

#NO WAY TO TREAT A CHILD
ADVOCACY LEADING TO

HR 4391

JUNE 2015

Congressional Briefing held on Child Detention at the Capitol Visitors Center. Speakers included Congressman Keith Ellison, Tariq Abu Khdeir, Suha Abu Khdeir, Brad Parker, Rabbi Brant Rosen, Joe Stork and Jennifer Bing, moderator.

"Detaining Dreams" a 20 minute **documentary** on child detention is released and shown to audiences across the U.S.

Rep Betty McCollum and 18 co-signers sent a **Dear Colleague** letter to The Honorable John Kerry, Secretary of State asking him to elevate the human rights of Palestinian children.

JUNE 2016

Rep. Betty McCollum and 19 cosigners sent a second **Dear Colleague letter** to President Barack Obama asking him to appoint a "Special Envoy for Palestinian Youth" to report on the status of children.

Presbyterian Church (USA) passed a national resolution "On Reaffirming the Rights of Children and Attention to Violence Against Children in Israel and Palestine."

JUNE 2017

Congressional Briefing "50 Years of Israeli Military Occupation and Life of Palestinian Children" held in DC. Speakers included Omar Shakir, Brad Parker, Nadia Ben-Youssef, and Yazan Meqbil.

United Church of Christ and **Disciples of Christ** passed resolutions "A Call for the United Church of Christ to Advocate for the Rights of Children Living Under Israeli Military Occupation."

FEBRUARY 2017

A petition with **11,172 signatures** was delivered to new US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

The petition urged Tillerson "to prioritize the human rights of Palestinian children and hold Israeli authorities accountable for widespread and systematic ill-treatment and torture of Palestinian children."

NOVEMBER 2017

HR 4391 *Promoting Human Rights by Ending Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Children Act* introduced by Rep. Betty McCollum, with 10 cosponsors.