



"You Change The Future with Education"

From: November 15 – December 31, 2024

Aim: Our goal is **to sponsor 50 children and young adults** in Aleppo, Syria, **to complete their education** and secure sustainable jobs, ultimately transforming their future, their families, and their communities.

Where: Aleppo, Syria

Imagine a place where education, the vital key out of poverty, is just out of reach. After years of conflict, approximately **90% of families in Aleppo**, many led by resilient women, **are struggling to afford basic necessities**, including education. While schools and universities may not charge tuition, costs for transport, materials, and other fees add up, making **quality education inaccessible for so many**. Sadly, many children have known war as their only reality, with schools damaged or totally destroyed, and a significant shortage of teachers complicating the situation further.

With only two hours of public electricity a day, daily life is a challenge. **Illiteracy rates have skyrocketed—from 20% to an astonishing 50%—and girls face even tougher barriers due to cultural norms**. Yet, education can inspire hope, allowing families to dream of a better future without having to leave their homeland.

Our Mission: Crete for Life



CRETE FOR LIFE

At **Crete for Life**, we are dedicated to making a tangible impact on children's lives. We are deeply committed to helping young people **access education** through initiatives that uplift and empower.



Working alongside **The Blues Maristes**, a volunteer group active in Aleppo since 2012, we meet weekly with struggling families to assess their unique needs. **Every child's story is important—whether they're in preschool or preparing for university, we are here for them.**

Once a child is accepted into our program, families make a commitment to support their education. They agree to keep us updated on academic progress, provide receipts for educational expenses, and ensure students are safe and can focus on their studies. It's a team effort, and we support these families every step of the way.

Why Education Matters ?

The immediate benefits of our educational initiatives are significant. Children who participate in our programs show increased motivation to attend school and are provided with a **safe haven** for socializing and learning. With the pressing lack of professionals in Syria, **equipping these students with skills**, like digital literacy and foreign languages, is crucial. Such education not only prepares them for the future but also provides a real **alternative to emigration**.

How You Make the Difference

- ☐ **Monthly Donation:** Your ongoing support can change lives. Just €40 a month can sponsor a student's education, covering essential costs so they can thrive in school.
- ☐ **One-off Donation:** Whether it's €10 for books, €25 for breakfast for a month to fuel a student, or €600 to prepare a student for their Baccalaureate, every donation makes a difference.
- ☐ There's also a pressing need for **physical resources in schools** — €1,800 can restore solar power systems, €2,500 can repair toilets for 400 students, and €3,500 can establish a linguistics lab to teach vital language skills.

On average a year's costs for one student is €480 but remember no contribution is too small!

DONATE NOW

From their voices, stories of hope

Meet Lina—a bright young girl striving for her dreams despite living in an abandoned cultural center in Aleppo, with her mother battling cancer. With our support, she is determined to achieve her baccalaureate goals.



And then there's **Naya**, who excels in school but needs a little extra help. Thanks to our program, she's receiving the tutoring she needs to succeed.



These stories are just glimpses into how education can transform lives.

Join Us! Together, we can change the future!

Let's unite for this cause. By advocating for girls' education and supporting at-risk youth, we can promote equality and strengthen communities. Your support can help break the cycle of poverty and ignite hope in Aleppo. **Will you be one of the 50 sponsors?**

Share this message with friends and family, and let's change the future for 50 children!