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Save Lives, Educate the Underserved, Help Orphans and Empower Women

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The President's Message

Development and Relief Foundation is joyously celebrating its 20th anniversary in less than a month from now. Throughout these two decades, the organization has confronted and overcome numerous challenges, obstacles, and difficulties, achieving remarkable milestones. DRF has not only accomplished great feats but has also fostered communities, fulfilled the aspirations of many, and brought lasting positive changes to the lives of thousands of individuals. These achievements have been made possible by your unwavering support and generous contributions. In light of this significant milestone, DRF's Board of Directors has taken a momentous step by expanding the organization's services to regions around the world whenever humanitarian and development assistance is required, as resources allow. Presently, DRF is extending a helping hand to Morocco to aid earthquake victims and to Libya to assist those affected by floods. I humbly request your benevolent contributions to join hands with us in alleviating the suffering of devastated families. You can make your donations conveniently at Drfcharity.org under the headings "Morocco Earthquake Relief" and "Libya Flood Relief"

Additionally, I am pleased to announce that DRF's new office in Northern Virginia is now operational, conveniently located just 20 minutes from the nation's capital at 8230 Boone Blvd, Unit 370, Vienna, VA 22182. We warmly invite you to visit us whenever you are in the vicinity.

Sincerely,
Sayed Ali Ghazvini

DRF is Committed to the SDGs



As an accredited member of the Consultative Status with the Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC), DRF is steadfast in its commitment to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established by the United Nations in September 2015. The 17 SDGs, as outlined at sdgs.UN.org/goals, are intended to be achieved by 2030.

Their overarching aim is to guide the world towards a transformative path of sustainable development that encompasses all individuals and the environment, leaving no one behind in matters related to education, healthcare, economic empowerment, and social justice.



DRF takes great pride in its dedicated efforts to contribute to the realization of these momentous goals. Last September, DRF had the privilege of participating in the UN SDGs Summit, which was designed to invigorate renewed initiatives aimed at expediting progress on the SDGs and providing an updated roadmap for the journey ahead. Policymakers, representatives from global NGOs, and other advocates convened at the UN headquarters in New York to engage in discussions about the progress made on the SDGs, address the challenges encountered, and ensure that these vital objectives are met by 2030.



DRF has been selected as one of the 2023 top rated non-profit organizations in its area.



DRF Awarded GuideStar Platinum Award Transparency Award for 5 Years in a Row



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850 Students Return to Their Classes at DRF Schools

As the new academic year commences in early October in Iraq, we are delighted to share that over 850 students are returning to their classrooms at DRF's schools.

DRF proudly supports four educational institutions in Iraq, catering to students ranging from pre-K to grade 12. Notably, 90 percent of these students are either orphans. Come from low-income families.

For orphan students, DRF extends a helping hand by providing a comprehensive array of services entirely free of charge. These services encompass transportation, healthcare coverage, daily hot meals, uniforms, and monthly financial aid.

Your support can make a significant impact on the education of an orphaned student at any stage of their academic journey. By contributing to any of DRF's educational projects, you directly influence positive change in these young lives.

Your generosity truly changes lives.



Doctor Adib from India performs a successful knee replacement operation



A medical team at Imam al-Hajjah Hospital successfully performed a complete replacement of the left knee of a 63-year-old patient who was complaining of joint pain.

The knee and pelvic replacement specialist, consultant orthopedic surgeon, and modern methods Traumatologist, Dr. Murtaza Adib, from India performed the operation at Imam Al-Hajjah Hospital with the participation of an Iraqi medical team.

"The patient suffered from chronic rheumatism and her leg was swollen," Dr. Adib said.

"The process of reaching the bone was difficult because of rheumatism, and we were very careful so that the operation could be completed successfully and without any problems," he added.

He mentioned: "In the operation, we adopted half anesthesia through specialist Dr. Abdul Amir Al-Nouri," and doctor Dr. Abbas al-Taie," he said.

He concluded by saying: "The operation was successful, and the patient's condition is stable."

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A Story of Unimaginable Loss

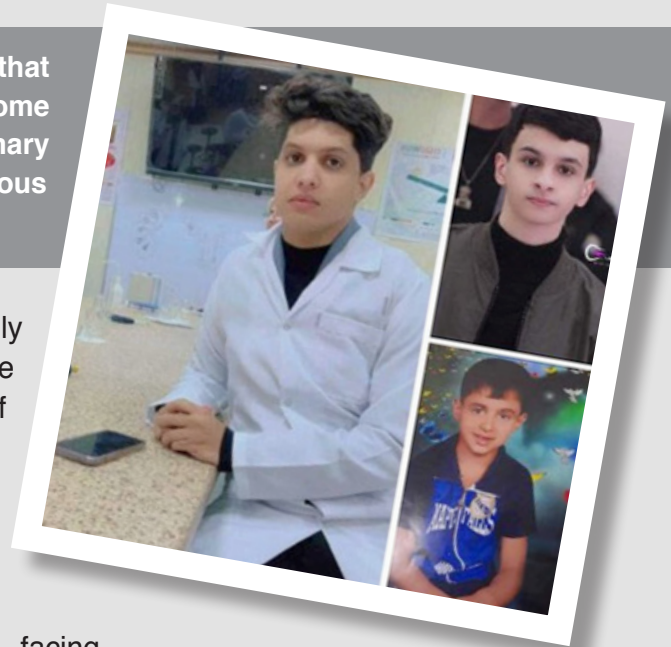
There are stories that tug at our hearts, narratives that redefine resilience, and people who become the epitome of hope. Today, we'd like to share one such extraordinary tale — the story of Zahra Kamel Turk and her courageous journey through what she calls "The Bitter Death."

Zahra lost her husband, siblings, and multiple family members in one day. With fourteen orphans and three pregnant women under her care, she fled from the terror of some neighborhoods in Baghdad to the safety of Karbala in 2006. As if the emotional toll weren't heavy enough, Zahra also contends with diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart failure.

«We arrived in Karbala with no provider except for God, facing numerous tragic events. The scarcity of food left us prone to fainting spells and even hospitalization due to malnutrition.»

Amidst these trying circumstances, the Development and Relief Foundation stepped in. The organization took care of their food, clothing, medical expenses, and even provided employment opportunities. Today, thanks to the foundation, Zahra's family is not only surviving but thriving.

«I am delighted to share that Manar, the eldest orphan at the time of the tragic incident, is now a graduate student. My nephew Saleh Mahdi has been accepted to study General Medicine, and Hanin has successfully graduated



Stand with Zahra: Be the Spark of 14 Futures

Your Can Make a Difference

Donate Generously:

Every dollar counts when it comes to transforming lives.

Share Zahra's Story:

Use the power of social media to share this story and encourage more people to donate.

Are you passionate about helping orphans, widows, victims of war & violence, then DRF just might be the place for you to volunteer or work as an intern. For more details, please email us: drfcharity@gmail.com or call us at (202)590-3000



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DRF is excited to announce opening
a chapter in the city of Basra in Iraq
You may sponsor any of the orphans below or
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Batoul khairallah
15 years old



Baraa Abbas
7 years old



Jarah Amar
9 years old



Zaynab Eid
17 years old



Naba Laith
11 years old



Mohsen Alla
5 years old



Abbas befnan
7 years old



Thaif Abbas
10 years old

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DRF asks all of the donors who send direct payment from the bank
to our office in Fresno CA, to please direct your bank checks to our
new office in Virginia:

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