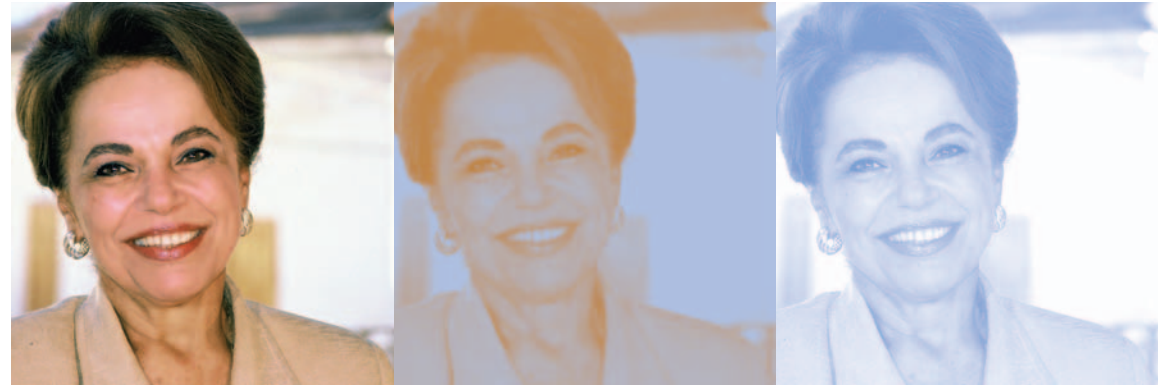


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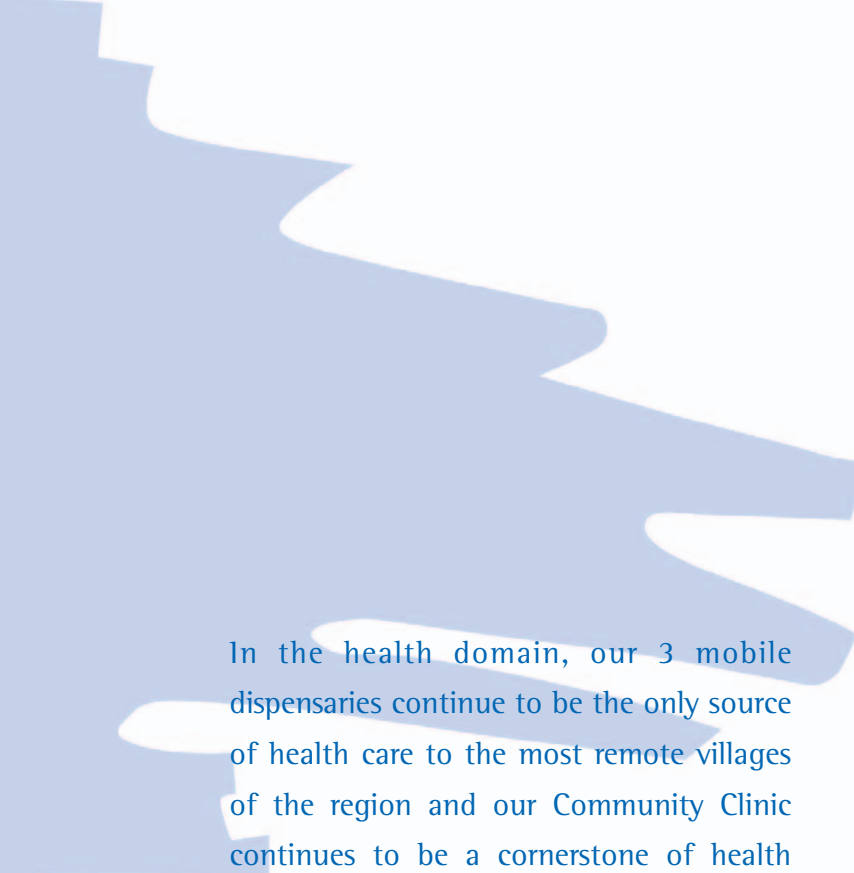


In 1990, to fulfill the vision of my husband, the late President René Moawad, I created the René Moawad Foundation. Over the next fifteen years, through our efforts to promote sustainable human, economic, and rural development, we brought health services to remote areas, provided literacy and vocational training for rural women and working children, enhanced farmers' capacities, and promoted the development of civil society, democracy, and human rights.

In this special edition of our annual report, we have revisited these past achievements, which we were able to implement with the generous support of our donors and partners whose solidarity and faith in our capabilities has enabled us to come this far - for this I thank you from the bottom of my heart. As for the next 15 years, we hope to continue to grow and expand our activities as we strive to promote the social, economic, and rural development of Lebanon and contribute to the building of

a responsible civil society that strengthens Lebanese national unity, democratic values, and social justice.

Currently, we are implementing numerous activities in four different yet complementary domains, while creating a synergy between our development projects in an effort to fully address the needs of the most disadvantaged in Lebanon.



In the health domain, our 3 mobile dispensaries continue to be the only source of health care to the most remote villages of the region and our Community Clinic continues to be a cornerstone of health services in Zgharta. Our Agricultural Center of the North (CAN) has also gained in stature over the years through its technical assistance and services that encompass all the stages of production, from purchase of plants or animals to marketing of the final product. It has become a model for others on both the national and regional level.

In Lebanon, one out of four rural women is illiterate and a growing number of children between 9 and 18 are forced to drop out of school to work. This is unacceptable in a modern democratic country; therefore, we have expanded our education and social development activities that aid rural women, youth, and working children, to encompass all of Lebanon.

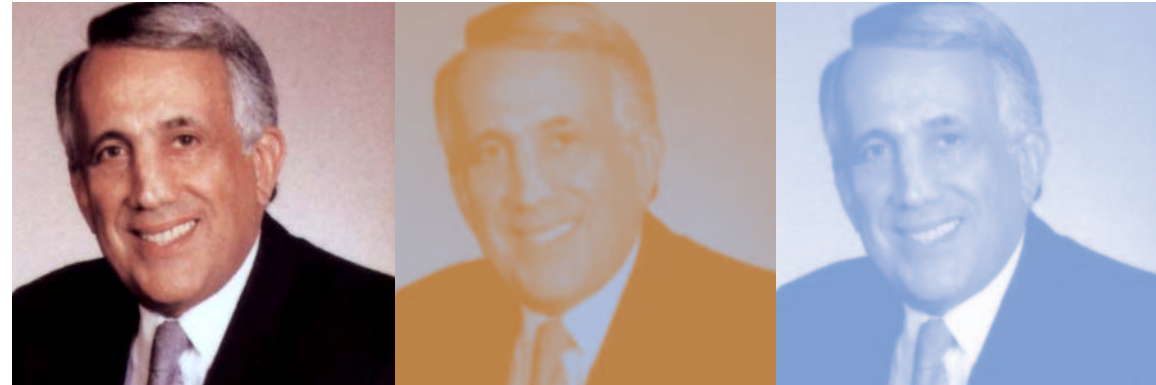
As we continue to work towards building a responsible civil society, we have also expanded our work in democracy and human rights to advocate for children's

rights and raise awareness in schools throughout Lebanon on the principles of human rights and democracy.

In these critical times, I thank you for your support and urge you to continue to work with us in the future.

*Nayla R. Moawad,  
Founder & President*

# DEAR FRIENDS,



As RMF-USA embarks on its second decade of work in the United States, its Board of Directors is committed to taking it up to the next level of achievement in harnessing greater support for the Foundation's projects in Lebanon. It is also committed to fulfilling the Foundation's broad objectives of fostering sustainable human development in a democratic and stable Lebanon. Support for our projects from US institutions continue to increase and the unprecedented rise in our budget attests to that fact. The annual budget for 2004 reached \$1,326,399.4. RMF's partnership with CHF International in promoting greater agricultural development in Lebanon with USAID funding, testifies to the increased recognition that economic development is a precedent for democratic reforms.

RMF-USA continues to focus on youth and educational projects that will increase cross cultural and inter-cultural tolerance and

understanding and hence promote local, regional and global peace. Both of our fund-raising events last year, in Washington and in Miami, dedicated their proceeds to educational projects. It is our hope that our projects will enable our youth to have access to a better quality of education in an environment that fosters tolerance, mutual respect and a common vision of the future. Here we hope to carry out a fund-raising campaign to raise adequate funds to build a school that provides public education at private school standards.

Throughout the year RMF USA has been sending donated medicine and corneas to Lebanon. This year we sent corneas valued at \$26,000 and medicine at \$20,000. It has been very heartening to see the positive impact of these donations on the lives of the recipients. Again we are grateful to our generous donors who have made this

possible and have brought tremendous joy and hope to these patients.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our supporters in the Washington area and nation-wide without whom we could not have gotten to where we are today. Our corporate sponsors have really boosted our fundraising abilities in addition to those generous individuals who undertook their own independent fundraisers to benefit the Foundation. We are also grateful to the community in Miami that has activated itself and held a small fundraiser and is planning a bigger one in 2005. It is our hope that each year we will add a new chapter for the Foundation in different parts of the country. Through our collective efforts we will grow into an even larger national organization.

*Edward D. Soma, MD  
President RMF-USA*

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*We would like to thank all those who, for the past 15 years, have supported us: both national and international funding agencies, NGOs, associations and private citizens. They have generously given to our projects over the years, either financially or with their expertise, and to them we send our heartfelt gratitude.*

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