

From Martyrdom to Hope: "Insisting On Life" Nasser Abufarha, PhD

Nasser Abufarha, PhD is Founder of Palestine Fair Trade Association and Canaan Fair Trade

Presented by Canaan Fair Trade & Interfaith Peace Builders

John Carroll University Lombardo Student Center 7:00 PM September 16, 2010 Oberlin College West Hall 12:30 PM September 17, 2010

Nasser Abufarha, PhD, will explain how his research on suicide bombers led to the founding of The Palestine Fair Trade Association, which has grown into 49 producer cooperatives with over 1700 small farmers. Its corporate partner, Canaan Fair Trade, has a state of the art olive oil refinery and world wide distribution of organic, certified fair trade products. Profits fund college scholarships, micro-loans for women, replanting of thousands of uprooted olive trees, and jobs that provide hope for the embattled West Bank city of Jenin. Dr. Abufarha received his PhD in anthropology from the University of Wisconsin. His PhD dissertation, "The Making of a Human Bomb: An Ethnography of Palestinian Resistance" was published by Duke University Press in August 2009.

Interfaith Peace Builders leads delegations to Israel/Palestine where they meet peace makers on both sides of the conflict. The delegation is a transformative experience for most participants, who later become forces for change in their own communities. IFPB supports returning delegates through ongoing communication and training in community organization and advocacy. Mike Daly, Program Coordinator and delegation leader, will be available to answer questions about the IFPB experience.

Dr. Abufarha's book, <u>The Making of a Human Bomb: An Ethnography of Palestinian Resistance</u>, will be on sale for \$25. Canaan Fair Trade olive oil and soap will also be available for purchase with cash or check.