



PALESTINIAN AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The Palestinian American Medical Association, (PAMA) is an innovative, humanitarian, nonprofit, and nonpolitical organization dedicated to promoting the educational achievements and expertise of Palestinian health care professionals with the goal of promoting health care in Gaza and the West Bank.

PAMA was founded in 2013 by a group of Palestinian physicians to address the devastating lack of adequate health care for Palestinians living in Gaza and the West Bank. Former classmates from Al-Quds medical school, Dr. Majdi Hamarshi and Dr. Yousef Khelfa supported medical missions in the West Bank and Gaza through donations, hoping to relieve some of the suffering due to lack of available, accessible treatment. One conversation sparked the idea to organize their efforts and create an opportunity for comprehensive, sustainable



healthcare access to grow in Gaza and the West Bank.

They brought the idea of organizing their individual efforts to an Al-Quds medical school reunion in Dearborn, Michigan and it was instantly embraced by their friends. Dr. Khalil Katato, Dr. Sa'ed Sleimieh, Dr. Ahmad Daraghmeh, Dr. Nezam Altorok, Dr. Basel Abusneineh, Dr. Mustafa Musleh, and Dr. Muaiad Kittaneh jumped on board and PAMA was born.



“Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and inhuman.”-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

MEDICAL MISSIONS



Medical missions are essential to the wellbeing of Palestinians. PAMA has identified two areas of focus for its medical missions; corneal transplants and congenital anomalies. PAMA has restored vision to 35 people through collaborations with local NGOs and US tissue banks to provide the resources for corneal transplants to qualifying candidates. The Congenital Anomalies Project has provided 20 corrective surgeries for children suffering with rare but operable irregularities that would become exacerbated over time and lead to future complications.

EDUCATION



The medical community in the West Bank and Gaza has limited access to scholarships & professional development. PAMA's scholarship fund program, physician subspecialty training program, teleconference educational program and US training program for graduates supports medical education by providing opportunities for medical students to receive a comprehensive medical education. All students who participate in and benefit from PAMA's educational programs must fulfill a commitment to practice in Gaza or the West Bank and participate in establishing training programs for Palestinian medical school graduates.

PAMA YOUTH



John F. Kennedy once said, *“Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.”* Over half of the population in Gaza are children. They deal with the loss and uncertainty the conflict brings with little to no resources to help them with the psychological effects. Many do not even have basic resources like food and shelter. The PAMA Youth project reaches out to those children to help meet their basic needs and offers psycho/social support to guide them through their emotional suffering.



Since 2015 PAMA has raised over \$ 1.2 million, that were and are being directed to fund 320 scholarships, 60 teleconference lectures, 4 subspecialty fellowships, 150 surgeries for children with congenital anomalies, 89 corneal transplants to Gaza area patients, and rehabbing 270 Gaza children who are psychologically impacted by loss, poverty and violence. PAMA also funded \$25k for The Augusta Victoria Hospital Cancer Radiation Center in East Jerusalem, & \$388 k to purchase equipment and supplies for Gaza area hospitals. PAMA's swift impact is due in part to its roots in Palestine. The majority of our accomplishments are made possible by the unwavering support of our generous donors.

PAMA is a 501c3 charitable organization that aims to promote healthcare in Gaza & the West Bank.

Contact PAMA at: P.O. Box 2955 ♦ Olathe, KS ♦ 66063

Website ♦ palestinian-ama.org ♦ email ♦ pamapalestinian@gmail.org

telephone ♦ (708) 945-4868