



ACADEMY OF **HOPE**

THE ACADEMY OF HOPE INITIATIVE

DONOR BRIEF:
DEIR AL BALAH • GAZA STRIP







VISION

Education:

Schooling (pre-K through grade 9)

Nutrition:

Two hot, balanced meals per child per day

Psychosocial Support:

Trauma-informed mental health services

Healthcare:

A pediatric clinic for orphans, the first of its kind in Gaza

The facility will serve both resident children and the surrounding community, providing lifesaving medical care, stability, and a path forward for Gaza's most vulnerable youth.



ABOUT US

In the heart of Deir Al Balah, where conflict etched deep lines into the earth and into the lives of its people, a fragile seed of hope took root.

The children of Gaza, their eyes carrying the weight of loss and resilience, wandered through the rubble-strewn streets, their laughter muted but not extinguished.

Among them were orphans and unaccompanied minors, children who had known more sorrow than any soul should bear.

Yet from their suffering, a dream was born, a dream called the Academy of Hope.

Dr. David Hasan, a neurosurgeon from Duke University, moved by their stories of hunger, deteriorating health, and shattered dreams, founded a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in the United States (North Carolina) called the Gaza Children's Village, which built and now manages the Academy of Hope.

This community-based sanctuary serves 600 children, offering two warm meals daily, education from pre-K to grade 9, a pediatric clinic, and trauma counseling.

The Academy of Hope has become a beacon, serving not just its children but the wider community, guided by humanitarian professionals with decades of experience in crisis response, and managed and operated by local teachers, psychologists, social workers, and health workers.

This ensures that the program is rooted in the community, culturally sensitive, and transparent.

As construction began a few weeks ago, hope stirred. Families dared to believe again. The school became more than a place, it became a movement, a light spreading through Deir Al Balah.



Dr. David Hasan





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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The “**Academy of Hope**” was established to offer education and both immediate and long-term relief.

The project has been launched, and the school in Deir Al Balah is designed to:

- Provide two nutritious meals daily to 500 vulnerable children
- Offer educational programming
- Deliver psychosocial support
- Operate a pediatric medical clinic

This facility will also support orphans being cared for within local family settings. A community board of vetted local leaders will oversee operations, ensuring transparency, accountability, and complete insulation from political interference.



EDUCATION

The “Academy of Hope” has embraced the Gaza Education Initiative’s curriculum, titled *A Practical Solution for the Day After*, a Palestinian-led effort to transform education in Gaza by the September 2025 academic year.

This ready-to-print, revised Palestinian curriculum systematically removes or modifies objectionable content, replacing it with materials that promote peace, tolerance, and inclusivity.

Drawing inspiration from Islamic, Arab, and Palestinian traditions, and guided by successful regional curriculum reforms, the initiative balances the urgent need to eliminate hate and violence from the Palestinian Authority’s curriculum while preserving stability within the educational system.



NUTRITION

In partnership with World Central Kitchen (WCK), we established a community kitchen rooted in local involvement, including participation from older students and orphans, to help prepare and distribute meals.

This kitchen provides two hot, balanced meals daily not only to the children living at the Academy of Hope, but also to families and refugees in the surrounding area.

Meals continue even during weekends and holidays, ensuring consistent nutrition and support for Gaza's most vulnerable, every single day.



HEALTH CARE

We are the first dedicated pediatric clinic for orphans.

Our team of 14 local health providers, physicians and nurses, deliver primary healthcare daily to the orphans and surrounding community.

Through the power of telemedicine, they are connected to a global network of over 1,000 sub-specialized medical experts, offering access to nearly every field of medicine.

This innovative approach ensures that every child and resident receives the care they need, whether it's for a common illness or a complex condition.





PARTNERS



World Central Kitchen (WCK) provides nourishing meals in times of crisis and operates food services at the Deir Al Balah center, ensuring daily nutrition for children and the wider community.



International Medical Corps delivers emergency relief and healthcare worldwide, and at the Deir Al Balah center they provide medical, mental health, and community-based support for children and families.

SMARTAID

SmartAID delivers tech-driven solutions in crisis zones, and at the Deir Al Balah center they provide clean water, internet access, and sustainable energy.



GAZA CHILDREN VILLAGE
THE SCHOOL OF HOPE INITIATIVE

FUTURE GOALS

Short Term Goals

Here our focus is on immediate impact. Our next steps build upon the foundation already laid, expanding both care and opportunity for Gaza's most vulnerable children:

- Expand the Deir Al Balah Academy to serve 5,000 orphans, increasing capacity for education, nutrition, healthcare, and psychosocial support.
- Establish the first dedicated pediatric clinic in Gaza, with innovative 3D-printed modular prosthetics to restore mobility and independence for children with amputations.

Intermediate Goals

Here we focus on scaling. Building on our immediate progress, we are entering a crucial growth phase to extend the Academy of Hope model:

- Open the Khan Younis campus on October 1st, welcoming its first 1,500 orphans with classrooms, nutrition programs, and trauma-informed counseling.
- Grow Khan Younis capacity in phases to 5,000 children, creating parity with Deir Al Balah and doubling overall reach.
- Integrate both campuses into a unified system of education, healthcare, and psychosocial services, ensuring children across central and southern Gaza have consistent access to care.

Long Term Goals

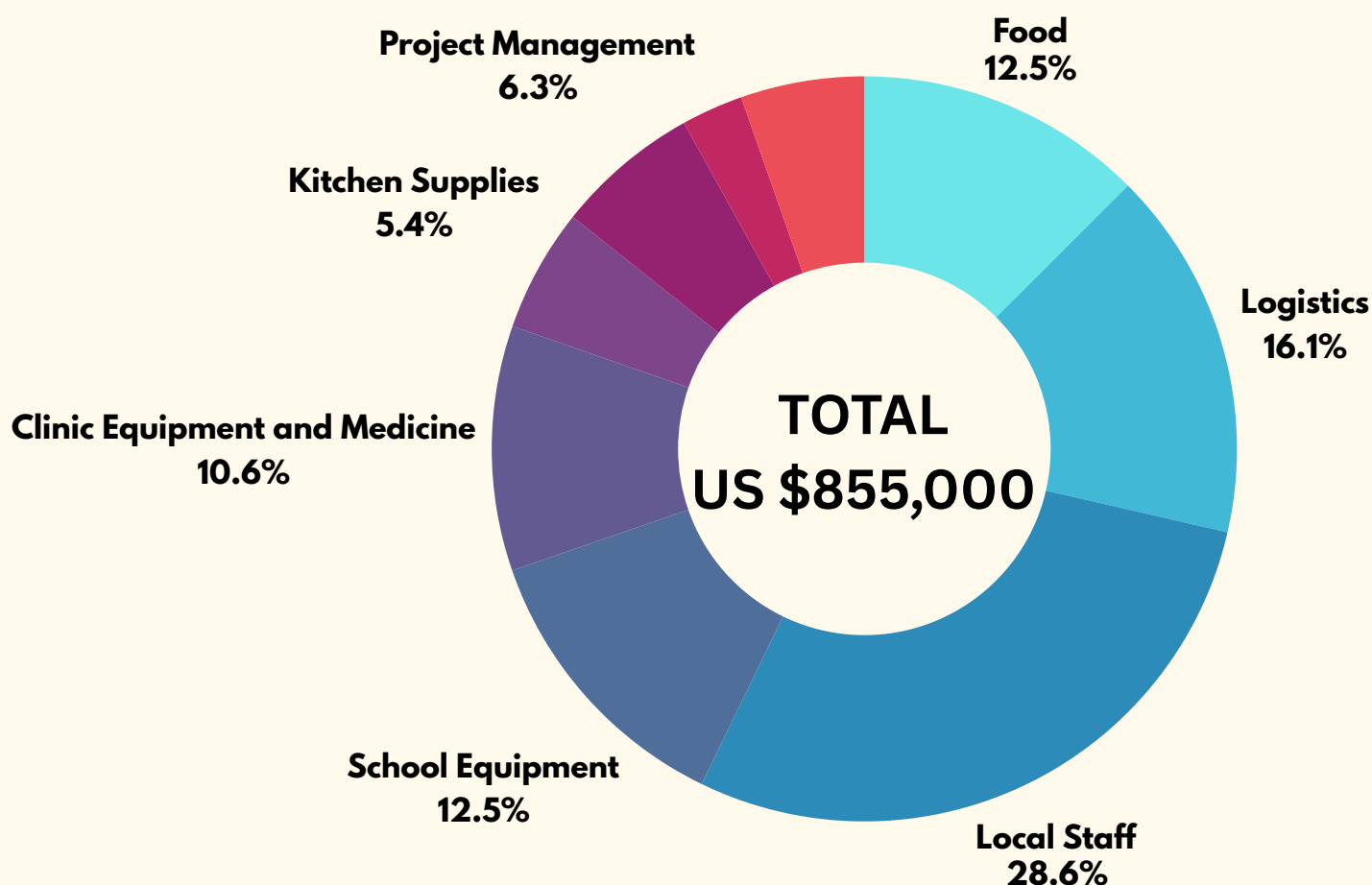
Here we focus on visionary transformation:

- Expand the Academies to serve 20,000 orphans, creating one of the largest centers of learning and care in the region, where every child has the chance to grow in safety, receive education, and heal from trauma.
- Build comprehensive health and rehabilitation services, growing from the prosthetic clinic into long-term pediatric care, trauma recovery, and specialized rehabilitation.
- Foster resilience and leadership, equipping children with the tools, confidence, and support networks to rebuild their communities and shape a brighter future.



BUDGET 2025

THE GAZA CHILDREN VILLAGE



Food:
US\$120,000



School Equipment:
US\$120,000



Project Management:
US\$60,000



Logistics:
US\$150,000



**Clinic Equipment and
Medicine:**
US\$100,000



Marketing & PR:
US\$25,000



Local Staff:
US\$180,000



Kitchen supplies:
US\$50,000



Administration:
US\$50,000

HOW TO DONATE

Your support helps us build a safer, more hopeful future for Gaza's children.

Whether you're contributing to emergency relief, school supplies, or the daily essentials that make up village life, every donation makes a real difference.

Online Donations

Visit our secure donation portal at: www.thegazachildrensvillage.org/donate

Or simply scan the QR code below to donate in seconds from your phone.

We accept:

- Credit & debit cards
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International Giving

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