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BASMA on the Face of Syrian Children (and their parents too)



Established in 2006, BASMA is one of Syria's newest operational NGOs. It has already expanded its work and expects its growth to continue. BASMA's mission is to help severely-ill children (with cancer) whom parents cannot afford their treatment! It works closely with St Jude Hospital in Beirut and Amman to provide the needed care and treatment. An opportunity for the Syrian community in US to show their support for such a noble cause will take place on April 19 at a fundraising black-tie gala at Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Washington D.C. The event is receiving overwhelming support and encouragement, and expected to be a major gathering for the Syrian community in U.S. It would be great for the Syrian community in Michigan to show its affluence and generosity, and to have a major presence and contribution in the event. Donation to the event is tax deductible. For tickets and more information please call Lina Kawakibi at 202-939-0284.

National Day of Syria



It became almost customary for the Honorary Consul General of Syria in Detroit to celebrate the National Day of Syria (April 17th) by a reception to the Syrian community and its friends in Detroit. However, with the BASMA gala (read article above) this year coinciding in the same weekend, it has been decided, in consultation with the embassy, to save and direct all effort and energy toward one national Syrian celebration at BASMA's gala in Washington D.C.

Addressing the Iraqi Refugee Crisis in Syria



This month, Mercy Corps will begin work to address the Iraqi refugee crisis in Syria. They will be the first American global relief and development agency to receive permission from the Syrian government to open an office inside the country since the crisis began. To read more please click [here](#).

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