



Palestinian Children & Youth Institution
Nahr al Bared
Lebanon

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Dear Belgium Group, Muslim Scout & Intal

It is with great pleasure that we are writing this letter, something to express our gratitude and appreciation for first working hard to raise funds to come to Nahr al Bared and then most importantly for coming to Nahr al Bared and working even harder for the people of the camp.

The building of Al Shifa and the painted walls are a constant reminder of your hard work and dedication, of your standing in the sun, lifting and clearing rubble, cementing, mixing paint, and sanding walls. These will stay in the camp for many years to come, along with your presence, which is in everything that you did, including all your efforts and hard work.

The work that you did; building the medical clinic; will help more than 200 people a month, but the sustainability of the project does not depend on just those 200, but for the coming months when an entire population of 11,000 people who will use the clinic and its facilities. And for this reason, the work you did at the clinic was very important and can never be forgotten.

Your hard work, dedication and creativity will also remain on the walls of Sector B, where no matter how many people move to the camp, or how much it is rebuilt, Sector B will remain the first community to return to the camp with its bright walls and Karmel Scout & Muslim Scout hand in hand, and for this we thank you.

And finally, the families of Nahr al Bared are beyond words in seeing Belgium students come to what seems to be a forgotten camp, to build, renovate, offer them a small gift of relief items, and most importantly listen to their stories. You all have become witnesses to their testimonies of exile and return and have given a voiceless people a voice so that they may be heard all over the world.

You have heard testimonies of families leaving their homes, which they have spent 60 years rebuilding, but you have also yourselves become witnesses of the returning of these families and the beginning of the rebuilding of the camp of Nahr al Bared and we thank you for being a part of that.



So finally, on behalf of the Palestinian Youth Organization, Palestinian Children & Youth Institute, and the community of the Nahr al Bared we want to thank the people who have donated to Nahr al Bared and worked to raise money for the summer camp. While you may not have come to Nahr al Bared and built anything, you helped make the reconstruction happen with your efforts of fundraising. We then want to thank the group who came to Nahr al Bared, exchanged their summers at the beach to come to a refugee camp to help; Jo, Heider, Karen, Evy, Inge, Jutta, Mathias, and Maha; and from the Muslim Scout, Wahiba and Zaki; to International Action for Liberation; and finally a thank you to last, but certainly not least to the woman who made all this possible by selling tons of pies, sitting at stands, working late hours, our one and only Ann, we thank you very very much.

Sincerely,

**Palestinian Youth Organization
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People of Nahr al Bared**