

RAFFLE

Lovely prizes to win in exciting raffle - all proceeds will be donated.
Buy at table or from roaming volunteers:

3 tickets for \$5 ~ 8 / \$10 ~ 20 / \$20

Enter for prizes by placing tickets in the respective bag. Use all your tickets on one prize or distribute them among many - e.g. 20 tickets in one bag for top prize or spread them across many bags for less desired prizes.

Draw at the end of the performance. Please have your tickets ready to check the winning number(s). Prizes must be claimed in person.

Thank you to the local businesses who donated prizes.
Please support them when shopping.

DONATIONS via Mennonite Central Committee



tinyurl.com/bdffmyf2

Please visit MCC table to make a valued donation in person at designated times.

Credit, Cheque or Cash

Or you can donate from your seat using QR code and credit card. Receipts are issued via email.

Link remains open for online donations until July 11. Please share QR code or URL (left) with friends and family.

Thank you to MCC and staff for being tonight's charity partner.
Tax-deductible receipts issued.

RESOURCES

To join mailing list of *Waterloo Region Friends of Palestine* (WRFPP) and receive updates and events: wrfriendsofpalestine@gmail.com

Recommended sites for news and analysis
middleeasteye.net ~ electronicintifada.net ~ mondoweiss.net
palestinechronicle.com ~ 972mag.com

For the Children of Gaza Benefit Concert



Thursday, June 25 ~ 7:00 pm
St. Jacobs Mennonite Church

Peggy Weber & Friends with Special Guests

THE CHILDREN of GAZA

Children and families in Gaza have suffered greatly during the genocide of the last 2+ years. Civilians and supporting infrastructure - clinics and hospitals, schools and universities, stores and bakeries, utilities and sanitation plants - were purposely destroyed to make recovery impossible without years of huge investment and effort.

Since October 2023, more than 73,000 people have been killed and another 173,000 wounded according to UN statistics. Countless others buried under rubble and disappeared. Gaza's population is over 50% children. Vast majority of casualties were children and women as well as elderly. Of the dead over 20,000 are children. Gaza has over 21,000 child amputees; the most per capita in the world.

In an unsteady, unpredictable ceasefire the challenges facing Gaza families have not lifted but in many ways become worse as orphaned, amputee, homeless children are in need of every kind of support to survive and have a chance at the barest recovery. School buildings do not exist and classes are held in tents. The stuff of daily life (water, food, medicine) is scarce and blocked from entry.

The children of Gaza need our financial and moral support.

MCC PROGRAMS in GAZA

MCC has been present in the Holy Land since 1949, initially assisting Palestinian refugees from the War of 1948 with physical needs (food, tents, education, etc.) Through the years, especially since 1967 when Israel occupied the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza Strip, MCC has accepted invitations from Palestinians to walk alongside them in their search for justice, peace and freedom.

MCC's focus is on emergency aid (food and water), medicine and sanitation, youth and recreational programs following the many wars on Gaza culminating in the extreme shortages and conditions of the current genocide.

MCC supports the efforts of Palestinians and Israelis committed to nonviolence and to a future of peace, justice and reconciliation.

To learn more about MCC in Gaza, visit: tinyurl.com/wrf4385p

MUSIC PROGRAM

- 🌀 Welcome
- 🌀 Congregation Round (lyrics on screen)
- 🌀 Jam Boys
- 🌀 Peggy Weber
- 🌀 Betty Slothouber with Peggy Weber
- 🌀 PMS Trio
- 🌀 Sam Nitsche with Peggy Weber & Daniel Kramer
- 🌀 Omar Samad & Choir
- 🌀 Robert Massoud, guest speaker
- 🌀 Donation-Intermission (15 minutes)
- 🌀 Max Nitsche with Peggy Weber, Mike Douglas & Jonny Sauder
- 🌀 Bernie Burnett with Second Wind & Peggy Weber
- 🌀 Second Wind
- 🌀 Audience Singalong (lyrics on screen)
- 🌀 Closing
- 🌀 Raffle Draw
- 🌀 Donation Period
- 🌀 Q&A Conversation with Robert Massoud

THANK YOU

- ~Gratitude to all who made this concert possible: Peggy Weber & Friends - every single one!
- ~To Palestinian performers.
- ~To St. Jacobs Mennonite Church for donating the space.
- ~To MCC and staff. To the many volunteers.
- ~To the businesses who donated raffle prizes and services.
- ~Gratitude to every person attending and for donating generously to welfare of children and families in Gaza.