

Friend Ships

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April 2025 Activities Report

Dear Friends:

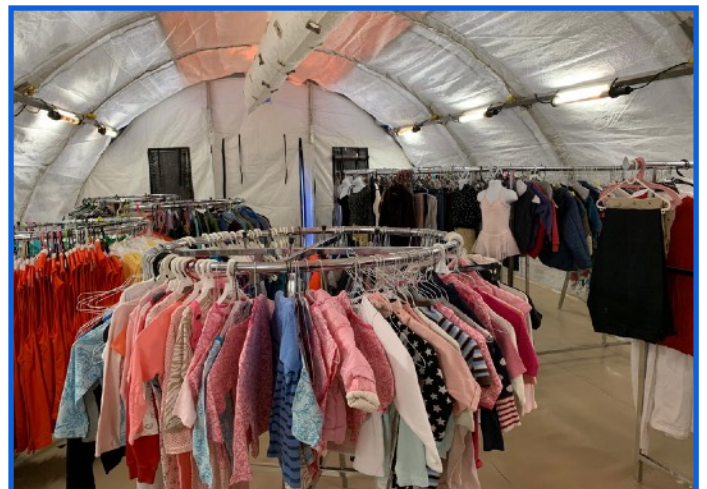
Thank you for your amazing support! Much is continually being accomplished and we are so grateful for your invaluable help.



We are happy to report that Friend Ships Health Center in Syria is going strong! We currently have a doctor and three nurses who see 25-30 patients a day. The community hasn't had local medical care available to them and they are so grateful to be treated and given medications, all without charge. Mothers bring in babies for wellness

checks, infections and various issues. Adults suffer with respiratory problems, allergies, injuries from landmines and other wounds, rashes, diabetes, hypertension and many diverse problems.

In addition, the community has limited access to goods. We have set up a "boutique" tent where we stock clothing. The ladies enjoy shopping (free of charge, of course) for their households. We now have a wonderful network of Israeli organizations through "Israeli Relief Aid" who are providing the beautiful, high-quality clothing. We are also distributing toys, baby supplies and



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household goods and we have a shipment of much-needed medicine and medical supplies being donated by another amazing Israeli-based organization.

We have just completed construction of the playground area treehouse play set with slides, a swinging bridge, rope ladder and swings. We also have a trampoline, popcorn machine, additional swings and many play items. It is a big hit with the children. The facility is located between the town's Mosque and the local school so there are plenty of children to enjoy the opportunities to play.



We have an amazing, hard-working team in Syria and in Israel to carry out this wonderful new work and additional opportunities there are opening up. Please pray about and consider volunteering your time to join us there. We need doctors, nurses, physical therapists, security

workers, cooks, boutique and children's playground workers and support personnel willing to do physical labor, live bunk-house style and eat simply, while serving this population who has suffered so much.



This month, at home base, Port Mercy, in Louisiana, we shipped supplies to a church in the area of North Carolina who still suffers damage from last year's terrible storms. StoreHouse One continues to collect and distribute food each day to the homeless, those recovering from addictions and others in need. The new session of Sea Hawks starting in the fall is taking applications now. For more information on Sea Hawks or the Middle East project, go to www.friendships.org and/or email us at portmercy@friendships.org.