



The Tent Initiative

A Vision for Healing and Restoration in
the Middle East and the G.C.C

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by Springs of Hope Foundation

Dear Friend,

Thank you for allowing us to share our story with you. The sensitive nature of our work requires us to be cautious and protect the identities of our team members, myself included, due to the sensitive and dangerous environment in which we operate. I hope you understand the steps we take to ensure the safety of our team and those we serve.

Our work began in the aftermath of profound personal tragedy. On December 5, 1998 my son was gravely injured in a Hamas terrorist attack. It was a moment that could have broken us, but instead, we resolved that terror had come to the wrong house and we chose to rise up and fight. Those years were marked by unimaginable loss, burying friends and neighbors, and digging their graves. Yet, even in the shadow of death, I have seen the goodness of God in the land of the living.

This personal journey led me to the Yezidi community, one of the most persecuted people groups in the world. In 2014, nearly 12,000 Yezidis were taken captive by the Islamic State, subjected to horrors that defy comprehension. Over the past decade, my entirely local Yezidi team and I have walked alongside these survivors, helping them rebuild their lives and restore their souls.

We have stood at mass graves, witnessing the remains of those whose lives were stolen. We've helped survivors identify lost loved ones and discovered those who are the sole survivors of families once numbering in the dozens. We've danced at weddings of young women who were enslaved and brutalized but have now found hope.

This work is not easy, and it is not safe. But it is necessary. As you know, our world is marked by war, conflict, and acts of terror. Communities are turned upside down overnight, leaving generations in need of healing and hope. Through these challenges, we remain steadfast, knowing that restoration is possible, and lives can be rebuilt.

We cannot do this alone.

The magnitude of this work requires partners who believe in the power of restoration and hope. Will you join us? Together, we can create a future where those who have walked through the valley of the shadow of death can find life, light, and wholeness once again.

With gratitude and hope,

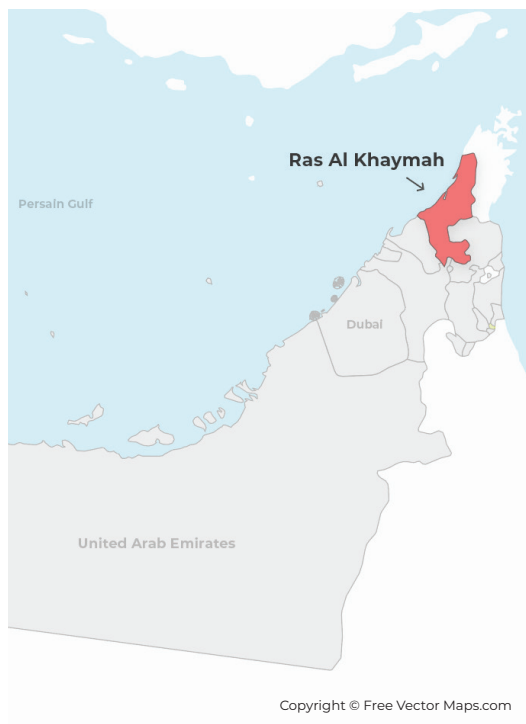
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Past, Present, & Future

The Tent Initiative envisions a sanctuary in the UAE inspired by the tent of the Prophet Abraham, embodying peace, dignity, and restoration. This space will provide refuge and specialized care for those affected by regional conflicts, including former captives and soldiers, helping them heal and reintegrate into society.

Leveraging a proven track record in rehabilitation and collaboration with local governments, the initiative aims to revive ancient traditions of hospitality and wellness.

By fostering dialogue, promoting healing, and uniting leaders, The Tent will become a beacon of hope and a foundation for a more peaceful future in the Middle East.



1998–2004

Phase 1 — The Origins

- Family tragedy spurred the Founder to create a support network for survivors of acts of terrorism.
- Springs of Hope was established to address PTSD, the navigation of bureaucracy, and survivor challenges.
- Focused on supporting widows, orphans, soldiers, and those disabled by terror.

2015–2016

Phase 2 — Establishing in Kurdistan

- Initial efforts centered on aiding the Yezidi community, displaced and taken hostage by ISIS.
- Springs of Hope registered as an NGO and established an office near a major refugee camp.
- Land was granted to build an educational and rehabilitation center for genocide survivors.

2017–2023

Phase 3 — Building Hope

- Expanded services with initiatives such as kindergartens, transitional housing, and empowerment programs.
- Created spaces for community support, including gardens, equine therapy, and art & music academies.
- Requested by the Government to provide housing and resources for displaced families.

2024–2025

Phase 4 — Pioneering New Initiatives

- Launched The Tent Initiative to create a central hub of wellness centers for conflict survivors in the region.
- Secured residency in the UAE to support the project's development.
- Began establishing The Tent Initiative as a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

We Are Here

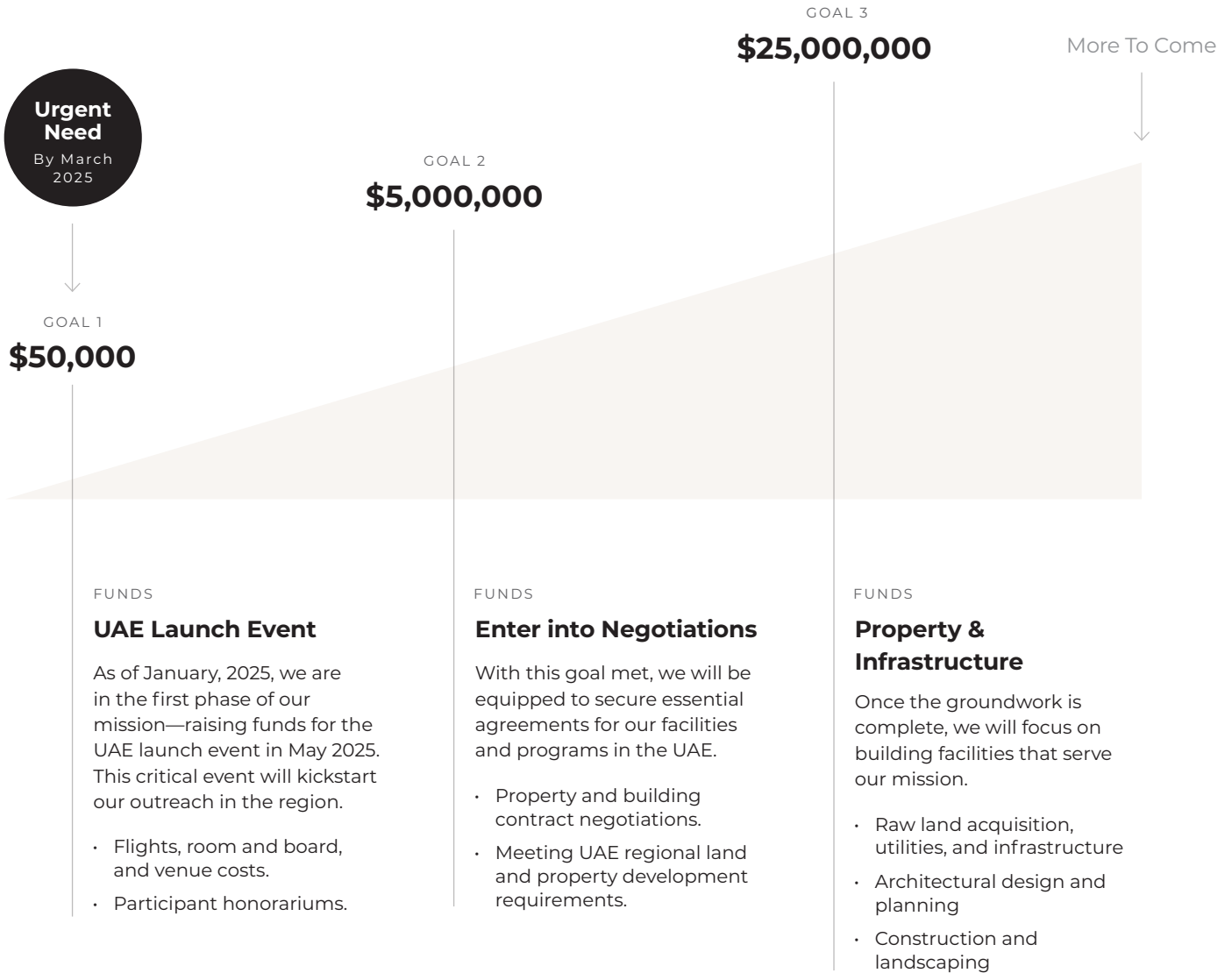
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Phase 5 — Building a Sanctuary

- Host a high-impact conference in the UAE to raise funds and build awareness for The Tent Initiative.
- Secure property to serve as a sanctuary for victims of regional conflicts, offering refuge and restoration.
- Construct facilities that provide therapy, wellness programs, and community support.

Fundraising Goals

Your support powers each step of our mission, from launching key initiatives to building for long-term impact. Here's how your generosity will be used.



Level I Gift	Level II Gift	Level III Gift
<p>\$2,500 One Time OR \$200 Per Month</p>	<p>\$12,000 One Time OR \$1000 Per Month</p>	<p>\$50,000 One Time OR \$4000 Per Month</p>



Khonav's Story

Khonav was just six months old when she was kidnapped and spent years in captivity, enduring unimaginable conditions in the harsh Al Hol camp. Now ten, she has been reunited with her brother and sister, though she has no memory of them or her life before captivity.

Because of Springs of Hope Foundation, Khonav is experiencing the joys of freedom for the first time—playing, running, and learning to be a child. Though she faces the challenge of rebuilding her life and catching up on years of lost education, her resilience is a powerful reminder of hope and the human spirit's ability to endure.



Dawod's Story

In 2019, Daoud, a former ISIS conscript, walked into Springs of Hope Foundation's gates, beginning an extraordinary journey of redemption. Once feared as a leader, he transformed under the foundation's care, embracing education, healing, and a new identity.

Daoud became a protector and guide, even alerting staff to potential dangers. His work with Horses for Hope revealed his natural leadership, as he trained Taj, a broken stallion, mirroring his own healing. Daoud's story is one of love, hope, and resilience, proving that even the most shattered lives can be restored. Springs of Hope Foundation gave Daoud the chance to start anew with dignity and purpose.



Faraj's Story

My name is Faraj, and I am ten. When ISIS attacked my village of Kojo, I was one year old. My family was torn apart; my father and male relatives were taken, and my mother, sister, and I were moved from place to place, eventually living in underground tunnels for four years. Life was harsh; I was beaten daily, and one beating broke both my legs. Living in darkness damaged my eyesight severely, and doctors said it couldn't be cured. After being rescued, my family paid a ransom for me. Now, at Springs of Hope, I'm finding joy and support. I'm undergoing play therapy and hope my eyes will improve so I can join sports and attend school.



Amera's Story

I am Amera, 28, and I live in Essiyan camp. ISIS captured me and took me to Syria, where I was imprisoned, beaten, and starved. Later, they sold me to an Iraqi man in Mosul. Forced to be his second wife, I endured sexual abuse from him and cruel labor from his first wife. I was made to wear the heavy black clothes of Daesh, which felt like a prison itself.

After Mosul was liberated, allied forces rescued me from the rubble of our house. Though I had suffered immensely, I rejoiced in removing the black clothes, shedding a part of my torment. At Sewing Hope, I celebrate freedom through vibrant fabrics and colors.



Kheri's Story

I am Kheri, 14, living in Shariya camp with my grandparents, the only family I have left. ISIS captured me at age nine, separated me from my family, and took me to Syria. They changed my name to Abu Abdullah and forced me into an Islamic school to memorize the Quran and the rules of the Caliphate. Mistakes led to harsh punishments. I was trained for war, used as a human shield, and endured starvation and injuries.

After airstrikes, I was rescued and brought to Kurdistan, only to learn ISIS had killed my entire family. Springs of Hope has given me a new home, and I'm rebuilding my life with education, sports, and hope for a brighter future.



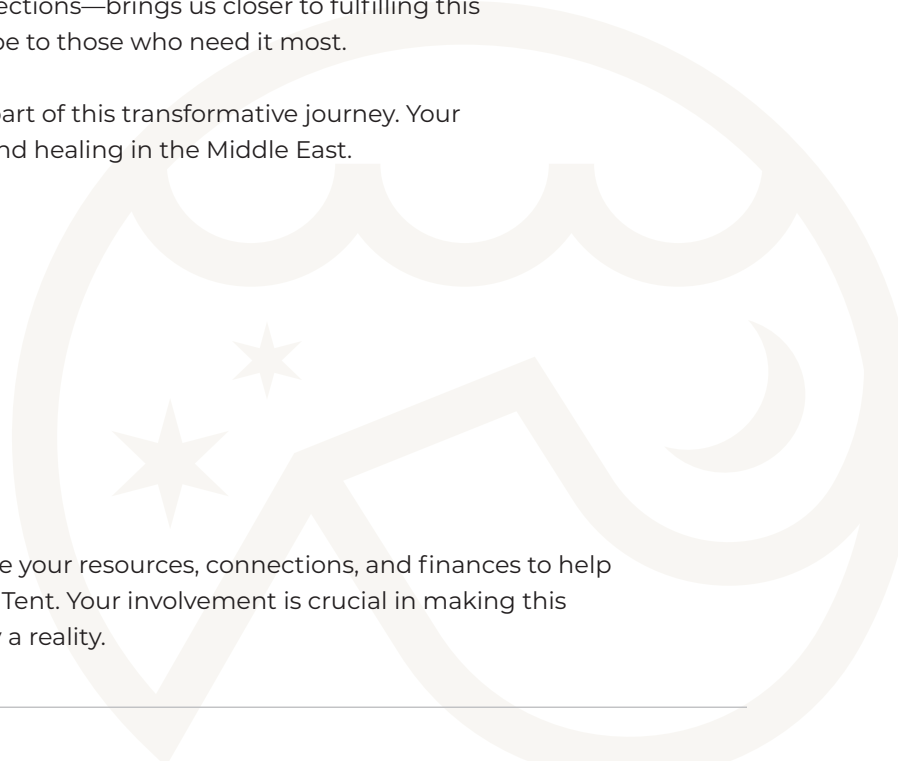
Wadha's Story

The day she arrived at our blue gate, she fell into my arms, and we hugged in silence, surrounded by hundreds of kids. Then she began to weep—for her murdered family, her captivity, her lost childhood, and her babies. At just 14, she had survived the horrors of Baghouz, Syria, but her body and spirit bore deep scars. Over months, she fought infections and worked to rebuild her life. One day, she told me she wanted a new name, free from the weight of her captors. After much thought, we chose "Joy"—a name of triumph and hope. From brokenness, she embraced life and a future, her choice echoing through generations to come.

How To Give

Join us in making The Tent Initiative a reality. Every contribution—whether financial support, logistical expertise, or personal connections—brings us closer to fulfilling this vision. Together, we can bring dignity and hope to those who need it most.

Reach out today to discover how you can be part of this transformative journey. Your support will create a lasting legacy of peace and healing in the Middle East.



Support the Vision

Contribute your resources, connections, and finances to help build The Tent. Your involvement is crucial in making this sanctuary a reality.

Stand as Custodians

Play a vital role in supporting the laborers and the project in any way you can. Your vigilance and care will help guide this initiative to success.

Donate Today



Use the QR code to make a financial contribution directly to The Tent Initiative. Every donation brings us closer to our goal.

Or visit www.springsofhope.foundation/tent

Schedule a Meeting



Plan a time to meet with us over Zoom. Let's discuss how we can work together to bring healing and peace to those in need.

Or visit www.springsofhope.foundation/tent

Connect with Us

Reach out to us directly via email thetentuae@gmail.com to discuss how you can get involved.

Hope In Action

2025 UAE Live Documentary Event

This groundbreaking three-day gathering will give voice to survivors of war and conflict while showcasing real solutions for regional healing. Through heartfelt testimonies, powerful performances, and meaningful discussions, we aim to inspire change-makers and bring hope to the forefront.

Join us as we bridge divides and create a platform for voices to be heard, paving the way for recovery, unity, and transformation.

Dates: May 18-20, 2025

Venue: The Ritz - Carlton Hotel, Al Wadi Desert, Ras Al Khaimeh

Agenda

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Opening Ceremonies, banquet, memorial, music, and a shared vision for hope and unity.

Monday, May 19, 2025

Iraq & Syria: Stories of resilience, music of hope, and important discussions on regional recovery.

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

The UAE's pivotal role in fostering regional healing and transformation, highlighted by survivor testimonies, insightful panel discussions, and a concluding desert.

Visit www.springsofhope.foundation/tent for more information

Sponsor

Staff and Survivor-Presenters

As a non-profit, we need your help with the basic travel arrangements for our Springs of Hope staff and the survivor-presenters that will be the cornerstone of this event.

Airfare
Transportation
Lodging
Meals

**Total Cost Per Staff
Member & Survivor-
Presenter** **\$2500**

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UAE Day-Visitors

Donating this amount allows us to bring in local fieldworkers—people who may not be able to afford a day-pass but can contribute their time & talents.

1-Day
Admission

Total **\$78**

