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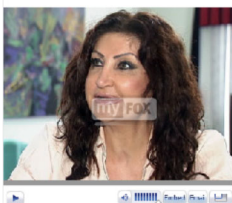
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Organization Helps Injured, Ill Iraqis

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FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. - Iraq's ambassador to the United States is in metro Detroit and recognizing those who help bring food and medicine to the innocent people hurt by war.

Caring for injured and ill Iraqis is the focus of a Michigan-based organization called "For Victims of War and Poverty". The group brings medical supplies and helps meet basic medical and human needs.

Farmington Hills Pharmacist Nadal Garmo is the president and founder. Her organization is honoring others involved in medical relief programs, and the Iraqi ambassador to the United States will deliver the keynote at the recognition dinner.

"I wanted to do my first gala event and I wanted to bring some people that are good people that are really helping, not just promising. They are people that are delivering," said Garmo.

Among the honorees are the Assyrian Medical Association and the World Medical Relief Organization, which seeks donations of surplus items to send to Iraq.

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Garmo, a native of Baghdad, has traveled to Iraq several times to see the direct impact of her organization and others with whom she works. "I'm giving it to the right people. We are really making a difference," she said.

Garmo has seen first hand the needs in war torn Iraq. "The medical is more important than anything else. Medical and clear water. ... The environment is so filthy," Garmo said.

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