

## Never Dying Commandments

The global system of charitable work, in which the State of Kuwait participated in establishing, is the result of decades of organization. At a time when we are witnessing the collapse of countries due to the crumbling pillars of mercy and love, there comes the world's recognition of Kuwait as a global humanitarian center and the honoring of its Emir as a leader in humanitarian initiatives. This can help to remind all of us, the children of this beautiful country, of Kuwait's true spirit of giving which, with the Almighty's mercy, has been a bulwark of protection from every evil and harm. Established by the State of Kuwait, by its commandments and through its people, this global charitable initiative lends its aid to every society and has found itself amidst the struggle of wars, disasters, and poverty. This system wasn't established overnight, rather it has formed over decades; initiated in 1954 by His Highness the Emir, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, with the aid of a group of good men from the sons of Kuwait. This was accompanied with the founding of the People's Fund Raising Committee which appointed his Highness as an Honorary President. Ever since then, his Highness, with his instinctive vision and keen foresight, has been aware of the need to organize Kuwaiti charitable work into a clear structure which does not allow money to be directed to goals unrelated to humanitarian activities. Therefore, when his Highness addressed his historic speech to the good men of Kuwait, both past and present, he granted them a great honor because he himself has witnessed the humanitarian principles embodied in the charity of those men. I too have also witnessed these principles in the past along with my father, The Great Benefactor, Abdullah Al-Othman, may God have mercy on him.

Moreover, upon extensive research, I have found that a great number of my father's charitable donations were due to the relentless efforts of real men from Kuwait who insisted on answering the call of their fellow man and brother, from whichever land the cry for help could be heard. Among those records is a letter sent to my father which dated