



LEAD 4 DARFUR

Let Everyone take Action for Darfur

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“RELIEF INTERNATIONAL & BALTIMORE NATIVE LEAD TO SAVE LIVES IN DARFUR”

(Baltimore, MD): Relief International and the **Baltimore-based Lead 4 Darfur Campaign** are hosting a public event October 14 to raise awareness about how every person can "take action to save a life in Darfur." Clayton Fine Books and Cyber Café is hosting the event from 2 to 4 p.m. All donations go directly to Relief International's Zam Zam Clinic in North Darfur, which serves more than 45,000 displaced families with lifesaving health care every day. The October 14 event includes a special presentation on Darfur and the RI humanitarian operation on the ground from RI's Africa Program Director who has just returned from the region.

LEAD's Patricia Crawford is the Baltimore grassroots advocate that gained attention when she helped raise awareness and \$10,000 for the Relief International Zam Zam Clinic one year ago—a story reported on ABC World News about how one person can make a difference on a global issue. Relief International has been on the ground in Darfur since 2004 providing lifesaving emergency and development support to more than 410,000 women, children, and families struggling to live each day with dignity. This is the second year RI and LEAD will partner on raising awareness and funds for the RI Zam Zam Clinic—a high-profile emergency response in Darfur that has attracted the attention of international media and health agencies. Taking the grassroots partnership to the next level, RI will be hosting Ms. Crawford for a special volunteer residency in Darfur in 2008.

RI opened Zam Zam Clinic in response to a crisis: Critical medical facilities were closing that would leave nearly 40,000 people without any health services, a situation potentially dire for already destitute families displaced from their homes living in temporary shelters without basic services. RI mobilized to build a clinic with support from US grassroots advocates and collaboration with local tribal leaders. The August 2006 opening could not have been timelier: 6,000 people arrived in the camp fleeing violence in the region in the first weeks of operation. Today, the RI Zam Zam Clinic serves 1,000 patients—400 children and 100 women—every week. The facility is run by local Sudanese doctors, midwives, nurses, and pharmacists, who receive training from the dedicated international staff comprising RI's Darfur Health Team. RI Zam Zam Clinic services include: Safe Motherhood Care (prenatal, postnatal, and delivery support), therapeutic feeding for malnourished children, immunization against childhood diseases, confidential treatment for victims of sexual violence, and basic preventive and curative care.

Event Details: October 14, 2007 Clayton Fine Books and Cyber Café
Clayton Fine Books and Cyber Café, 317 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201
Suggested donations at the door: \$10 students (id required) \$15 all others
Free drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts will be served.
The benefit will feature a live auction of donated art works and jewelry, and live entertainment.

ABOUT LEAD: *Let Everyone take Action for Darfur! All LEAD donations are tax-deductible. See www.lead4darfur.org for information on the Zam Zam Clinic and how you may become involved in our effort.

ABOUT RELIEF INTERNATIONAL: www.ri.org

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