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Dear friend,

I am writing to inform you of the work that is being undertaken by the Middle East Cultural Association, to assist the people of the Baqa'a Refugee Camp in Jordan, which is home to an estimated 120,000 refugees.

Baqa'a Refugee Camp was first established in 1968, as a direct response to the displaced people, who were forced to flee from Palestine as a result of the 1967 Arab-Israeli six-day war. Baqa'a is the largest of the Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan and sits about 20km north of Amman.

In the summer of 2004, the Middle East Cultural Association had the pleasure of visiting the Baqa'a Refugee Camp for the first time and in May/June 2005, we returned to Baqa'a camp and took with us a camera crew to start filming *Here's Tomorrow*, part one of an on-going documentary project, which focuses up on the human experiences that are faced by the people within the camp.

Here's Tomorrow was launched in January 2006 and covers the environmental changes that have taken place within Baqa'a and through direct interviews with doctors, young people, women and an exclusive interview with the vice-president of the camps football club, we have been able to capture the hopes, hurts and aspirations of a people who are determined to survive.

Other work that we have undertaken includes the *Windows into Baqa'a* Exhibition, which was launched in Manchester in August 2005 and includes a series of sepia coloured photographic prints, which depict a variety of social, sporting and local scenes from inside of the refugee camp.

At present we are now working towards our return to the refugee camp and are planning to stay in Baqa'a for two weeks in April. This year's delegation will include filming on the second part of *Here's Tomorrow*, along with providing practical support and some play equipment, which has been donated by UNISON and will be given to a school for orphans, which is run by the camps football club.

We are writing to you, with an appeal to help us further our work and we are asking if you would kindly consider giving us a donation, towards our next delegation.

Your donation would enable us to work with teachers and play workers, to identify and purchase some educational equipment that they feel is necessary, to help prevent young people and children, from falling into the trap of social and educational isolation.

Those individuals and groups, who are able to provide a donation, will receive a copy of a financial report, along with pictures from the delegation on our return from the camp.

If you have any questions or would like more information, then please contact us on 07946 783 801, or make cheques payable to the Middle East Cultural Association and return them to MECA, PO Box 202, Manchester, M21 7WD.

Yours faithfully,

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