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## PRESS RELEASE

### Push to bring Hamilton & Brantford Community support to Syrian Refugees in Jordan

**Wednesday, June 5, 2013, Hamilton, Ontario:** The Help4Syria.ca Project is a non-denominational, grassroots project launched by a group of concerned Canadians to personally purchase and deliver much needed relief supplies to the Syrian people suffering in the camps in Jordan, on behalf of southern Ontario communities. On June 15, 2013, five Canadians from Hamilton and Brantford will travel on a humanitarian relief mission to the Zaatari Syrian Refugee camp in Mafraq, northern Jordan. Traveling at their own expense, the team will also include two Hamilton-area students aged 17 and 15.

Ontario legislative assembly speaker, and Liberal MPP Dave Levac will speak before Friday prayers at the Hamilton Mountain Mosque, June 7, 2013 at 1:15pm (1545 Stone Church Road East, Hamilton) to officially launch the project and to emphasize the gravity of the Syrian refugee crisis.

“Our team will leave from Toronto next Saturday,” says Ancaster resident Dr. Raza Khan, Project Team Leader. “We want to help 1,000 Syrian families in Jordan. We will take whatever we raise at our fundraiser on Sunday and take it to them next week on behalf of Hamilton and Brantford communities.”

According to the UNHCR, children 17 years of age and younger comprise nearly 60% of the 1.6 million Syrian refugees. It is this most vulnerable group this project hopes to benefit. Dundas and Brantford area dentists have donated 1,000 toothbrushes and 60 lbs of toothpaste that will also be distributed by the team. A Hamilton sports supply company has donated 20 soccer balls for distribution as well. A medical clinic will also be conducted on the days of the project with medicines provided by Quebec-based HPI Canada, in addition to distribution of more than \$100,000 worth of humanitarian aid assisted by the team.

U.K.-based Islamic Relief - an internationally acclaimed professional NGO - will facilitate the project through their CCRA-registered Canadian office in Burlington, Ontario. A major fundraiser and information event will be held at the Hamilton Mountain Mosque, 1545 Stone Church Road East, Hamilton on Sunday, June 9, 2013 at 1:45pm. People of all faiths are welcome to attend.

For more information on this project, please contact Dr. Raza Khan, Project Team leader at 905-975-3781 or [info@help4syria.ca](mailto:info@help4syria.ca).

**ABOUT THE HELP4SYRIA.CA PROJECT:** The Help4Syria.ca Project is a non-denominational, grassroots project launched by a group of concerned Canadians to personally purchase and deliver much needed relief supplies to the Syrian people suffering in the camps in Jordan, on behalf of southern Ontario communities. For more information, please visit: [www.help4syria.ca](http://www.help4syria.ca).

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