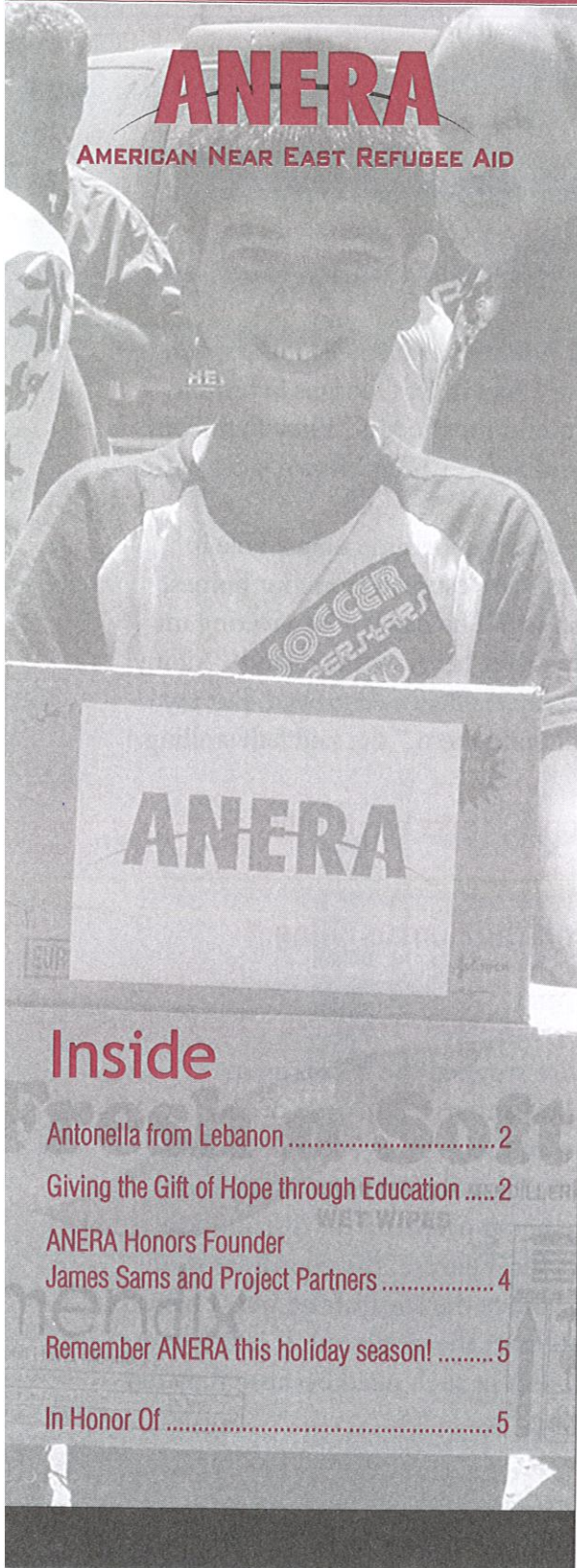


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ANERA's Continued Efforts Bring Essentials to Families in Lebanon

Joumana Rizk

The 34-day war in Lebanon displaced nearly 1 million civilians. Many found shelter and refuge in the homes of family and friends, churches, mosques and schools. ANERA's staff in Beirut acted quickly and with help from partner organizations we delivered essential items to thousands of people at the height of the crisis.

During the bombing, ANERA worked with long-time partner IRAP (Institut de Rééducation Audio-Phonétique) in the Metn area to distribute thousands of infant hygiene kits to children under three. What follows is a report from our staff writer in Beirut on the continued efforts to provide essential basics for these children.

Lebanon, August 2006—When I arrived at IRAP (Institut de Rééducation Audio-Phonétique) headquarters in the Metn area, 16 Km north of Beirut, infant hygiene

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packages were being prepared for schools where hundreds of displaced families from South Lebanon, Bekaa and Beirut's southern suburbs found temporary shelter from the horror of the 34-day war in Lebanon.

Janine, the president of IRAP, was making sure everything was going well and each family was receiving its package—an infant kit with milk, diapers, baby bath and shampoo. Throughout the bombing and with help from the municipality, IRAP kept ANERA updated on the number of families that had children under the age of three living in schools in the Metn area. ANERA then responded to help these families.

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Scholarship Program Profile: *Antonella from Lebanon*



Eight year old Antonella, a student at Al-Kafa'at Rehabilitation Institute in Lebanon, did more than work on classroom studies this year. She learned to walk!

With cerebral palsy and spastic paraparesis, Antonella has been confined to a wheelchair all her life. She's had multiple surgeries and intense physical therapy during her six years at Al-Kafa'at. This year her hard work and perseverance finally paid off. She took her first steps and traded in her wheelchair for a posterior walker.

An ANERA Scholarship Program student since 2004, Antonella must work on eating, talking and personal hygiene, but she remains full of joy and determination. The Al-Kafa'at staff sent this message: "Dear ANERA friends, thank you for helping us give Antonella faith in her abilities, and helping her overcome her disability."

Antonella is just one of more than 200 children in the Middle East, who receive financial assistance through ANERA's Scholarship Program. Gifts from individuals help cover the costs of tuition, books, school supplies, food and medical expenses for Palestinian, Jordanian and Lebanese students in seven schools. For more information about how you can help a child in the Scholarship Program, contact Nancy Nye, Scholarship Program Director, at 202-842-2766, ext. 20 or nnye@anera.org.

Giving the Gift of Hope through Education

Through years of conflict, social upheaval and economic distress a constant has remained with Palestinian, Jordanian and Lebanese families—a belief in the power of education. But for some families, particularly those with children who have physical disabilities, the special education required is just too expensive. Sadly, the conflicts of the region also have left behind many orphaned children for whom education is a luxury.

Thanks to ANERA Scholarship Program donors, more than 200 children—students ages 4-18 and all with special needs—are given the hope that comes through education.

The stories from Scholarship Program students are plentiful:

- ▶ Orphaned boys and girls receiving housing, food, medical care and education from Dar El-Tifl in Jerusalem and Dar El-Yateem in Tulkarem, West Bank.
- ▶ Destitute 4 and 5 year olds getting an educational head-start at Palestine Women's Union kindergartens in Rafah and Khan Younis, Gaza.
- ▶ Children with cerebral palsy and spina bifida learning to read and walk at Al Kafa'at Institute in Lebanon.
- ▶ Deaf children preparing for college or vocational training at Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt, Jordan and Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children in Gaza City.
- ▶ Children from the expanding poverty-stricken neighborhoods of Jerusalem getting a start in school including creative arts and multiple languages at Rawdat El Zuhur in Jerusalem.

Scholarship Program donors receive a picture and the story of the student receiving their assistance. Contributing to the education of a child always brings hope—not just to the student, but to the donor, as well.

Join the Scholarship Program today by making a contribution of \$15 a month or \$175 annually. For more details, contact Nancy Nye at nnye@anera.org.

Send us your email address! ANERA's e-newsletter *ANERA Today* introduces you to the people directly impacted by your support. If you would like to receive *ANERA Today* and other updates, please sign up online at [www. anera.org](http://www.anera.org), or fill in your name and email address in the box below and mail it to us in the enclosed envelope.

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They deserve Freedom from want

ANERA gives them Freedom to hope

By improving health care, education and stimulating job creation for families in the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon and Jordan, ANERA contributes to their freedom from want—an essential component to Peace in the Middle East. You can help support ANERA through your workplace giving program. CFC # 0307.

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ANERA's Continued Efforts in Lebanon

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“We tried to be as fast as possible in the distribution to reach children three years old and younger. The children couldn't wait,” Janine said.

“With ANERA's guidance,” added Janine, “we trained volunteers to raise awareness about breastfeeding, baby diseases and general health. The idea was not only to donate but also to educate the mothers.”

“I felt that my mission was more than packing and distributing,” said Suzanne, an educator at IRAP for 10 years who described the humanitarian side of the war. “Throughout the month, links were built and boundaries fell. People learned to look beyond issues and to focus on the human being.”

“And mothers surely appreciated the kits,” she comments. “They were really thankful.”

Pauline and Violette, mothers of Elio, 4 months, and Angie, 13 months, whom I met in St Georges School in Bikfaya, were indeed grateful for the kits. They fled from the villages of Rmeich and Safad El Batikh two weeks after the bombing started.

“After a few days, the situation became unbearable in the south,” recalls Violette. “We escaped from our homes, leaving everything behind us.” The day before meeting me at IRAP, she went back to check her house and land. “All my furniture was burned and my residence destroyed. But my husband, a carpenter, will build them,” she said half smiling.

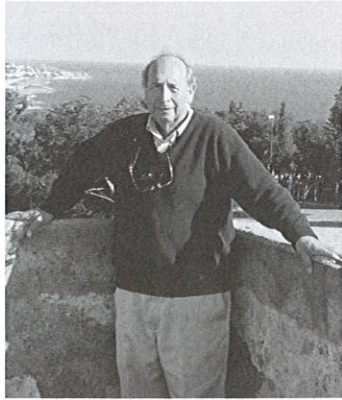
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Although the cease fire stopped the bombing in Lebanon, the need for humanitarian aid goes on as displaced families return to their damaged or destroyed homes. The distribution of hygiene kits continues and 2,000 additional kits are being prepared for distribution.

That's welcome news for Therese, the coordinator of the St Georges School. “Since the start of the war, I have been here to help and support the displaced. It is the first time in my life I see families in such need because they left their villages with nothing.”

ANERA Honors Founder James Sams and Project Partners



James F. Sams (1932-2005)
James F. Sams, who died on December 21, 2005, was a founder and long-time Board member of ANERA. We at

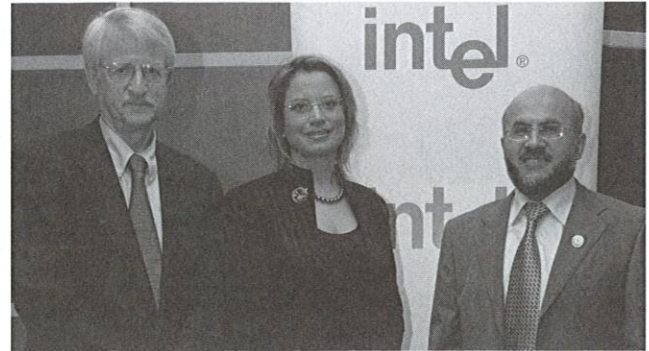
ANERA knew Jim as a great contributor to our mission of creating opportunity and hope in the Middle East. With the strong support of his wife Betty, and with his dedicated colleagues, Jim founded ANERA in 1967-1968. As ANERA began its operations, Jim served on the Board, helping to steer the young organization.

He also gave his time to other institutions devoted to peoples' welfare and intercultural understanding, especially with respect to the Middle East. Among these were: Grameen Foundation USA, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies of Georgetown University, Center for Global South Studies of American University, American Task Force for Lebanon, and the US Inter-Religious Committee for Peace in the Middle East.

Intel Corporation

In November 2005, the Intel Corporation and ANERA announced an agreement to build the Intel Information Technology Center of Excellence at the Islamic University of Gaza in Gaza City. The Intel IT Center of Excellence, the first of its kind in Gaza, will expand educational and employment opportunities, provide critical IT support for local businesses and organizations, and help stimulate the IT market in Palestine.

The services and training offered at the Intel IT Center of Excellence in Gaza will help provide critical building blocks in advancing



the adoption of technology in the Palestinian territories. In addition, the Center will offer new job opportunities for Palestinian women and help bridge the IT gender divide. The investment in the Center underscores Intel's long-term commitment to accelerate the development and adoption of technology, contribute to the improvement of the regional economy, and improve the lives of those living in the region.

Latter-day Saint Charities

Latter-day Saint Charities was established in 1996 to help children and families of all nationalities and religions by relieving suffering, helping people help themselves, and providing opportunities for service.

Since 2000 the West Bank and Gaza are two of many places around the world where Latter-day Saint Charities (LDS) has demonstrated its commitment to help others.

During the last two years LDS Charities has donated 29 containers that included personal hygiene items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste), school supplies (notebooks, markers, crayons, rulers), layettes for newborns, toys, blankets, and wheelchairs valued at \$2 million. Many of these items were packaged into kits assembled by LDS volunteers in the United States. These donations have benefited thousands of disadvantaged families in the West Bank and Gaza, including the children in ANERA's Milk for Preschoolers Program.

Remember ANERA this holiday season!

ANERA now offers a holiday gift program for donors like you to give the gift of giving to your family or loved ones this holiday season. Your gift will give people in the Middle East more opportunity and hope, improved health care, education and stimulation of job creation.

For each donation you send to ANERA as a gift, ANERA will send a pre-printed card to your gift recipient informing them that ANERA receives a donation from you on their behalf, without indicating the amount. We also will send you a receipt for your tax-deductible donation.

Your gift of.....

- ▶ \$11 provides milk and biscuits to a preschool age child in Gaza for one month.
- ▶ \$50 purchases three hygiene kits with baby formula, diapers, sanitary wipes, soap, and shampoo.
- ▶ \$100 provides fortified milk and biscuits to one preschooler in Gaza for an academic year—proven to reduce malnutrition and anemia in children.
- ▶ \$175 covers school fees, food, housing and medical needs for a poor or special-needs child at a participating scholarship school or orphanage.
- ▶ \$250 provides expert business advice and support for two micro-loan recipients.
- ▶ \$700 helps cover the cost of distributing essential medical supplies.

Multiply your gift!

Join ANERA's Monthly Giving Program and distribute your gift throughout the year. You can honor your loved one each time your donation is received. For more information on the Monthly Giving Program, please contact Mary Kate Chaath, Director of Donor Development, at mkchaath@anera.org.

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