In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the UAE Embassy is partnering with Washington, DC organizations and charities to support local communities confronting medical and economic challenges caused by this public health crisis.

**Children’s National Hospital**

The UAE Embassy is a long-time partner of Children’s National Hospital in Washington, DC and is supporting its efforts to keep children and young patients in DC safe during the Coronavirus health crisis.

In March, Children’s National Hospital launched DC’s first drive-up/walk-up COVID-19 testing location at Trinity Washington University. This site offers specimen collection for children and young patients who are showing symptoms and have been referred by their primary care doctor for virus testing.

- The testing site will be able to test between 80 and 100 children per day.
- Testing results should be available in three to five days.

Ambassador Yousef Al Otaiba and his wife Abeer Al Otaiba are among the donors who helped jumpstart the program.

“The drive-up/walk-up site and other urgent needs are made possible by the generosity of philanthropists who raised more than $1 million. It was jumpstarted by Scott Nathan and Laura DeBonis and matched by the A. James & Alice B. Clark Foundation, the Bharti and Raj Shah Family and Abeer and Yousef Al Otaiba.” – Children’s National Hospital Press Release

**Good Food DC and Oasis Community Partners**

Ambassador Al Otaiba and his wife made a donation to support local grocery store Good Food Markets in Washington, DC. In response to COVID-19, Good Food Markets is safely distributing free shelf-stable grocery items to DC residents in need. UAE support will help GFM stock up on their emergency food supply and build out the logistical infrastructure to facilitate grocery delivery to vulnerable populations in DC.

**World Central Kitchen**

As part of Chef Jose Andres’ ‘Chefs For America’ initiative, World Central Kitchen is working with partners to safely distribute 50,000 individually packaged fresh meals each day to communities in need. Ambassador Al Otaiba and his wife are supporting these efforts in Washington, DC through a pilot meals distribution program.
Feed the Fight DC

Ambassador Al Otaiba and his wife Abeer are supporting Feed the Fight, a grassroots organization that is paying for meals and distributing them to health care workers and first responders in the Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC area.

“We are incredibly grateful to Yousef and Abeer Al Otaiba, UAE Ambassador to the United States, and the Embassy here in Washington, DC for this generous donation,” said Elena Tompkins, founder of Feed the Fight. “Thanks to the growing support for this initiative, we are having a dual impact on the community by helping local restaurants remain operational and expressing gratitude to the nurses, doctors and other health care staff who are working around-the-clock during the COVID-19 pandemic response.”

Social Media

UAE Embassy US | April 8 | 🤝
Join us in supporting Feed the Fight DC! @UAEEmbassyUS is matching donations up to $10K to meet the needs of dedicated local medical, EMT & Police through restaurants delivering meals to COVID-19 front lines. Donate here → https://feedthefight.org/ #UAEUSA @communityfndn

Feed the Fight | April 6 | 🌐
Your Support is Now Worth DOUBLE!
Beginning at noon on April 6, the UAE Embassy in Washington, DC will match dollar for dollar for the next $10,000 we raise. Donate today at https://feedthefight.org/donate/ UAE Embassy US | April 6 | 🌐
Ambassador Yousef Al Otaiba and his wife Abeer are supporting @WCKitchen and @chefjoseandres as they safely distribute fresh meals in cities across America. In this time of crisis, the UAE is proud to stand with US partners as they provide necessary support to communities in need. Visit wck.org to learn how you can help. #ChefsForAmerica #uaeusaunited

UAE Embassy US | March 26 | 🌐
We are proud to support the team at @GoodFoodDC who are providing free shelf-stable grocery items to DC residents today from 10AM to 2PM. Learn more and see how you can help at: https://bit.ly/3dwIBKk

Children’s National Hospital | March 23 | 🌐
#COVID19 testing now available for children and young adults. Here’s what you need:
- Get approved referral from your doc
- Photo ID
- Drive or walk up to our testing site (referring doc will provide directions)
- Results in ~3-5 days
All info: https://childrensnational.org/visit/resources-for-families/wellness-resources/coronavirus

NBCWashington | March 24 | 🌐
Children’s National hospital opens first coronavirus drive-thru testing site for kids

FOX 5 DC | March 24 | 🌐
Children's National Hospital opens drive-up COVID-19 specimen collection, testing site https://bit.ly/2QjirKq
Children’s National Hospital begins drive-thru pediatric testing for coronavirus

UAE Embassy US | March 24 |
Children’s National Hospital is now offering drive-through COVID-19 testing for children and young patients in Washington, DC. Thank you @ChildrensNatl for providing this critical service to our local community.