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Dear Friend,

The Arab-American Educational Foundation is almost at the goal line for establishing a Chair of Modern Arab History at the University of Houston!

We need your help to make the final push. Supporters have raised more than 95% of the 1 million dollars required. Just \$25,000 is needed to complete the goal. We invite your donation of \$50 to \$100 at your earliest convenience. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Team up with us in this campaign and your gift will help to build a climate of intercultural understanding, a climate that will ripple outward into many circles of influence. We have an excellent track record of success, having previously established a Chair of Arab Studies at Rice University, one of the top universities in the United States, with Professor Ussama Makdisi as the holder of the Chair. This position has enabled the AAEF to sponsor events reaching out to influential local thought leaders. From that solid foundation, we seek to establish another Arab Studies program in Houston, one of the largest multicultural cities in the United States.

You don't have to be awake
to feel the night air change...

Current times offer a perfect opportunity to build understanding of contemporary events in the Arab world. The AAEF's partnership with the newest Tier One institution in Texas, the University of Houston, represents another important landmark for the promotion of cross-cultural understanding in the area and in the world. After the university has the funds in hand, a search will begin for an eminent academician to be hired as the holder of the Chair of Modern Arab History. The job of the Chair will be to direct a new history program focused on the contemporary Arab world and relations with it, as well as to reach out to local and regional cultural and business communities to build stronger ties through focused events. Additional funds will be invested in a Center for Arab Studies. The purpose of this Center will be to plan sophisticated programs for academic, cultural, and business exchange with the Arab world.

These efforts are a tremendous legacy for our children and grandchildren, and also for the descendents of our friends from other ethnic origins. Take advantage of this opportunity for your children and grandchildren to receive the additional gifts of your support for the awareness and appreciation of their heritage and its modern counterparts in the wider community here. What we build for our children will be a presence in their lives forever.

I look into the mirror and see
a thousand mirrors behind me.

--*Elmaz Abinader*

Stand behind your heritage and be part of this historic effort to solidify positive reflections for our future generations. We must complete the goal by the end of this year. Please send your contribution as a check made out to the AAEF mailed to The Arab-American Educational Foundation at the address below, or visit our website and click on the **Donate** button at <http://www.theaaef.org>. Donations of all amounts are appreciated. Please share this message with your friends and contacts.

Thank you in advance for your time and support.

Best regards,

Aziz Shaibani, MD.
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