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In Wake of Enormous Influx of Syrian Refugees

Connecticut's Bridge Foundation Delivering Medical Assistance to Lebanon

BEIRUT, LEBANON -- Bridge Foundation, the New Canaan, Connecticut-based humanitarian relief organization announced it is sending much-needed medical supplies to Lebanon. In a country of roughly 4.5 million people, Lebanon now has almost 1 in 5 inhabitants living as refugees.

The continuing civil war in Syria is putting an enormous strain on the Lebanon healthcare infrastructure -- to the point of collapse. The supplies will be shipped from Bridge Foundation's warehouse in Amsterdam.

The supplies will help the faltering healthcare system as Lebanon struggles to accommodate their rising population. Bridge Foundation's shipment will include antibiotics, antibacterials, antimicrobials, anti-tuberculin agents and vitamins.

"At Bridge Foundation, we have been preparing our support structure for Lebanon since we visited there back in April this year," said Bridge Managing Director, Gary Galanis.

"We are proud to work with your partners, the Georges N. Frem Foundation, with whom we have worked with in the past," added Stephen Skakel, Bridge Co-Founder and Managing Director. "Their Foundation is an amazing asset to the Lebanon. Their ability to get the job done well and efficiently cannot be overstated."

The shipment is scheduled to depart on Thursday September 19th from the Netherlands.

By partnering with the Georges N. Frem Foundation, Bridge Foundation is working closely with the Beirut-based organization on additional shipments.

About Bridge Foundation:

Bridge Foundation, an IRS registered 501c(3) organization, has been a vital asset to people in need around the world delivering medical and nutritional aid in times of natural – and manmade – disasters. Bridge Foundation provides humanitarian assistance directly to people in need, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or political affiliation. Bridge Foundation provides immediate humanitarian response -- including support to community medical practitioners with much-needed essential drugs, medical supplies and nutritional supplements along with training and health education. With their long-standing global relationships, Bridge Foundation is able to accomplish its missions by acquiring vast human resources, material and medical supplies available from developed nations -- and "bridging" with community-based healthcare and aid providers in developing countries and regions *everywhere* around the world. Because of Bridge's extensive global humanitarian experience, relationships, logistical network and understanding of specific country protocols, Bridge Foundation knows how to navigate through time-wasting red tape allowing them to be on the ground first to administer assistance -- from Darfur to Afghanistan to Haiti -- to the Jersey Shore, Long Island and the Gulf Coast -- Bridge Foundation and their partners continue to make a difference.

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