

BECOMING A SPONSOR

Reach out to a Palestinian child

1. Visit our website and find out more about our program: www.cpfq.org/child
2. Choose the child you would like to sponsor based on the brief case histories provided on our website.
3. Complete the Sponsor Form (available online) including your payment choice.
4. Mail in your signed form and payment.
5. We'll contact you to confirm your sponsorship.

THE SPONSORSHIP EXPERIENCE

What to expect

- ❖ **A profile of your child:** Each sponsor receives a child profile containing contact information, medical information and the child's photograph (if available).
- ❖ **Updates:** CSP partner NGOs do their best to provide updates to sponsors about their child's situation.
- ❖ **Communicating with your child:** Emotional support is at the heart of our program. Sponsors are encouraged to connect with their children by sending them letters through our NGO partners.
They in turn, will send any letters and cards from sponsored children and their families to us for distribution. Their precious correspondence is their special way to thank sponsors for their generosity and for sending them a much needed message of hope.

ABOUT THE CPFQ



Proudly serving our community since 1989, the Canadian Palestinian Foundation of Quebec is a non partisan charitable organization.

Through its activities and projects, CPFQ's mission is to strengthen the community by encouraging its members to take an active role in all aspects of Québec and Canadian society.

The CPFQ fosters mutual understanding and facilitates the exchange of information about Palestinian culture, history and the Arabic language with our fellow citizens.

With a profound belief in the rule of law, we advocate for the human rights of Palestinian people everywhere.

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Why our children need your help

Under occupation, state-violence, and severely lacking financial, medical, and educational resources, many thousands of Palestinian children continue to live in desperate conditions.

The numbers are staggering: according to a July 2007 report entitled, *"Poverty in the occupied Palestinian territory"*, published by the UN Development Programme, **70% of households in the Gaza Strip and 56% of West Bank households live below the poverty line**. The poverty line is established as a monthly income of US \$501.20 per month for a family of two adults and four children (US \$2.78 per person, per day).

42% of households in the Gaza Strip live in extreme poverty (when the same household lives on US \$250.60 per month or less - US \$1.38 per person, per day or less).

Since the Canadian Palestinian Foundation of Quebec (CPFQ) established the Child Sponsorship Program in 1999, generous North Americans and Europeans have continued to provide desperately needed financial assistance...and hope, to poor Palestinian children and their families living in the Palestinian West Bank and Gaza.

Sponsoring a Palestinian child has never been more urgent.

** www.undp.ps/en/newsroom/publications/pdf/other/dtpov.pdf*

THE CONTRIBUTION

How it works

By joining our program, each sponsor directly aids a Palestinian child in need. Financial contributions benefit children who are poor, orphaned, disabled, or requiring medical care, by directly improving their standard of living.

Sponsorship pledge: Sponsors contribute a minimum of CAD \$70/month¹.

Sponsorship period: We require a one-year commitment. Sponsorships automatically renew at the end of each year, unless the CSP is notified in writing.

Payment method: Contributions can be paid annually, semi-annually, quarterly or monthly by cheque or by credit card².

Wire transfers: To minimize collection costs and bank fees, sponsorship donations are wire transferred in bulk to each partner NGO which in turn distributes the amounts to the guardians of the sponsored children.

Transfer costs: The CSP covers all transfer costs, insuring that children receive 100% of the amount donated by their sponsors.

¹ *The cost of living in the Occupied Territories is much higher than other sponsored areas of the world such as Africa and South-East Asia.*

² *Should this option be chosen, a credit card fee is added to the pledged amount.*

PALESTINIAN NGO PARTNERS

Who we work with

Our three NGO partners recommend children from their respective areas:

- ❖ **AL-BIREH:** Society of In'ash El-Usra
- ❖ **BETHLEHEM:** Palestinian Union of Social Workers and Psychologists
- ❖ **GAZA:** Palestinian Red Crescent Society for Gaza Strip
- ❖ **NABLUS:** Community Service Center



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GENERAL DONATIONS

We need your help

General donations allow our program to:

- temporarily fill in for any discontinued sponsorship until a new sponsor is found;
- improve the program's outreach in the West Bank and Gaza;
- pay for office supplies, postage stamps, printing costs, website maintenance, long distance telephone charges; etc.
- cover banking and transfer fees.

Tax-deductible receipts are issued for all received sponsorship contributions and donations.