

To whom it may concern,

I have known Amir Shihadeh since we were children and he has shown me what it is like to believe in a "better world". In a way, he has turned this overused cliché into a reality.

On a personal level, he has always been responsible; taking care of his sisters at a very young age. He provided them with all the love and care they needed.

Most strikingly, however, his care has extended towards his community. Therefore, he now has an outstanding impact on the local and even the international community through his genuine dedication towards YARA.

He has managed to found a nonprofit organization where an event like "COEXIST" can flourish not once, but three times. This event has become a platform for addressing the roles which faith plays in the society as well as a piazza for people to exchange viewpoints and simply, coexist!

**- Hala Asaad**

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