

## ALGERIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Washington March 23, 2009

Mrs. Ferchichi Salima  
Rochester, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Ferchichi,

Thank you for your letter dated February 21, 2009. AAAGW has been very happy to help Mounib get the medical care he deserved in one of the best medical facility in the world. We are very grateful to Mayo Clinic for all the financial, material, and medical help they provided Mounib and his mother since mid-May 2008 until now. I am taking this opportunity to inform you (see attachment) that Mayo Clinic is of the view that Mounib does not require any additional neurosurgical care, and that follow-up for his shunt can be done in a facility with expertise in spina bifida closer to home in Algeria. In light of the letter from Mayo Clinic, and consistent with our December 3 letter (see attachment), AAAGW stands ready to buy Mounib and yourself plane tickets to ensure a convenient trip back to Algiers. I would appreciate if you could let us know when you wish to do so.

AAAGW would like also to inform you that in the event that Mounib is back to Algeria, it will continue to manage the funds in the Mounib account. The funds will be made available, upon request by yourself, to cover expenses of follow-up visits and any other justified, medical or otherwise subsistence expenses related to Mounib and his mother. As stipulated in our December 3, 2008 letter, the funds in Mounib account will be used until complete depletion. In the interim, you mentioned that you intend to move from Ronald Mac Donald House to an apartment outside the hospital. If you chose to do so, AAAGW will cover the rent of your new lodging, provided you submit a lease agreement. Should you need help for the rental deposit, AAAGW is ready to provide the necessary backing to your future landlord.

AAAGW confirms again its readiness to use all the outstanding funds in the Mounib account to cover ongoing justified medical and living expenses of Mounib and yourself until these funds are depleted. Once they are fully used, AAAGW will not be in a position to cover any expense, irrelevant of its nature. Further, as indicated before, AAAGW will not be conducting a new fundraising for Mounib. For your information, no new donations were received since August 2008, and the initial fundraising is now officially closed.

We would like to wish Mounib a very productive life and the best of luck for his family.

Abdelrani Bessaha



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February 24, 2009

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To Whom It May Concern:

Mounib Ferchichi has recently undergone placement of a ventriculoperitoneal shunt following his myelomeningocele repair. I am happy to report that he has clinically done very well, and his last head CT has shown smaller size of the ventricles as well as resolution of the subdural hematomas which prompted revision.

At this point he does not require any additional neurosurgical care. He does require follow up for his hydrocephalus and ventriculoperitoneal shunt and his myelomeningocele at a facility with expertise in spina bifida, but this can be done closer to home in Algeria. His programmable valve with a Codman-Medos valve is set at 170. The company will provide a programmer to adjust the valve should that be necessary.

I hope this information is useful in facilitating follow-up care in Mounib's home country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Wetjen".

Nicholas M. Wetjen, M.D.

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cc: Mounib T. Ferchichi