



2001 Annual Report



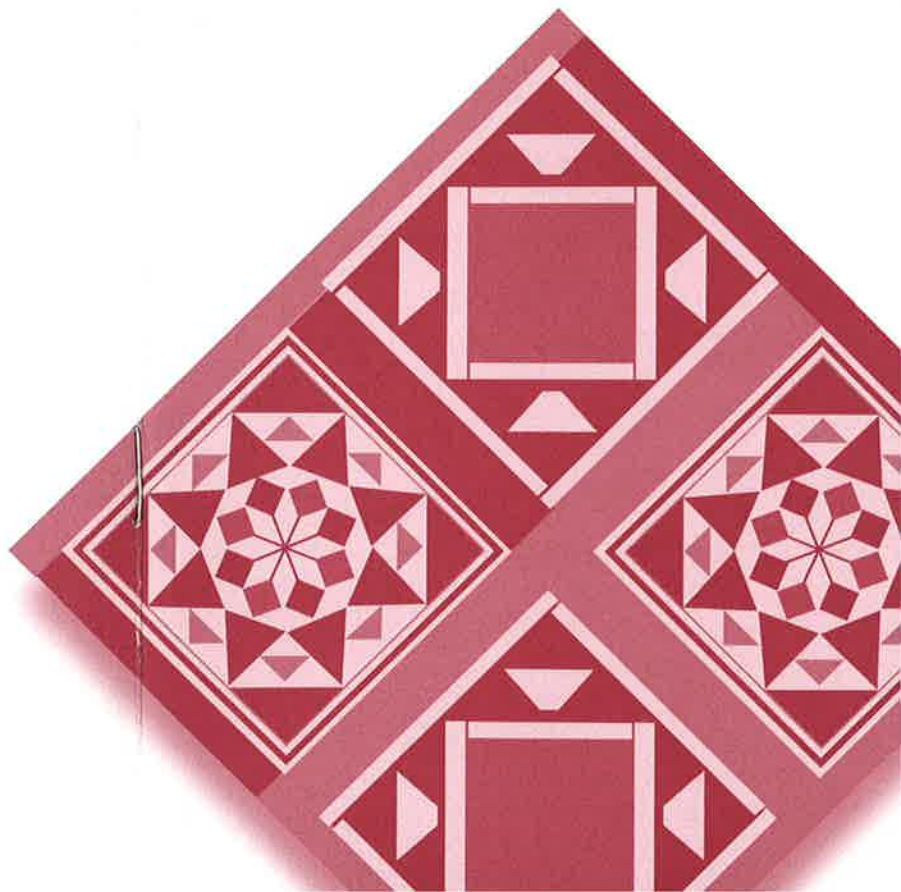
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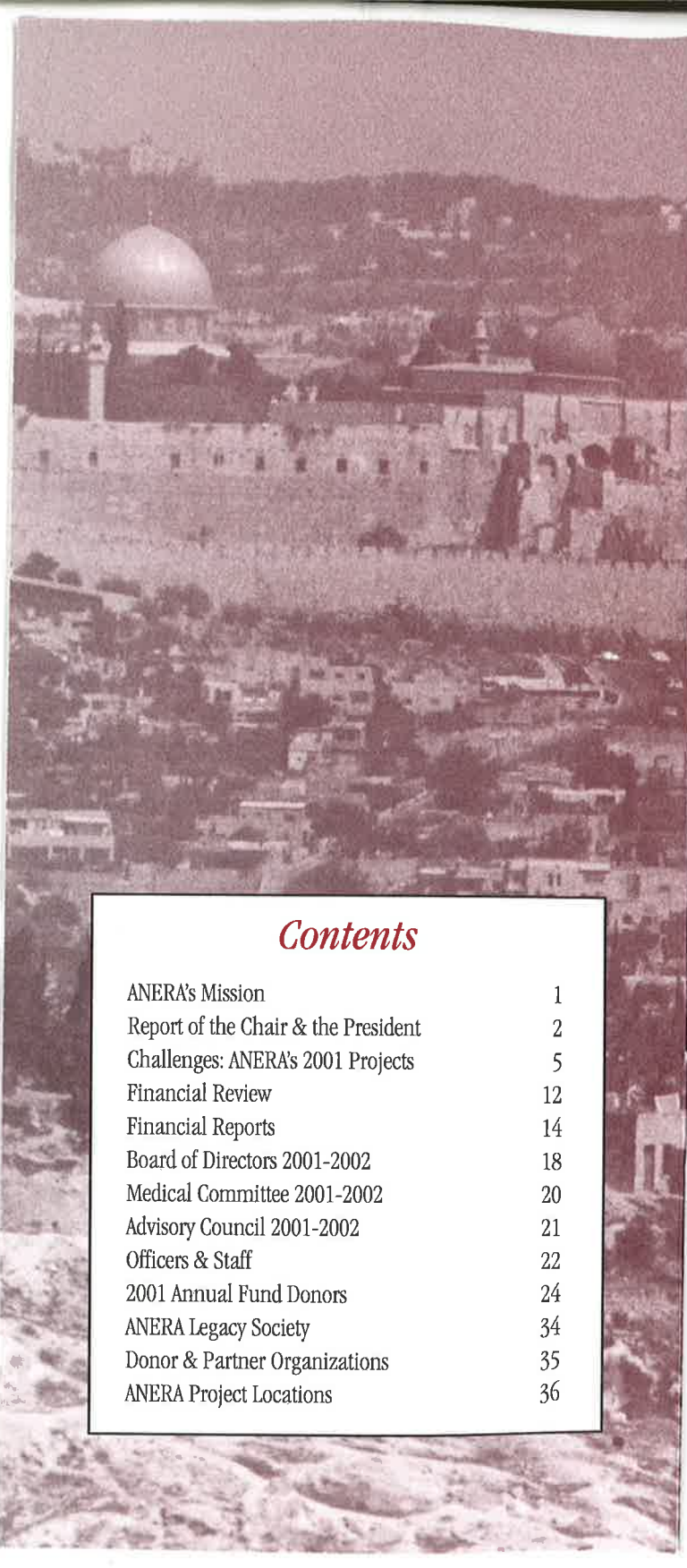
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ANERA's Mission



Due to the economic decline in the West Bank and Gaza, ANERA donated food to local, charitable institutions serving people in need.

American Near East Refugee Aid's (ANERA) mission is to reduce poverty and relieve suffering, thereby improving the lives of people in the Middle East. In cooperation with local institutions, we formulate and implement social and economic development projects, and provide relief in response to emergency needs.

A nonprofit, charitable organization, ANERA is concerned with the long-term development needs of Palestinians, Lebanese and Jordanians. ANERA assists grassroots organizations to provide their communities with crucial health care and community services in addition to increasing employment and educational opportunities for deprived groups of people. Through an in-kind program, ANERA assists medical clinics and hospitals in meeting their annual requirements of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies, and sends emergency shipments in times of conflict.

Since 1968, ANERA has helped provide the basic necessities of life to people adversely affected by war and conflict. Through these efforts and increasing public understanding of the region, ANERA promotes peace.

Report of the Chair & the President

Dear Friends of ANERA,

The challenges are many. Due to sustained violence since September 2000, ANERA is dealing with massive challenges in our area of operations, the Middle East. While we hope and work for peace, we anticipate that in the coming year we will continue to face either a violent environment or, hopefully, an environment struggling to repair the damage in the aftermath of the fighting.

Challenges have human faces. Humanitarian: families need food and shelter to sustain their lives. Health: wounded and ill people need care and rehabilitation. Economic: jobs, incomes, livelihoods, orchards have been destroyed; men and women need jobs created in new and innovative ways. Social: people's lives have been torn apart, which means many need basic social welfare services. Peace: peoples on all sides of the conflict need peace so they can live normal and productive lives. The unexpected: we undoubtedly will face new and unexpected events that will challenge people's lives and livelihoods, and ANERA has the capacity to help address them.

In this truly disturbed context, ANERA's long-term vision and mission speak to these challenges. Our vision is for a better Middle East where people can live in peace with secure livelihoods. And our mission is to reduce poverty and relieve suffering, and thereby improve the lives of people in the Middle East.

To this end, ANERA designs and implements a variety of projects to provide essential services and strengthen the local institutions that provide them. A comprehensive list appears later in this report.

For many years ANERA's strongest focus has been on the first part of our mission, poverty reduction,



Les Janka (left) and Peter Gubser (right) at ANERA's Washington office.

or, stated otherwise, social and economic development. Despite the challenges to quotidian existence, people want to live, and – if possible – improve their lives. Accordingly, working with the people at the grassroots level and with their institutions, we have inter alia jointly built school classrooms, operated a loan fund for women in business, improved clinics' health care capabilities, supported school scholarship programs, and initiated information technology (IT) projects designed to help local universities establish centers of excellence which will educate a cadre of IT professionals who will help Palestine, Jordan and Lebanon enter the new digital economy.

ANERA's second focus, to relieve suffering, grew in importance and salience during the past year and will certainly be relevant in the coming months. In addition to our ongoing projects, in fiscal year 2001, we provided over \$5,500,000 of food and medicines through local institutions to the Palestinian people. Similarly we helped clinics and charities deliver greatly needed health and social welfare services in this time of emergency.

From a more general viewpoint, ANERA's projects and activities involve and connect people in the Middle East, the United States and elsewhere. It is people – the project participants, our supporters, our superb staff – who allow ANERA to meet the challenges of today and the future.

Sincerely,

Les Janka
Chair

Peter Gubser
President



GARY MALKIN/ANADOLU

In partnership with international and local organizations, ANERA helped provide microloans to hundreds of people, including this woman who raises goats.



GARY MALKIN/ANADOLU

Al-Quds University in Jerusalem is working with ANERA to create skilled employees and to fill available jobs in information technology.



LARRY FORD

Primary health care, as well as emergency care for poor people, is being improved with the construction and renovation of rural health clinics.

Challenges: ANERA's 2001 Projects

In fiscal year 2001 (June 1, 2000 through May 31, 2001), ANERA gave development assistance and relief aid totaling \$10,737,584 to local institutions. These institutions provide economic and community development, education and health services, assistance to poor and indigent persons, and technical assistance and training to Palestinians, Lebanese, Jordanians and other people living in the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel and Egypt. The total funding amounts, listed below, include grants, loan guarantees, technical assistance and project oversight expenses, in-kind donations and shipping costs.

As in the past, 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 also enjoyed project partnerships with: ACDI-VOCA, American Jewish World Service, AmeriCares, CARE, Netherlands Development Cooperation Programme, the Episcopal Dioceses of Jerusalem and Connecticut, the Foundation for Middle East Peace, Islamic Relief, the Italian Association for Women and Development (AIDOS), Kinderen in de Knel (Children at Risk), Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation, National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce, the Order of St. John, U.S. OMEN (U.S. Organization for Medical and Educational Needs) and Welfare Association Consortium.

Until ANERA's work this year, many poor people had drinking water delivered and stored in tanks outside their homes in the Ein El-Sultan Camp near Jericho.



During this year ANERA provided:



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Grassroots Service, Urban Economic Projects & Social Services

Partial funding to local non-governmental organizations, municipalities and other institutions providing community, microcredit and environmental services. In the West Bank and Gaza, these projects are with the following villages, towns and organizations: AIDOS Rural Women's Credit Program, Al-Bureij, Aqraba (Osarin), Anabta Zakat Committee, Beit-Hasan, Culture and Free Thought Association, Doma Springs, Ein El-Sultan Refugee Camp, Gaza Agricultural Cooperative, Gaza Women's Loan Fund, Islamic Relief International, Islamic Waqf of Ramallah, various Jenin area villages, Jericho Agricultural Cooperative, Jericho Municipality, Jericho Water User's Association, Jureish, Khan Younis Municipality, Majdal Beni Fadel, New'imeh, Nuseirat, Osrin, Qabalan, Qarrara, Qaryout, Qusra, Talfeet, Yanoun and Zubeidat.

In Lebanon, there are projects with the René Moawad Foundation and the Association for the Development of Palestinian Camps and in Israel with the Center for Jewish Arab Economic Development. ANERA also supported the regional activities of Friends of the Earth Middle East.

\$2,604,209



Today refugee children at the school, and families living in the Ein El-Sultan Camp near Jericho, have piped, clean water.

Technical Assistance & Project Oversight

Provision of training and consultants as well as project development, implementation and evaluation. **\$791,519**

Total Community &

Economic Development

\$3,395,728



EDUCATION

Child Scholarships

Scholarships for orphaned, destitute and handicapped children at the following West Bank and Gaza institutions: Aftaluna Center for Deaf Children, Dar El-Tifl, Dar El-Yateem, Palestinian Women's Union and Rawdat El-Zuhur. In addition, ANERA provides scholarships for orphaned, destitute and handicapped children at Al-Kafaat Rehabilitation Institute in Lebanon and The Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Jordan.

\$87,427

Youth Programs, Schools & Universities

Partial funding for information technology, sports programs and equipment, musical instruments and instruction, school equipment and libraries. These projects in the West Bank and Gaza are with: Al-Bureij Boys School, Al-Najah University, Al-Quds University, Aftaluna Society for the Deaf Children, Birzeit University, Dar El-Tifl, Gaza Refugee Camp Educational Enhancement Centers, Jaloud Co-ed School, Jureish



The Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt, Jordan, joined ANERA's Scholarship Program this year and received general tuition assistance for its deaf and poor students.

Girls School, Maghazi Community Rehabilitation Society, National Conservatory of Music, Palestine Polytechnic Institute, Qaryout Girls School, Rawdat El-Zuhur, Rene Moawad Foundation, Talfit Boys School and Terra Sancta Club.

Additional projects were with Service de L'Enfant and Institute de Rééducation Audio-Phonétique in Lebanon and the Hijazi Tamara Education Fund in Israel. **\$616,107**

Technical Assistance & Project Oversight

Provision of training and consultants, including information technology, as well as project development, implementation and evaluation. **\$346,985**

Total Education \$1,050,519



HEALTH SERVICES

Clinics & Hospitals

Partial financial assistance to improve the delivery of health and rehabilitation services in the West Bank and Gaza. These projects are with: Abu Rayya Rehabilitation Center, Ahli Arabi Hospital in Gaza, Al-Ahli Hospital in Hebron, Anabta Red Crescent, Aqraba Mobile Clinic, Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation, Committee of the Greek Orthodox Community, Committee of the Roman Catholic Community, Council of the Arab Orthodox Church Committee,



A recipient of in-kind medical donations, the Ramallah Government Hospital provides a wide range of services, including critical care for infants.

Islamic Relief International, Palestine Red Crescent, Ramallah Government Hospital, Ramallah Trauma Center, Union of Health Care Committees, Union of Health Worker Committees, Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees in Gaza, Union of Palestinian Relief Committees and Wadi Al-Salqa. **\$318,876**

In-Kind Health Program

Provision of medicines, food supplements, supplies and equipment for the following hospitals, clinics and charitable societies in the West Bank and Gaza: Al-Amal Orphanage School, Al-Ihsan Benevolent Society, Al-Mohtasib Hospital (Hebron), Al-Mostaqbal Hospital, Al-Najda Women's Society, Al-Nasser Hospital, Al-Raze Hospital, Al-Sahel Cultural Center, Al-Salah Islamic Society, Al-Shifa Ophthalmic Center, Alyamamah Hospital, Antonian Charitable Society, Aqraba Zakat Committee Clinic, Arab Orphan Committee, Augusta Victoria Hospital, Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation, Cultural Revivalism Society, Dar Al-Awlad School, Early Childhood Day Care Center (Al-Buraij Camp), Early Childhood Day Care Center (Beach Camp), Forget Me Not Rehabilitation Center (Beit Hanoun), Forget Me Not Rehabilitation Center (Beit Lahia), Hebron Islamic Charitable Society, Islah Bir Nabala Charitable Society, Ittihad Hospital, Maghazi Community Rehabilitation Center, Makassed Islamic Charitable Hospital, The Mercy Society, Nablus Specialty Hospital, Nablus Zakat Committee



The conflict that began in 2000 continued throughout 2001 and caused enormous strain on the Palestinian health care system.

Clinic, Orphan Care Society, Palestinian Farmers' Society, Palestinian National Authority Ministry of Health, Palestinian Ophthalmic Society, Palestinian Red Crescent Society (Qalqilia), Palestinian Red Crescent Society (Tulkarem), Palestinian Society for Rehabilitation of the Handicapped, Palestinian Women's Social Work Committees (Beit Lahia), Palestinian Women's Social Work Committees (Sha'af), Palestinian Women's Union, Palestinian Young Women's Society, Patients Friends Society Abu Raya Rehabilitation Center, Patient Friends Society Al-Ahli Hospital (Hebron), Peace Centers for the Blind, Ramallah Government Hospital, Ramallah Trauma Center, Ramallah Zakat Committee, Scientific Medical Association, Sisters of Charity, Society for Pedagogical Growth, Society for the Public Service, St. Benedictos Medical Center, St. Johns Eye Center, St. Lukes Hospital, St. Johns Ophthalmic Hospital, Suba Charitable Society, The Sun Day Care Center for Handicapped Children, Terres de Homes, United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), Young Women's Moslem Association (Deir Balah) and Zakat Committee (Hebron).

In addition, medicines were donated to the Jordanian Red Crescent Society and the King Abdullah University Hospital in Jordan. **\$5,594,455**



The National Conservatory of Music in Ramallah provides both the physical space and musical expertise needed to foster young and promising musicians.

Technical Assistance & Project Oversight

Provision of training and consultants as well as project development, implementation and evaluation. **\$378,006**

Total Health Services \$6,291,337

OVERSEAS PROGRAM TOTAL \$10,737,584



PUBLIC EDUCATION

ANERA conducts modest activities to inform the public about the Middle East, the need for peace, the conditions of poor Palestinians, Lebanese and Jordanians, and the value of economic and social development. We publish a quarterly newsletter, speak at civic and educational events, maintain a website (www.anera.org), place public education notices and promote articles in print media, and comment on radio and television.

DOMESTIC PROGRAM TOTAL \$63,040

TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES \$10,800,624

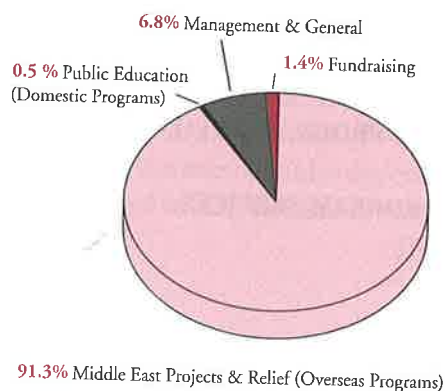
Financial Review

Dear ANERA Supporters,

I will begin with the most crucial information – your generous contributions allow us to conduct fantastic work benefiting hundreds of thousands of people. Thank you for both your involvement with and trust in ANERA.

We received support from more than 25,000 Americans and other individuals from around the world, small businesses, religious groups and over twenty private foundations and corporations. We received grants from governmental and multilateral institutions, including U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Netherlands Development Cooperation Programme and the United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Through membership in the International Service Agencies (ISA), ANERA participates in the Combined Federal Campaign and many state and local charity giving campaigns.

In fiscal year 2001 (June 1, 2000 – May 31, 2001), ANERA's total expenses of \$11,764,386 were distributed in the following manner:



In the emergency room at the Ramallah Government Hospital, doctors have access to supplies and medicines donated by ANERA.

This fiscal year we increased our total program budget by 71%. This outstanding financial performance is due to the generosity of our donors, the capability and capacity of our staff, and the quality of our projects and programs serving people in the Middle East.

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, BBB Wise Giving Alliance and the New York State Office of Charities Registration. ANERA is also a member of the American Council for Voluntary International Action (InterAction).

To ensure accountability and transparency to our supporters and beneficiaries, highlights of our audited financial statement are included in this report. A full copy of Lane & Company's independent auditor's report is available at www.anera.org or upon request to ANERA. As a registered 501(C)3 organization, contributions to ANERA are tax-deductible.

Sincerely,

Jane Schweiker

Jane W. Schweiker
Treasurer

Financial Reports

To the Board of Directors of American Near East Refugee Aid,

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) as of May 31, 2001 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of ANERA's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of ANERA's Jerusalem office, which reflect total assets of \$572,955 as of May 31, 2001 and total expenses of \$1,339,714 for the year then ended. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for ANERA's Jerusalem office, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the report of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of American Near East Refugee Aid as of May 31, 2001, and the results of its activities and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Lane + Company
Washington, D.C.
July 24, 2001

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION May 31, 2001

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,584,451
Grants receivable	108,360
Prepaid expenses and other assets	68,400
Total Current Assets	\$1,761,211

Furniture and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$39,433	24,248
Total Assets	\$ 1,785,459

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

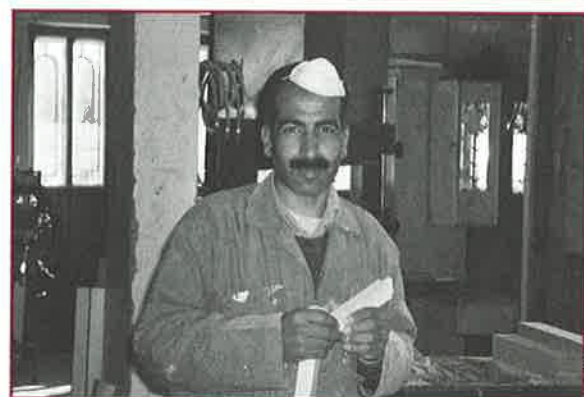
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 24,240
Accrued benefits	314,417
Other accrued expenses and liabilities	12,890
Grant commitments	90,863
Deferred revenue	287,497
Total Current Liabilities	729,907
Net Assets, Unrestricted	649,164
Net Assets, Temporarily Restricted	406,388
Total Net Assets	1,055,552
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 1,785,459

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended May 31, 2001

Changes in unrestricted net assets	
Revenues	
Donor contributions and other grants	\$ 1,125,683
In-kind contributions	\$5,594,455
Miscellaneous	43,613
Interest	46,239
Total unrestricted revenues	6,809,990
Net assets released from restrictions	
Satisfaction of program restrictions	5,676,271
Total unrestricted support	12,486,261
Expenses	
Program services	
Community and economic development	3,395,728
Education	1,050,519
Health services	6,291,337
Public education	63,040
Total Program Services	10,800,624
Supporting Services	
Fund-raising	161,469
Management and general	802,293
Total Supporting Services	963,762
Total Expenses	11,764,386
Change in unrestricted net assets	721,875
Change in temporarily restricted net assets	
United States Government grants	3,110,020
United Nations grants	924,454
Welfare Association grant	412,028
Other grants and contributions	827,212
Net assets released from restrictions	(5,676,271)
Change in temporarily restricted net assets	(402,557)
Change in net assets	319,318
Net assets, beginning of year	932,797
Prior period adjustment	(196,563)
Net assets, beginning of year, as restated	736,234
Net assets, end of year	\$ 1,055,552

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In addition to basic education, teachers at The Holy Land Institute for the Deaf also teach students vocational skills such as carpentry.

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
For the Year ended May 31, 2001

	PROGRAM SERVICES				SUPPORTING SERVICES				
	Overseas		Domestic		Total Program Services	Fund-raising	Management and General	Total Supporting Services	Total Expenses
	Community and Economic Development	Education	Health Services	Public Education					
Salaries	\$ 285,451	\$ 171,107	\$162,512	\$26,148	\$ 645,218	\$ 41,112	\$ 345,226	\$386,338	\$1,031,556
Payroll taxes	10,953	6,367	5,634	—	22,954	—	—	—	22,954
Fringe benefits	68,392	41,033	39,294	6,929	155,648	10,904	89,109	100,013	255,661
Total salaries and related	364,796	218,507	207,440	33,077	823,820	52,016	434,335	486,351	1,310,171
Professional and contract services	5,334	7,968	2,651	140	16,093	11,186	159,141	170,327	186,420
Occupancy	64,849	38,619	35,737	3,547	142,752	5,576	51,256	56,832	199,584
Office supplies & equipment	23,405	13,132	13,851	—	50,388	288	16,774	17,062	67,450
Telephone & telegraph	10,908	5,919	6,329	829	23,985	1,283	13,197	14,480	38,465
Postage & shipping	826	458	45,924	6,100	53,308	25,337	38,158	63,495	116,803
Printing	512	730	249	13,724	15,215	42,352	31,227	73,579	88,794
Lettershop	—	—	—	2,485	2,485	23,301	1,973	25,274	27,759
Travel	85,928	38,468	37,037	2,916	164,349	130	9,485	9,615	173,964
Conferences & meetings	8,893	5,025	2,161	—	16,079	—	26,530	26,530	42,609
Technical assistance	211,798	15,189	23,924	—	250,911	—	—	—	250,911
Grants	2,254,873	703,534	318,876	—	3,277,283	—	575	575	3,277,858
In-kind	—	—	5,594,455	—	5,594,455	—	—	—	5,594,455
Miscellaneous	14,270	2,970	2,703	222	20,165	—	10,889	10,889	31,054
Loan guarantee	349,336	—	—	—	349,336	—	—	—	349,336
Depreciation	—	—	—	—	—	—	8,753	8,753	8,753
Total expenses	\$3,395,728	\$1,050,519	\$6,291,337	\$63,040	\$10,800,624	\$ 161,469	\$ 802,293	\$963,762	\$11,764,386

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DOUG WAPPEL

Samira (left), a participant in the Gaza Women's Loan Fund, is regularly visited by program officers (right).



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*The Literacy Campaign for
Children provides basic
education for working
children, like these boys in
Tripoli, Lebanon.*

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