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PRESS RELEASE

Canadians Helping Syrian Refugees in Jordan

Wednesday, May 15, 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.

To avoid duplication of efforts, non-food items will be purchased and distributed by the team such as camp stoves, blankets, shoes, and hygiene items (final list will be announced at a later date). According to the UNHCR, children 17 years of age and younger comprise over 50.8% of the total Syrian refugees, and women, comprise over 49.6%. It is these two most vulnerable groups this project hopes to benefit. As a medical doctor will be part of the team, clinical education to mothers with infants in the prevention, and treatment of malnutrition and infectious diarrhea, and basic first aid will also be conducted.

“It’s just too easy to just give a toonie, or write a cheque to a charity,” says Dr. Raza Khan, Project Team Leader. “We plan to take our community’s support and hand deliver it to these suffering people.”

A fundraising target has been set at \$100,000. 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.

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

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