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## Hungry? ...Taste the New Twist on Local Edmonton Mediterranean Cuisine at Upcoming Bazaar Festival!

**Edmonton, February 13th** – The Palestinian Bazaar, proudly presented by Humanserve International, features delicious local food from **Pita Bake and Cedar Sweets**. Pita Bake takes the original Middle Eastern stone-baked pita and turns it into a fresh experience for your taste buds with unique choices like the cheeseburger pita, buffalo or jerk chicken pita. Cedar Sweets offers irresistible sweets such as baklava, giving a true taste of the Mediterranean.

“It is a great opportunity for people to experience an affordable and filling taste of Palestine. The appetizing cuisine will surely fill you up throughout the day while you take in everything the Bazaar has to offer!” says Vanessa Ali, President of Humanserve International.

Other unique food experiences include taste testing at **Canadian Palestinian Cultural Association’s** booth or the opportunity to purchase fair trade **Zaytoun** olive oil and savory spice with proceeds supporting disadvantaged farmers in Palestine.

**The Palestinian Bazaar**, a full day festival celebrating the cultural richness of the Palestinian People will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the TransAlta Arts Barn, 10330 84 Ave NW. Adding to the festival landscape of Edmonton, the Bazaar aims to celebrate the contributions Palestinians make to society through art, film, food, goods, knowledge, literature and music. The day concludes with much anticipated musical performances by **The Narcicyst, Lowkey and Shadia Mansour**, award-winning hip-hop artists from the UK and Montreal.

**HUMANSERVE INTERNATIONAL**, Society for Relief and Development, is a non-profit agency registered with the Government of Alberta and governed by a community-based board of directors. HS works with a number of local and international NGOs providing educational, community health, development and social services in Lebanon and Palestine. We aim to inform the Canadian public about humanitarian aspects in the Middle East and do so through public engagement activities such as The Palestinian Bazaar. These activities link international development with community awareness and education in Canada. By making these links, HUMANSERVE works to facilitate a learning process that will enable Canadians to better understand the nature and importance of global issues while encouraging the appreciation of the culture and talent of the people affected by these issues. For more info visit [humanserve.org/bazaar](http://humanserve.org/bazaar).

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