundation	\$ 29,450
Women's Charitable Society Hebron, West Bank	mother/child care, food for the needy, literacy courses, vocational training for Palestinian women	\$ 5,000
Y.M.C.A. Amman, Jordan	summer camp expenses for orphaned refugees	\$ 2,000
Y.M.C.A. Gaza, Gaza Strip	leadership, community and sports programs for Palestinian youth in Gaza Strip	\$ 5,000
Y.M.C.A. Jerusalem, West Bank	diversified programs for Palestinians, in community activities, leadership and sports programs, and vocational training	\$ 5,000
Y.W.C.A. Jerusalem, West Bank	diversified programs including cultural activities, sports programs and vocational training for Palestinian women	\$ 5,000

TOTAL, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS:**\$800,450****EDUCATIONAL GRANTS**

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Institution	Purposes	Amount
American University of Beirut Lebanon	scholarships for needy students	\$ 10,000
Beirut University College Beirut, Lebanon	scholarships for needy students in Lebanon	\$ 10,000
Benevolent Cultural Association of the Supreme Shi'a Council Beirut, Lebanon	equipment for the group's heavily damaged vocational training center in south Beirut	\$ 10,000
*Bethlehem University Bethlehem, West Bank	scholarships for needy Palestinian students	\$ 10,000
Bir wa al-Ahsan Tyre, Lebanon	equipment for the group's vocational training center in south Lebanon	\$ 10,000
*Birzeit University Birzeit, West Bank	scholarships for needy Palestinian students and general support of the University	\$ 15,015
Dar El-Tifl Jerusalem, West Bank	elementary scholarships for orphans and destitute children	\$ 15,600
Industrial Islamic Orphanage Jerusalem, West Bank	food, clothing, shelter, general education and vocational training in carpentry, painting, furniture-making, tailoring and shoe making for Palestinian orphans	\$ 5,000
Jeel al-Amal Bethany, West Bank	education, food, clothing and shelter for orphaned and destitute Palestinian children	\$ 10,000
Kafa'at Rehabilitation Institute Beirut, Lebanon	diversified programs and extensive training for physically and mentally handicapped children	\$ 10,000
Legacy International Youth Program	scholarships for the participation of Palestinian and Lebanese youth in the program	\$ 10,000
Marjoyoun National College Marjoyoun, Lebanon	education for the people of south Lebanon	\$ 15,000
Rawdat El-Zuhur Jerusalem, West Bank	elementary scholarships for orphans and destitute children	\$ 15,725
Salesian Technical School Bethlehem, West Bank	general support for vocational training	\$ 5,000
Sun Daycare Center Gaza City, Gaza	educational assistance for retarded children in the Gaza Strip	\$ 10,000
United Nations Relief & Works Agency (UNRWA) Occupied Territories	scholarships for refugees in teaching, carpentry, mechanics, welding and business education	\$ 2,200
TOTAL, EDUCATION GRANTS:		\$163,540

HEALTH SERVICES GRANTS

Institution	Purpose	Amount
Amel — Lebanese Association for Popular Action Kham, Lebanon	clinic serving the town and region of south Lebanon now being repopulated	\$ 10,000
Druze Foundation for Social Welfare Lebanon	clinics, food, shelter for displaced people	\$ 10,000
Lebanese Red Cross Beirut, Lebanon	aid for victims of the Lebanese conflict	\$ 10,000
Middle East Council of Churches (Regional)	services to Palestinian refugees in the Middle East	\$ 10,000
Secours Populaire Lebanon	clinics and relief activities in Lebanon to assist victims of war	\$ 10,000
TOTAL, HEALTH SERVICES:		\$ 50,000

IN-KIND GRANTS

Institution	Purpose	Amount
American University of Beirut Hospital Beirut, Lebanon	pharmaceutical and medical supplies to relieve suffering during the summer 1982 siege of Beirut and subsequent fighting. AMER program	\$ 40,626
Arab Colleges of Medical Sciences El-Bireh, West Bank	medical books and tapes for the colleges	\$ 1,413
Iraqi Ministry of Health	pharmaceuticals to assist civilian victims of war	\$ 51,845
Middle East Council of Churches Lebanon	pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to assist civilian victims of war	\$ 69,257
Palestine Red Crescent Society Beirut, Lebanon	pharmaceuticals for refugee relief	\$ 41,756
United Nations Relief & Works Agency (UNRWA)	pharmaceuticals for refugee relief	\$203,304
World Health Organization Lebanon	pharmaceuticals to assist civilian victims of war in Lebanon	\$ 70,945
	+ shipping costs	\$ 24,089
	TOTAL, IN-KIND GRANTS:	\$503,235

A gift of \$75 helps provide a child at Rawdat El-Zuhur or Dar El-Tifl with a year of education. Sponsors receive a photo of the child and a letter from the school during the year.



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