



Supporting sustainable community development in farming regions across the world

## Run Across Palestine, Sponsored by On The Ground Runner's Agreement of Understanding

This agreement is intended to outline the requirements and expectations that On The Ground will have of every runner before committing to participate in the Run Across Palestine. This document is not intended to be comprehensive or cover every detail. It is also subject to change as circumstances require or as determined by On The Ground. It is not to be considered a legal contract or agreement. It is simply to clarify the goals and objectives of the event and the guidelines and requirements of participation to ensure clear communication and realistic expectations.

### **Vision/Goals**

The goal of this event is twofold: first, to raise awareness about and offer support to the olive farmers of Palestine through a sense of global community – the run part – and second, through planting olive trees and providing college scholarships for the children of farmers – the fundraising part.

The group will be financially sponsored through individual and business/corporate sponsorships, solicited through the runners themselves. Starting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, a team of international and local runners will run 125 miles in 5 days. Some will run the entire route; others will run what they can. Yet-to-be-determined cultural and educational exchanges will take place along the route that may consist of school visits and musical exchanges. The event will end on February 9<sup>th</sup> with a welcoming celebration to be held at the held at the Canaan Fair Trade Cooperative's processing facility in Jenin.

### **Team Members**

The intent is to keep the group small and manageable. The core team will consist of approximately seven to ten runners from the US, and at least three and up to six local runners. Support staff will include a Director of Operations, musicians, and media crew of one or two people. The musicians and media crew will be there to capture the flavor of the event via music, film and other media. In addition we'll have Palestinian support staff.

On The Ground will keep this trip financially lean with a focus on sending as much of our funding as possible directly to the projects. In the course of planning this event a number of other organizations and individuals have expressed an interest in joining us. While we

welcome the attention and support, On The Ground does feel it is best and most efficient to only be responsible for managing the needs of the members of our core group. Underwriters, board members, fans, family and followers will need to provide for their own travel plans. There is a companion tour that will cross paths with the run. This will provide a means to accommodate friends and family that want to be a part of this. Find out more at [www.fairworldproject.org](http://www.fairworldproject.org).

### **Runner Requirements**

1. Raise a MINIMUM of \$1500 for the projects in addition to covering your own travel expenses, estimated to be \$3500, for a total of \$5000.
2. Provide your own health and travel insurance, including medical evacuation rider. Many travel insurance policies offer emergency evacuation allowances.
3. Provide OTG a non-refundable \$1000 deposit by December 1, 2011 or at the time you sign up. This can include donations collected.
4. Must commit to the entire timeframe in Palestine and to arrive at least two days before the run to acclimate.
5. Must be in optimal physical condition and commit to the necessary training that such an endurance event will require. OTG reserves the right to deny participation at any point prior to the event if we feel the participant is not suitably prepared for the event.
6. By signing this document you agree that we can use your name and image (photo, video, and audio) for publication in any and all promotional materials related to Run Across Palestine or the sponsoring entity: On The Ground.
7. Runners must be certified in advanced first aid and CPR.

### **OTG will provide**

1. Coordination of airfare from Michigan.
2. Coordination of all food, accommodations and transportation while in Palestine.
3. Basic health and medical supplies. Medical personnel will be available if needed.

Runners need to be prepared that plans can change at any time. Accommodations can be considered "roughing it." There may be nights we sleep in rustic accommodations. Other nights we plan to stay in hotels with comfortable beds and showers.

Runner's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Runner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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