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News from Imam Al-Hujjah Hospital

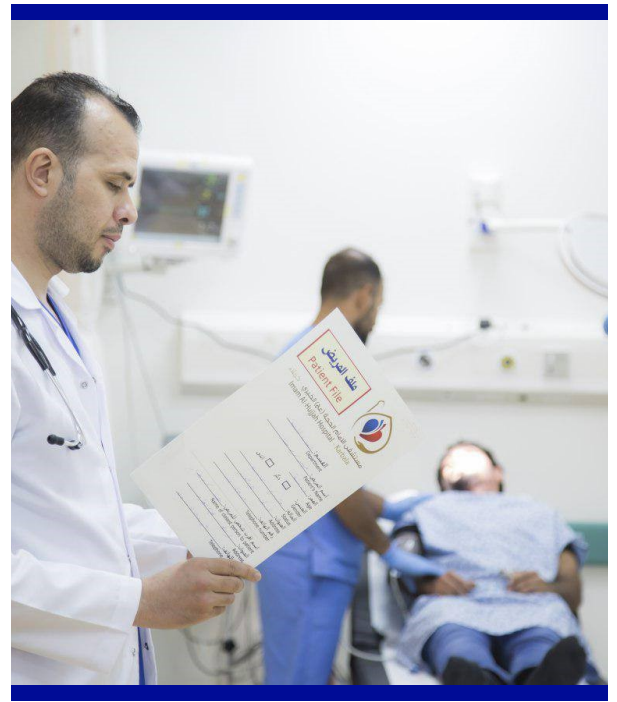
DRF is proud to finally announce that the long anticipated Imam Al-Hujjah Hospital launched its first phase of operations on May 23rd, 2017. DRF focused on making sure four crucial parts of the hospital are fully functional before the grand opening in December of 2017. This included the urgent care general clinic, the fully equipped state-of-the-art Radiology department, the diagnostic laboratory, and the pharmacy. Shortly following the initial establishment of these four major departments, specialty outpatient clinics for Ophthalmology, Pediatrics, Obstetrics, and Gynecology began medical operations as well. Within these four months the hospital has serviced over 15,000 patients, a number that is quickly growing. Residents in Karbala and its neighboring provinces are flocking to the hospital due to the high quality of medical care and economically friendly rates. Imam Al-Hujjah (a) Hospital is one of the only facilities in the region that is truly concerned with providing internationally recognized high quality medical care for its patients. Putting patients at the center of our care is our number one priority. Changing the medical culture of Iraq as a whole, and instilling values in which favor the dignity and integrity of patients are our second priority at IHH. Over two hours per day are designated to serve less fortunate patients free of any costs. Imam al-Hujjah (a) Hospital will create between 600-900 job opportunities upon full functionality. On December 14th DRF will proudly commence the grand opening of IHH. The Cardiovascular catheterization unit, maternity department, and general surgery department are all set to be inaugurated into the hospital by then as well. DRF would like to kindly thank all our precious donors, your unwavering support was the backbone to the establishment of Imam Al-Hujjah (a) Hospital. IHH is seeking healthcare professionals to volunteer and serve for at least two weeks in Karbala, Iraq. All those interested, please contact us at drfcharity@gmail.com.



Message From DRF President

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that the Grand Opening of Imam Al-Hujjah Hospital will be in December 2017. After over a decade of strenuous activity and diligent work, DRF is proud to announce that IHH has been providing top quality healthcare to patients since May 2017. IHH treats an average of 150 patients a day in its outpatient clinics. This number is expected to increase to 300 patients a day within three-six months. As one of the most advanced and specialized hospitals in all of Iraq, IHH will focus on providing the best care and healing to all its patients regardless of their monetary situation. I would also like to personally invite you to attend the grand opening in Karbala on December 2017. Please note that space is limited, RSVP is requested by 11-1-17

-Seyed Ali



New Beginnings

DRF has opened a new chapter in the holy city of Najaf, Iraq. This extends DRF's support to over 200 new families. Each family receives an average of \$50 a month, and some families qualify for more monetary aid if needed. The Development and Relief Foundation also provides these families with in-kind aid such as refrigerators, portable stoves, swamp coolers, blankets and heaters in the winter, and much more. With your kind and generous contributions, DRF hopes to branch out into more Iraqi provinces that are in dire need of relief aid.

Help Make a Difference

Orphan Sponsorship	\$50/month or \$600/year
Orphan Eid Gift	\$30
Food Package	\$25
Iftar Meal	\$5/person
Elevators for Al Salihat Girls Academy	\$33,000; \$40,000
Patient room at Karbala Hospital named in your honor or the honor of a loved one	\$35,000 Single Room \$45,000 Double Room



DRF is now a Gold Participant with GuideStar Exchange, a non-profit dedicated to transparency and networking.



Back to School

DRF schools officially started their first day of courses on September 16, 2017. Over 650 male and female students grades 1-12 have began their 2017-2018 academic year. Al-Salihah Academy for Advanced Young Women (see photo below) is one of three schools established by DRF. Ninety five percent of students enrolled in DRF's campuses are orphans. In the previous 2016-2017 school year, ASA's graduates were accepted at advanced institutions for trades such as pharmacy, engineering, and dentistry.

Imam Al-Sadiq Elementary schools for boys and girls, respectively, had a 100% pass rate during the last year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our generous donors for making it possible for orphan students to attain success through higher learning. Your contributions have enabled children with no opportunities to pursue their goals and dreams.



OBGYN Clinic Opens

During August of 2017, DRF proudly inaugurated its OBGYN clinic at Imam al-Hujjah Hospital. The OBGYN clinic will focus on providing women healthcare that they desperately require. The OBGYN clinic also specializes in maternity care. This clinic will serve many purposes, ranging from pre-pregnancy consultations, to deliveries. It is essential for DRF to provide the backbone of the community with the care and love they truly deserve. Protecting women's dignity and integrity has been a pivotal part of DRF's goals, and DRF will continue to do so through this clinic.

Preparing For Winter

Over 70 low income families in Karbala and Najaf have received home appliances and in-kind assistance during September 2017 which coincided with the first week of Muharram. These appliances included refrigerators, heaters, and stoves. Thanks to grants provided by the Sepaus Foundation, DRF has been providing in-kind assistance for widows, displaced families, and low income families twice a year, for the past 7 years. The majority of in-kind distributions sponsored by the Sepaus Foundation take place prior to or during the holy months of Ramadan and Muharram.



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