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# Multifaith Alliance for Syrian Refugees Transitions to the Future

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to announce that, effective January 16th, 2017, the Multifaith Alliance for Syrian Refugees (MFA) — a project launched by Tanenbaum — moved to the Tides Center to continue its critically important work.

In September 2013, the T A N E N B A U M | Center for Interreligious Understanding was proud to convene a broad range of religious leaders and faith-based organizations to begin what is now America's leading interfaith response to the Syrian crisis.

As a project of Tanenbaum, MFA has grown to include more than 75 constituent organizations. In addition to impacting more than 85,000 refugees in urgent need of aid, MFA addressed nearly 9,000 people with face-to-face public outreach programs, and reached audiences numbering more than 470 million through print, broadcast and digital media. MFA has conducted briefings in many parts of the U.S. as well as Canada, Israel, the U.K and E.U. It has directly addressed the three core fears that hamper humane and sensible refugee policies: economic impact, terrorism, Islamophobia.

Tanenbaum is proud to have incubated MFA's early work and to have enabled its growth. Having grown and expanded its reach in the last three years, MFA is now ready to begin operating separately as a project of the Tides Center, a 501(c)(3) organization that serves as a fiscal sponsor, and provides services to over 230 nonprofits across the United States.

Tanenbaum looks forward to MFA's continuing success and to remaining a member of the Multifaith Alliance and an active partner on the critical issues where our work to combat religious prejudice, hatred and violence intersects.

In solidarity,



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