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Dear Friends of Operation Embrace,

This is a critical time for the State of Israel and for our brothers and sisters who live there. There are many people who have been injured in the recent attacks that have come from the North and from the Gaza region.

In response to the current crisis in Israel, Operation Embrace is in daily contact with **Roni Gagin**, Director of Social Services at **Rambam Medical Center** located in Haifa. Rambam has absorbed the majority of people who have been injured in attacks from Lebanon. Operation Embrace has a direct and unique relationship with Rambam. For the past several years, OE sponsors the PTSD center for victims of terror at Rambam.

Ms. Gagin and her staff are coordinating efforts with regional hospitals for Operation Embrace, organizing and assessing both immediate and long term needs of victims of terror. By these efforts, Operation Embrace is in constant and direct contact with the directors of social services from the **Nahariya Hospital** in Nahariya, the **Ziv Hospital** in Zfat and the **Barzilai Hospital** in Ashkelon, the closest hospital to Sderot, to learn about the needs of victims and how to assist the injured and their families directly. Operation Embrace has provided an Emergency Urgent Needs Fund for this current crisis.

Operation Embrace is in need of funds to help finance the many different immediate and long term needs of the injured and their families. Some of these needs include housing, transportation, household needs, daycare, individual and group mental health support and many other various needs that assist in the functioning of daily life.

If you are able to help at this time, please send checks payable to Operation Embrace, 7731 Tuckerman Lane, PMB #163, Potomac, Maryland 20854. You may also visit our website at www.operationembrace.org and make a credit card donation through "network for good." Thank you for all that you can do.

Sincerely the Founders,

Anne Clemons, Jocelyn Krifcher, Avivah Litan and Aviva Tessler