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Baltimore's TremontPark Hotel to Host Young Iraqi Injured in the War

Baltimore's Tremont Suite Hotels have long been known for their commitment to the local Baltimore community. From July 14 through July 26, the Tremonts will extend their reach far beyond the city limits of Baltimore to embrace Iraqi citizens Ayad Bresseem, and, his father, Ali Bresseem. They will travel to the United States so that Ayad can receive the necessary medical treatment to correct injuries he sustained as result of the war in Iraq. The Tremont Park Hotel will host Ayad and his father during their stay in Baltimore.

Ayad will be in the United States to have surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital and the Washington Institute of Dermatologic Laser Surgery for injuries he sustained when an unexploded bomb detonated in his backyard. Twelve years old at the time of his injuries, Ayad was blinded in his right eye because of corneal scarring, and his face was severely discolored. Due to a lack of adequate medical services in Iraq, Ayad's father was unable to secure proper medical treatment for Ayad's injuries.

The Bresseem's struggle was brought to the nation's attention by a March 17 article in the New York Times chronicling the struggles of injured Iraqis to receive medical treatment. In response to the article, Joe-Tom Easley from Miami, Florida asked to be put in touch with Ayad's father so that he could ask permission to arrange for Ayad to come to the United States for all of the treatment required to correct the damage caused by the explosion. Through an e-mail typed by an Iraqi interpreter, Ayad's father agreed, and Mr. Easley, the Good Samaritan, proceeded with making plans.

After discussing Ayad's medical history with a number of physicians, Mr. Easley was referred to Dr. Esen Akpek of the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Akpek agreed to perform the tissue transplant on Ayad's eye at no-cost and the hospital charges will be covered by the Gallagher Fund. For the laser treatment of Ayad's facial discoloration, Mr. Easley enlisted Dr. Tina Alser of the Washington Institute of Dermatologic Laser Surgery, both who will provide their services at no-charge.

Welcoming Ayad and his father to Charm City, the Tremont has offered free lodging to them during the duration of their stay.

Tremont properties:

Tremont Grand

Set to open in the fall of 2005, the Tremont Grand has undergone an extensive renovation from it's original purpose as the Grand Lodge of Maryland's Masonic Order. The majestic building successfully integrates state-of-the-art technology with 19th Century architectural elegance. With five floors and over 45,000 square feet of meeting and reception space, the Tremont Grand is intent on becoming Baltimore's premier site for business and social events.

Tremont Plaza Hotel

The Tremont Plaza Hotel, Baltimore's largest full-service, all-suite hotel, is located minutes away from the Inner Harbor and Charles Street. Its convenient city center location situates the Plaza in the heart of the city's business, cultural, historic, entertainment and shopping districts. The Tremonts have built a skywalk connecting the Plaza to the soon-to-debut Tremont Grand meeting and banquet facility. Whether traveling for business or pleasure, its refined and sophisticated atmosphere makes for the perfect visit to Baltimore.

Tremont Park Hotel

Baltimore's first all suite hotel, the Tremont Park Hotel, offers affordable luxury in a quiet setting. The 58 suite hotel, just steps off of Historic Charles Street, is located in Baltimore's historic and business districts, and is within walking distance to the Inner Harbor, the Baltimore Convention Center and the theater and restaurant districts.

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