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Healing Across the Divides
Peacebuilding Through Health for Palestinians and Israelis since 2004

Celebrating 15 years!
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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Speaking recently with my Palestinian friend and colleague living in Ramallah, Heidar Abu Ghosh, it seemed only yesterday that he and I had worked together in the West Bank village of Biddu, but it was in fact 1996. As a physician, I saw patients once a week during my four-month stay in the region. It was Heidar and others who at that time prompted me to try to connect health improvement at the community level with bottom-up political change that might somehow engage with the divides between Israelis and Palestinians. In 2004, this idea grew into an organization, Healing Across the Divides (HATD). We started by supporting two groups – a diabetes intervention program for Palestinians in collaboration with the Palestine Medical Relief Society and a health awareness program for Russian immigrants in Beersheva, Israel, in collaboration with Physicians for Human Rights Israel.

Beginning with those first two grant recipients we grew and have now worked with almost FIFTY grantees. We have funded initiatives by community-based organizations ranging from grandmothers working to decrease childhood domestic accidents to health workers going from door to door encouraging women to undergo mammography, to many other interventions. Five years ago we started, thanks to the inspiration and hard work of Sara Weinberger, a volunteer, an annual study tour enabling us to share with Americans the sobering yet hopeful daily work of HATD staff and grantees.

In 2019 we funded a new initiative with Diabetes Palestine for youth with Type 1 diabetes. This is our first initiative in the Gaza Strip. In 2019 we also funded new initiatives working with African refugee asylum seekers in Jerusalem and a drama therapy group in the West Bank. Finally, in 2019 we continued with several ongoing initiatives including a women’s chronic disease Initiative in Nablus in the West Bank and an intervention to decrease domestic abuse against women in southern Israel. Despite the challenges at a macro political level, HATD remains true to its mission of measurably improving the lives of marginalized Israelis and Palestinians. While a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict seems further away than ever, over the past 15 years, Healing Across the Divides’ funding and technical advice has led to empowering and improving the health and wellbeing of more than 200,000 individuals.

All of us at HATD work to improve the effectiveness and impact of the community groups we fund. It is these groups and, in particular, their leaders, on whom I pin my hopes that this conflict will one day be resolved. We’ve done all this work with amazing HATD representatives on the ground in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza with our dedicated support staff and board of directors, and most importantly with you, our donors.

By partnering with you, our supporters, we’ve accomplished so much in our short fifteen years of existence. And yes, with luck and perseverance, we will continue our work in this challenging part of the world.

With gratitude for all your help,
Norbert Goldfield, M.D.

HATD Founder and Executive Director

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Photographs on this page and opposite courtesy of Jonathan Grone, M.D.

Norbert Goldfield, M.D. (second from right) in Jerusalem with representatives of HATD grantee, Family Defense Society.
Celebrating 15 years...and counting!

Since its founding in 2004, Healing Across the Divides has been at the forefront of efforts to improve health for marginalized communities in Israel, the West Bank and most recently, the Gaza Strip. Behind these efforts lies the belief that health is a human right deserved by all, regardless one’s financial, ethnic, political or religious status.
HARNESSING COMMUNITY ENERGY FOR SUSTAINED HEALTH AND WELLBEING

A MATTER OF HUMANITY

200,000+ marginalized men, women and children directly served by HATD health initiatives

Examples of HATD’s community impact:

- 50,000+ Palestinian and Israeli children served by HATD-funded health initiatives
- 20,000+ individuals reached by HATD-funded media campaigns to end gender-based violence
- 10,000+ women served by HATD’s chronic disease self-management programs
- 5,000+ refugee asylum seekers from Africa served by HATD-funded programs
- 500+ health workers trained by HATD now serving communities across Israel, the West Bank and Gaza

A MATTER OF HEALTH

Over the course of a decade and a half, HATD has built vital partnerships with beneficiaries that maximize the effectiveness of health interventions and their impact on the vulnerable communities they serve. HATD achieves this utilizing extensive professional guidance of its beneficiaries, the support and engagement of its team of scientific advisors and board of directors, and the generosity of our donors.

HATD’s three-year funding cycle, coupled with guidance, allows for the exponential development of grassroots initiatives by providing an ideal platform for evaluation and operational improvement. Grantees not only benefit from the direct support of HATD, but from professional expertise shared between organizations in order to promote best practices.

“I can’t overstate how valuable HATD’s expertise and professional guidance have been in helping us measurably improve how we implement our programs.”

GALIA SHAFFIR ZIONOV, PROGRAM COORDINATOR OF HATD-GRANTEE, BETEREM

Galia Shaffir Zionov (right), Beterem Program Coordinator
EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR A HEALTHIER TOMORROW
HATD’S 2019 COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVES

Healing Across the Divides targets many of its programs to marginalized women and there are good reasons for that. In 2020, women still make less money than men, assume responsibility for child-rearing, continue to face gender-based violence, and suffer significant economic vulnerability as single parents.

HATD’s grassroots programs enable women to strengthen their capacity to care for themselves and their entire family. Educating women on their rights maximizes the potential for families to cope with stressful situations and improve quality of life for all members.

We at HATD dream that some of our grantee leaders will be political leaders. By supporting these and other HATD programs focused on strengthening women, our donors are truly investing in a better future for all humanity for generations to come.

HATD-SUPPORTED WOMEN-FOCUSED COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVES 2004-2019

ALTURUFA  Promoting nutrition-based wellness and expanding health rights for Arab women in northern Israel
ALMANIL  Empowering Arab and Jewish women to take control of their health and sexuality in the Arab sector in northern Israel
BETEREM  Empowering Arab and Jewish grandmothers to prevent childhood domestic accidents in their communities
DAR AL KALIMA  Expanding health and wellness through exercise and nutrition for young Palestinian women in the Bethlehem district of the West Bank
HADASAH OPTIMAL  Support for health and wellness for young mothers and their babies in the West Bank
KAYAN PALESTINIAN FEMINIST ORGANIZATION  Expanding health rights of Palestinian women in northern Israel through civic engagement
MAAN FORUM OF NEGEV ARAB-BEDOUIN WOMEN  Preventing domestic violence among Arab women and girls in the Negev
MAAMAN  Increasing awareness of the risks of stroke among women in Israel
ONE IN NINE  Increasing mammography rates and breast cancer awareness among Orthodox Jewish women
PALESTINIAN WORKING-WOMEN’S SOCIETY FOR DEVELOPMENT  Providing psychosocial support to combat PTSD among Palestinian women and girls in the West Bank
PHILOSOPH FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ISRAEL  Expanding health promotion activities among marginalized Russian women in Bnei Brak
FLAC  Promoting women’s health and wellness for Arab communities in northern Israel
RAHAT  Working to educate Bedouin women in southern Israel about the importance of healthy lifestyle habits
SHEKHAN  Expanding health promotion activities among marginalized Brazilian women in Beer-Sheva
TAMAAN  Expanding health promotion activities among marginalized Russian women in Bnei Brak
SIMBA  Promoting women’s health and wellness for Arab communities in northern Israel
TANEEM  Empowering Bedouin women in southern Israel to fight against domestic violence
TATAMIN  Establishing family planning and other health services for African refugees and asylum seekers and advocating for community members who are HIV-positive
MESILA  Providing family planning services and women’s empowerment training for African refugees in Tel Aviv

PTSD TREATMENT FOR PALESTINIAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN: PALESTINIAN WORKING-WOMEN’S SOCIETY FOR DEVELOPMENT

SUSiya AND THE SOUTHERN HEBRON DISTRICT, WEST BANK

Healing Across the Divides supports the Palestinian Working Women’s Society for Development in providing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) treatment that develops coping skills for some of the most marginalized women and children in villages prone to settler violence in the Hebron region of the West Bank. By working with local Palestinian health teams, the program allows for a community-based approach that addresses not only post-trauma but also builds resilience in the face of ongoing challenges caused by occupation and severe poverty.

ENDING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
MA’AN FORUM OF NEGEV ARAB-BEDOUIN WOMEN

NEGEV DESERT, SOUTHERN ISRAEL

HATD is proud to be leading efforts that support women’s empowerment across the divides as a key component of improved health and stronger communities. Since 2015, HATD has worked with Ma’an (Arabic for “together”), to help end domestic violence towards Bedouin women and girls. Ma’an works with experts from within the Bedouin community to increase social awareness about gender-based violence through media campaigns, advocacy services and emotional support to Bedouin women. Together, HATD and Ma’an have advanced women’s rights and helped build a sustainable movement for leadership of local women to lead the process for social change.

CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT AMONG PALESTINIAN WOMEN AND THE ELDERLY: FAMILY DEFENSE SOCIETY & AHU BALATA AL-BALAD CLUB

BALATA REFUGEE CAMP AND NABLUS DISTRICT, WEST BANK

Providing sustainable tools to maintain the health and wellbeing of Palestinian women and the elderly is at the heart of HATD’s initiative in the Palestinian refugee camp of Balata and the surrounding communities and in the Nablus region of the West Bank. HATD-grantees Ahu Balata Al-Balad Club and the Family Defense Society use the evidence-based Stanford Chronic Disease Self-Management model to train local individuals in disease self-management so that they can act as agents of change in their own communities.

RIPPLE EFFECTS: In addition to improving chronic disease outcomes, the Family Defense Society initiative led to increased utilization of the organization’s domestic violence program by local Palestinian women who would otherwise not have known about this life-saving resource.

JEWISH & ARAB GRANDMOTHERS PROMOTING CHILD SAFETY:
BE’TEREM HAIFA AND NORTHERN ISRAEL

This award-winning child-safety program empowers Jewish and Arab grandmothers to serve as social-change agents who save children’s lives in underserved Jewish and Arab communities where child accidents and fatalities are extremely common. The program is not only tackling this tragic phenomenon with incredible success, it also serves to empower women and facilitate their participation in shaping attitudes and policy in communities where women are traditionally excluded from the public sphere. This innovative model has been so successful that it has gained recognition by both the Israeli Knesset and Israel’s US Embassy.

“...If you want to lift up humanity, empower women. It is the most comprehensive, pervasive, high-leverage investment you can make in human beings.” —MELINDA GATES
SUPPORTING SOCIETY’S MOST VULNERABLE

Displayed in my home is a photograph of nine people, arms interlocked—five Israeli Holocaust survivors standing with four African refugee asylum seekers. This part of HATD’s 15th anniversary report is the most personal to me. We funded our first refugee group in 2015 and have funded a program for refugee asylum seekers each year since. Why this commitment? I am Jewish and the child of Holocaust survivors. I was born in Italy after WW II. My father, already a refugee in Italy, couldn’t find work in his adopted country and brought his family to the U.S., as refugees. The U.S. welcomed us. Israeli hostility to African refugees is painful for me. These individuals are landless refugees, often without any family, who are mistreated in their home countries, during their escape and are now by the government of Israel. Few Israelis are interested in the community. They are some of the most vulnerable of all human beings, and thus one of the most marginalized groups in Israel.
—Norbert Goldfield, M.D.

JEWISH-ARAB COMMUNITY-GARDEN FOR IMPROVED HEALTH AND COEXISTENCE: WHITE HILL FARM THE NEGEV, SOUTHERN ISRAEL

The White Hill Farm community garden program brings together Jewish and Bedouin-Arab Israelis to jointly tend a community garden while learning about health, nutrition, the environment and one another. Participants hail from working-class Jewish families in the southern Israeli town of Yehudah and from Bedouin-Arab families in the adjacent unrecognized village of Rahma to tend a sustainable garden that provides fresh-grown food. Families learn about nutrition and healthy living within a framework of cooperation and mutual responsibility for the land. Together, participants cultivate a traditional herb and vegetable garden and transform previously neglected municipal land into a productive green space that benefits both communities.

People face lots of challenges in life…they wonder how they will solve them. In addition to transforming how I care for my diabetes, this program taught me how to face challenges, solve problems, and how to face difficulties in general. I’d really like to thank Diabetes Palestine and Dr. Norbert [Goldfield] and HATD. ”
—IMAN ABDONANUR, DIABETIC TEEN IN GAZA.

SUPPORTING YOUTH WITH JUVENILE DIABETES IN GAZA

DIABETES PALESTINE GAZA STRIP

Diabetes Palestine, Healing Across the Divides’ first grantee program in the Gaza Strip, provides critical health tools for Gaza teens suffering from juvenile Type 1 Diabetes. The program, launched in December 2019, has already had proven success in transforming the way diabetic teens and their families manage this disease—a task that is all the more challenging under the harsh conditions caused by the ongoing blockade of Gaza. Working with diabetes experts at the local level in Gaza and the West Bank, participants learn to significantly improve how they approach diabetic self-care utilizing nutrition, exercise, stress-reduction, and proper management of their insulin levels.

COMBATTING ADDICTION AMONG PALESTINIAN YOUTH: AL-MAQESE Jordan

Deemed one of the most effective models for combating youth addiction, the HATD funded Al-Maqese “Unplugged” program in East Jerusalem has made remarkable strides in raising awareness among Palestinian students, parents and teachers about various forms of addiction. The program’s success in addressing the growing problem of addiction in the West Bank led to its partial adoption by the Palestinian Ministry of Social Affairs in 2018. Unplugged has since been launched in multiple schools in the West Bank serving thousands of recipients.
At the heart of Healing Across the Divides’ achievements over the years lies the compassion and commitment of our donors, without which the lives of countless Palestinian and Israeli families would not enjoy health and wellbeing today.

We are grateful to each and every donor. Thank you.

Together, we are Healing Across the Divides.

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SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT: KAREN ESTER MEADOW

Karen Ester Meadow was born in 1939 and had a successful 31-year career as a fundraiser, Board trainer and management consultant for small not for profit organizations. She retired in 2004 and as she describes it, was introduced to Norbert Goldfield and Healing Across the Divides in 2008. She said that she was attracted to Norbert and HATD because HATD was “apolitical and worked with everyone.” She took the position of HATD’s fundraising consultant, set up and maintained HATD’s database and accounting systems, for minimal reimbursement. Karen “retired” again in 2012 and continued doing the same work for HATD as a volunteer. She made her first gift to HATD in 2009, her giving increasing along with her commitment each year, and she has become a major donor.

In 2017 Karen worked on a revision of the HATD bylaws, and in 2018 she joined the board of directors in the position of treasurer. In addition to her position as treasurer, she continues to do fundraising and to oversee the database and accounting. She estimates that she works approximately 5-6 hours a week on HATD matters.

Karen had planned to accompany Norbert in the 2020 study tour which was cancelled by the covid-19 pandemic and is now determined to go visit HATD’s programs in 2021.

Karen’s invaluable expertise and generous spirit have been a critical component of HATD’s organizational structure and operations for over a decade, without which HATD’s achievements would not have been possible.

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**SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT: BEN GITTERMAN, M.D.**

Dr. Ben Gitterman first became acquainted with HATD through his long-time friendship with HATD’s founder, Dr. Norbert Goldfield. A self-described “academically pragmatic community pediatrician with great tentacles to public health,” Dr. Gitterman’s forty year career as a pediatrician combined with his experience in international and community health work, make him a valuable asset to the HATD board.

Dr. Gitterman had, “always been looking for internationally-related work that would move the bullet to the more positive and would deal with inequity.” Two trips to Israel left him hungry for a better understanding of those who lived on the “other side of the wall.” His first serious collaboration with Palestinians came 16 years ago, after teaching a public health course in Israel. He served as the junior partner to his trip, bringing the students to an orphanage in Israel. This was the beginning of a relationship, where Dr. Gitterman’s desire to be involved in “finding ways to attempt to bring the two worlds (Israel and Palestine) together.” He views his four years of board service as, “to chance my experience in community health and pediatric and adolescent medicine to amplify the impact of HATD’s community health projects.” His global and community experiences have given Dr. Gitterman a keen understanding of the influence of cultural and economic factors on public health care delivery, as well as an ability to focus on organizational structures and accountability.

Participating in the HATD Study Tour also strengthened his commitment to HATD’s mission. “The study tour opened my eyes. It took me to places I had not seen in Israel and over the border in Palestine. I was shocked at how few resources exist in Palestine and the underserved parts of Israel.”

Dr. Gitterman’s compassion for humanity extends beyond his medical practice. In addition to his HATD board service, he volunteers for arts organizations and programs that serve underprivileged children, and is actively involved with an organization that delivers meals to people with chronic disease. HATD is grateful for Dr. Gitterman’s valuable contributions as a member of HATD’s scientific advisory board, as a donor, and as a board member. 

**DONOR MEMORIAM TRIBUTE: MORRIS GOULD**

I have lots of memories of Morris Gould who was an extremely generous supporter of Healing Across the Divides for years. He died in 2018 just shy of his 100th birthday. I will limit myself to two memories: one was his irrepressible wit. He continuously talked about being pleased that he was on the “right side of the grass.” Secondly, his charitable gifts were always done in a very quiet way. He just did them without ever drawing attention to himself. ■

--Norbert Goldfield, MD

**We want to thank Dr. Norbert and all the people who made this program possible!**

PARENT OF PARTICIPANT IN HATD-FUNDED GAZA JUVENILE DIABETES PROGRAM

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CONTRIBUTIONS: $394,533
EARNED INCOME: $1,566
IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS: $54,000
EXPENSES: $390,273
PROGRAM: $270,560
MANAGEMENT: $74,856
FUNDRAISING: $44,858

SCIENTIFIC CONSULTANTS: ENSURING BEST PRACTICES FOR OPTIMAL HEALTH

Each year, HATD receives hundreds of hours of volunteer and in-kind services from scientific experts, physicians and other health professionals, providing invaluable professional expertise necessary for the success of our evidence-based programming for Palestinians and Israelis in need.

SCIENTIFIC EXPERT SPOTLIGHT: RICK RAWSON, PHD

Ali-Maspsych for Society Development is a civic non-profit whose mission is to protect and defend Palestinians’ rights. In response to an HATD request for proposals, they proposed a program to address the growing problem of opium use by youth in East Jerusalem. After discussions between HATD and Ali-Maspsych and the assistance of international opium prevention expert Rick Rayson, PhD, Professor at the UCLA Geffen School of Medicine, it was decided to train staff and to implement the evidence-based Unplugged Prevention Program. Upon completion of the training, the program was begun in 14 high schools in East Jerusalem. Unplugged consists of twelve 60-minute sessions with students. Students are taught coping mechanisms and the short- and long-term biopsychosocial consequences of different decisions related to substance use. Over 1000 students ages 14 - 16 participated in the program to date. In addition, teachers, counselors, and parents were also trained in similar coping mechanisms. As with all HATD funded programs, Unplugged was monitored and evaluated closely. Questionnaires showed significant change in their understanding of the risks and dangers involved in tobacco and other drug use.

This successful program which helped so many Palestinian teenagers and their parents could never have gotten off the ground without the active assistance of Dr. Rayson.

SCIENTIFIC EXPERT SPOTLIGHT: KATE LORIG, PHD

When HATD approached Dr. Kate Lorig about offering a chronic disease self-management program in the West Bank, she was skeptical about whether the program could be adapted for Palestinian communities. Dr. Lorig, creator of The Self-Management Resource Center, developed her program more than forty years ago at Stanford University. The programs she created to help people manage chronic diseases, such as cancer, as well as caregiving, have reached more than a million people in thirty countries. Dr. Lorig’s career took root during her experiences in public health as a Peace Corps volunteer in Chile. She quickly recognized the value of training volunteers to bring public health programs to their communities. Dr. Lorig developed her unique program during her 40-year career at Stanford University. Instead of using health care professionals, Dr. Lorig created a peer-focused training model that is evidence-based and cost-effective.

FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Norbert Goldfield, M.D.

Dr. Goldfield is a practicing internist at a community health center, with over 30 years of experience restructuring health care systems both at a national level and in community settings as well as extensive experience working with Israelis and Palestinians.

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