



More Than Chocolates For Gaza: Important Questions

Why are we sending our supplies on a boat?

The blockade limits goods coming in and out through the borders and has forced commerce underground into the tunnels. The only other way in is by sea.

Why is this a good way to help Al Basma Club?

Because they asked, because we listened, because due to our experience in Gaza since 2003 we think the supplies can get through and make a difference.

Is this just a political statement?

This is not just a political statement. Five of eight previous Free Gaza boats have reached Gaza successfully, and this time, more boats than ever before are making the journey. The materials on our boat, one of twelve, will have a real impact not only through political statement, but through direct support to Al Basma Club for the Disabled. This direct support will serve the communities relying on this organization for years to come.

What happens if the More than Chocolates boat is detained?

If the boat is detained, we have a plan. We will ask you to call your congressperson to tell them about your involvement in this project. Let them know that the boat has been fully inspected at the port of departure and that all goods aboard have been certified. Your pressure will encourage your congressperson to call upon the Israeli authorities to ensure the boat's safe arrival. The more engaged our donors, the better the chance our donations have of reaching Gaza.

Will my materials go to Hamas?

No. Our partner is an independent non-governmental organization. Representatives from Al Basma Club for the Disabled will be present upon the boat's arrival to receive all goods. These goods will then go directly to the individuals who participate in and benefit from this wonderful organization.

How do I know there will not be any smuggled items onboard the More than Chocolates boat?

We're working with Irish Free Gaza, who will have the port authority thoroughly inspect our boat before departure. As with each ship in the flotilla, our boat will be thoroughly inspected by port authorities before departure for Gaza.

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Why is this a good way to help Palestinians?

It is essential to help on a number of different levels, including the economic and the political. This campaign addresses both. It will provide direct support to a specific organization that would not otherwise receive essential supplies. In addition, as we said above, we are sending a powerful political message of solidarity to all Palestinians and all people who care about peace. We are also sending a message to all governments that we support equal rights for all people and can achieve a great deal together, across national boundaries.

Why Gazans and not all Palestinians?

Our boat is headed to Gaza because the need there seems most urgent. However, our act expresses a wish of peace and justice for all Palestinians and all people.

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