

A group of young men are seated around a table in a meeting room. They are engaged in conversation, with some looking towards the camera and others looking at each other. The room has a whiteboard in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

# SUPPORT GAZA MEDICAL STUDENTS IN EGYPT

**LEO**

LEONARD EDUCATION ORGANIZATION

*A Gateway to Learning and Leading*

# ABOUT LE.0

We serve bright young Palestinians, women and men, from the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon, Jordan and beyond by securing and managing scholarships worldwide to colleges and universities and have recently expanded to include other countries. We enhance personal development through guidance and academic mentoring.

# CONTEXT

Over 300 health care workers have been killed in the devastation in Gaza since the beginning of the bombardment. We know that lives lost cannot be replaced, but we also do realize the growing need for additional health care workers to return to Gaza once a permanent ceasefire is called.

# CALL TO ACTION

LE.O. Medical's inception came from a dire need to address the genocide taking place in Gaza! Students were stranded abroad with no where to go and left without their families that were providing for them. As of September 2024, LE.O. has sponsored approximately 117 medical students, interns and residents.

Over \$600,000 has been raised and spent on internship fees, living expenses (room and board), and past tuition. **We need to replenish funds to continue the work!!!**

# CALL TO ACTION

The varying buckets of work:

- Mansoura University Interns 56th & 57th class (fees & room & board)
- Medical Graduates to Germany (6 students)
- Observerships for potential USMLE Students
- Graduate school opportunities for students

# CALL TO ACTION

## Details of the work:

### **Mansoura University Interns 56th & 57th class (fees & room & board)**

Fully paid year one internship fees of \$1200 per student (106 students)

Fully paid individual sponsors for \$3000 living expenses for 104 students)

On-call therapist for trauma support

Additional students were added from previous graduating classes as they were unable to complete internships in Gaza and returned to Egypt

# CALL TO ACTION

## Details of the work:

### **Mansoura University Interns 56th & 57th class (fees & room & board)**

- Training sessions to develop CVs, LinkedIn Accounts, Personal Statements and English Conversational Classes
- Zoom calls for next steps pathway: Australia, UK, US, Jordan & Egypt (Arab Boards) & Canada

# CALL TO ACTION

## Details of the work:

### **Medical Graduates to Germany (6 students):**

- Fundraised \$75,000 from private donors to establish blocked accounts required (thanks to our amazing donors!!!)
- All six graduates have successfully passed the German language proficiency exam
- 2 out of 6 students have successfully entered Germany to begin their next steps
- 4 students await their visa appointments



# CALL TO ACTION

## Observerships for potential USMLE Students:

- 8 out of 8 selected students to completed observerships were approved for a visa to the US
- The pool of volunteer doctors is growing for observerships, but we still need more!!!
- 4 of the 8 students are currently participating in observerships in the US and hosted by the Co-Director. Additional hosts are needed to provide housing, food and travel while in the U.S.

# CALL TO ACTION

## **Graduate school opportunities for students**

- Executive Director and Co-Director currently working to find scholarships/donors for graduate studies.
- One student has been granted acceptance to a Scottish University but needs funding of \$33,000 for tuition and housing
- Coaching support to complete scholarship applications and personal statements

# CALL TO ACTION

## Testimonials:

Honestly, I don't know what would happen to us if we didn't find someone to guarantee that. It is possible that then we would stand helpless waiting for hope, but hope was there and life returned to us as doctors once again. (H. A.)

# CALL TO ACTION

## Testimonials:

Their generous scholarship not only covered my tuition fees but also provided essential resources to help me navigate the challenges posed by the conflict. Thanks to their assistance, I was able to pursue my academic goals and hope for a brighter future. (A.A.)

# CALL TO ACTION

## Testimonials:

The internship year is one of the most important stages in the life of any student studying in health-related fields.

Together, we can overcome this challenge. (A.  
A.)

# CALL TO ACTION

## Needs/Asks/Dreams:

- Funding for travel is needed for future students (w/cost of approx. \$1400 - 1800 for 12 additional students)
- Hosting families for visiting medical interns/students
- Additional physicians to offer observership opportunities for LE.O. students
- Individual sponsor matches for 128 Gazan Medical students continuing in Egypt (\$3600 per year for Room & Board)
- New needs arise everyday!!!

**It will take one person at a time  
but we will hit our goal!!!**

**We need your help!**

**\$600,000**

**Goal!!!**

# **DONATE TO OUR ZAKAT-ELIGIBLE CAMPAIGN NOW**

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