

deeply shook the city and it is still recovering today; creating this relationship with Nablus would be very useful and impactful for Nablus as it rebuilds its city in this time and moves forward. I think that Boulder would also benefit from this relationship to increase cross-cultural communal understanding and allow Boulder citizens to experience the beauty not only of the holy land and historical sites but of the vibrant and welcoming culture of Nablus. Nablus is home to thousands of refugees from around Israel and Palestine and is home to Muslims, Jews, Christians, and Samaritans. They have a long history of inter-cultural communication that is imbedded in the culture. This acceptance of different backgrounds I think mirrors Boulder's dedication to acceptance of different backgrounds within our own community.

I hope you will consider this project that I deeply believe in and that I think would be mutually beneficial.

Thank you,

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