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**Maghreb-American Health Foundation announces
successful conclusion of medical mission to Algeria**

Philadelphia, PA (April 29, 2016) - The ***Maghreb-American Health Foundation*** has announced the successful completion of its medical mission to Médéa (Algeria) that took place April 23-29, 2016.

The goals of this first mission to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria was to (i) introduce the ***Maghreb-American Health Foundation*** and establish a strong partnership with health officials and local organizations in Algeria, (ii) treat young patients suffering from Spina Bifida, and (iii) organize workshops and learning events by US doctors with Algeria doctors.

The ***Maghreb-American Health Foundation***'s team composed of 17 American volunteer medical professionals, specialized in neurosurgery, cardiology, and anesthesia worked jointly with local Algerian medical doctors to provide much needed medical treatment to 35 children with ages varying from 0 to 14 years-old. These children were all suffering from multiple forms of Spina Bifida.

Working closely with their Algerian counterparts, the volunteer American doctors were also able to showcase the latest surgical techniques, advanced surgical equipment, and overall multi-disciplinary approach to treating Spina Bifida in the United States. The goal was to empower the local surgical team to treat complex Spina Bifida cases and become a center of excellence at the regional level.

The team and the mission received many praises from the local population, government officials and the media. The team had the opportunity to meet the Wali of Médéa and the US ambassador to Algeria.

This mission ushers a new era of collaboration and exchange between the citizens of the United States and Algeria in the medical field and will further help improve the quality of the lives of the people of the Maghreb.

About the Maghreb-American Health Foundation, Inc.

Founded in 2012, the Maghreb-American Health Foundation, Inc. is a recognized nonprofit charitable 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 life 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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