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Young Algerian child with Spina Bifida to travel to the United States for delicate surgery

Philadelphia, PA (March 1, 2013) - The **Maghreb-American Health Foundation** has announced that it will be bringing to the United States for treatment an Algerian child suffering from Spina Bifida.

This child was part of the 2012 mission to Tunisia but could not receive the treatment required because of the complexity of his case. The doctor recommended at the time that this delicate surgery would be more appropriate for a specialized medical facility in the United States.

The **Maghreb-American Health Foundation** is once again partnering with the **Minnesota International Medicine** to make this life-changing surgery a reality. The **Children's Hospitals of Minneapolis** has graciously agreed to take this case pro-bono. The surgeon and the medical team are also offering their time for free. The travel, lodging, and miscellaneous cost will be covered by the foundation with generous support from donors and contributors.

The child and his family will be traveling to the United States in early March and the surgery is now scheduled for March 12, 2013.

About the Maghreb-American Health Foundation, inc.

Founded in 2012, the Maghreb-American Health Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to lead strategic collaborative efforts among the countries of the Maghreb region and other partners in the United States, to promote equity in health, emphasize the prevention of birth defects, and to improve the quality of the lives of the people of the Maghreb by focusing on shaping quality health care in the region and promoting education and international development.

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