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Ishmael & Isaac: A Bridge To Healing & Peace A Successful Inaugural Event Raises \$100,000!

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The Cleveland Jewish and Arab American communities are linked to the people of Israel and the Middle East by cultural, religious, and family ties. At this moment in history, when the relationship between the Israelis and Palestinians are at their lowest levels of trust and the prospects of peace seem the most remote, small steps of cooperation are important.

We recognize the plight of the Palestinian people and their desire for a homeland. We also recognize the pain and suffering to innocent Israeli civilians due to terrorist attacks. It is our goal to help innocent people on both sides who have suffered during this conflict.

The following states our fundamental principles of Ishmael & Isaac, and on which a future can be built:

- * Support of a just and negotiated settlement in the Israeli Palestinian dispute based upon secure and recognized borders, and a Palestine that embraces democratic principals.
 - * Rejection of terrorism as a means to this end.
 - * Improvement of the health and human services, provided to the Palestinian population in cooperation with Cleveland, Israeli, and Arab physicians.
 - * Assistance to innocent families and victims of this conflict.
- This project has shown that our two communities can work together, in Cleveland, Israel and in the Palestinian Authority areas, demonstrating to others that the actions of a few do not represent beliefs of the majority.

