

My friend Rolla's family in Gaza, kindness amid devastation

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Late night, September 9, without warning, Israeli missiles tore through the tent community of al-Mawasi, an area Israel had designated as a humanitarian "safe zone". Part of Rolla's family have their tent in al-Mawasi and were sleeping.

Thankfully, Rolla's family was spared – generous Medhat and his children, artist Amna, videographer Salem and adorable 5-year-old Alma.

The strike came close to the family, and they were all terrified. The missiles left huge craters that buried whole families in their tents. This is not the first time Israel has bombed tent communities of displaced Palestinians, including al-Mawasi.

Try to imagine how you might feel and what you



might do, if this was you and your family.

Incredibly, this family continues to give to others, even though their situation is dire and their lives are at risk daily from Israel's relentless attacks.

More on their amazing work below! But first:

Please continue to donate, as you are able, and to share this GoFundMe widely:

The work we are doing to support this family with food, clean water, medicine, e-sims and more until they can safely leave Gaza is courageous and life-saving work. You are all part of it.

The money YOU donate offers HOPE to this brave, resilient and giving family. It lets them know that people outside Gaza see them and care about what happens to them.

Amna, an 18-year-old budding artist, has begun offering workshops for children in her tent encampment,

teaching basic reading and writing, and using art to help the children relieve stress and trauma. Many of her students are being cared for by uncles and aunts, as their parents have been killed in Israel's relentless attacks.

This is the second year children in Gaza are going without school, as 85% of schools in Gaza have been directly hit or damaged. All 12 universities have been bombed.

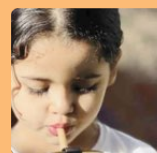
Salem, 17 years old, who is working as a videographer for the globally supported PALHumanity camp for families with special needs children, has taken in a homeless dog, who he named Showy. Salem brings Showy to the camp and invites children there to pet and play with Showy to help them release their trauma – an extraordinary therapy dog duo.

Amna and Salem, both only teenagers themselves, are finding ways to share their gifts to help those younger and more vulnerable than them – Gaza's children.

I am so proud and grateful to be able to help this kind and caring family. Thank you again for being part of this inspirational project.

With gratitude and determined hope,

Dianne



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