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ns and the donation of the expensive devise for Noor's surgery with Claes H. Dohlman, M.D., Ph.D., of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary at Harvard Medical School, it was agreed only the most highly skilled surgeon should perform her surgery. James V. Aquavella, M.D. at the University of Rochester Eye Institute has successfully performed more than 100 pediatric keratoprosthesis surgeries, and upon learning of this special patient agreed to perform Noor's surgery and Bausch & Lomb agreed to fund all the hospital charges at the

University of Rochester Eye Institute.

Noor's transplant will be coordinated and funded by The Eye Defects Research Foundation, with support provided by the United States Multi-National Forces, the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, James V. Aquavella, M.D., the University of Rochester Eye Institute, Tissue Banks International, Alcon, Bausch and Lomb, Allergan, and Dr. Aloï Nahas.

Itinerary

-- Saturday May 31st: Noor & her mother arrive at JFK airport from Amman, Jordan and fly to Rochester, New York with Foundation Development Director, [jacquie navratil](#). Arriving at 10:35 pm.

-- Monday June 2nd: Noor's transplant will be performed at the University of Rochester Eye Institute with follow-up treatment provided 06/03/08 - 06/06/08 by Dr. Aquavella.

-- Saturday June 7th: Noor and her mother depart Rochester and return to Amman, Jordan, on to Baghdad and finally to their home in Buaytha, Iraq.

The World Health Organization estimates that 75 percent of the world's blind could be cured. The Eye Defects Research Foundation, founded by Yaron S. Rabinowitz, M.D., and is committed to funding research into blinding eye disease and delivering vision-saving surgeries to children here in the U.S. and in developing and war-torn regions throughout the world. As the humanitarian crisis in Iraq escalates, medical assistance becomes paramount in the stabilization effort.

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