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Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation at HFH

On July 13 we travelled as a small group from Holy Family Hospital Foundation to the Hospital in Bethlehem. The group included, Michele Bowe, the President of the Foundation, Molly Huish, the Communications and Development Officer of the Foundation and Jill Ortiz, a Board Member of the Foundation. We arrived in the evening to spend a quiet night in Bethlehem resting up for a busy week. The next morning we went down to the hospital to find the corridors busy with children waiting for the birth of their siblings, mothers in labor quietly walking the halls and generations of family members providing the moral support for the new mothers. The atmosphere was so joyous, yet professional and efficient as well.

That afternoon, we went up to the NICU to visit Dr. Micheline, the NICU Head, her staff and the preemies. We found the unit to be very busy with a number of babies who were born at 700 grams. The babies were all being changed and fed and evaluated by the staff. Dr. Micheline told us the story of each baby. She was careful to add that at our Catholic hospital, every baby no matter how early or small is resuscitated after birth if needed. She said that her training and beliefs required her to work to save each and every life. This atmosphere of love and care was evident in the way the nurses and parents handled and cared for the babies. We met one family

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who was being discharged after several long weeks in the NICU. They were so happy and proud. As the mother, holding the baby stood next to the father, I realized that they looked just like a modern Holy Family walking out of the hospital with their miracle child. Later that afternoon, a father came to visit his twin girls. He arrives every afternoon after a one and a half hour shuttle ride from the Hebron area. After he scrubbed in and robed, he was able to hold the bigger of his twin daughters. He was so happy and clearly in awe of his baby. It was beautiful to be a quiet witness. His other daughter was born at 700 grams and was still too small for him to hold. She was very healthy gaining 30 grams a day and he would be able to hold her soon. He was allowed to put his hand in her special incubator and gently let her know that he was there just as he always was every day. It was a true privilege for us to be allowed a glimpse of these tender moments amidst the state of the art workings of the NICU.

Molly and Jill were able to spend Thursday morning out in the mobile van. Two doctors were in the van out doing rounds on the mothers and children of the desert community. Since it was Ramadan, we expected a smaller number of patients. Instead, they found that there were plenty of patients waiting patiently to be screened. While the gynecologist was examining patients in the van, the pediatrician was chatting with the mothers and children outside. While the conversation seemed informal and friendly, the pediatrician was carefully screening the crowd to see if any of the visiting children needed to be examined. He later examined a young baby with a flat area on his head. He gently educated the mother about rotating the infant's sleep position and making sure the baby had plenty of time on his tummy. The van experience, like the hospital was joyous and hopeful. Clearly there is great trust among the patients and the hospital and its programs.

We were also lucky enough to visit the nursery and Dr. Salim Pediatrician at HFH. There we saw the healthy robust babies being expertly cared for by the staff in a large clean and professional setting. On Friday, we were able to see the Well Women Clinic, sponsored by the Foundation. The waiting room was full of women my age and older waiting to see Dr. Dabdoub, Doctor in charge of Over 45 clinic. We spoke with the staff and learned that the busy clinic refers a number of the women for gynecological surgery to treat their symptoms. Dr. Dabdoub said that four women were being registered for incontinence surgery in the hospital referred from our clinic. We were proud to see how well the clinic was running and happy to see that the lives of the patients were being improved.

We were also able to meet Dr. Nihad, the Medical Director. We were pleased to meet her and tell her how honored we were to spend time at the hospital meeting patients and staff and seeing in person the importance of the hospital in the community and surrounding region. The experience made us all want to redouble our efforts to raise more funds to support the good works of Holy Family Hospital. I know that Palestinians have the twin reputation of valuing education and offering the best hospitality. We saw that the hospital lives by these cultural norms of employing highly skilled and educated employees, providing training and welcoming each patient and visitor with the warmest of Palestinian hospitality. We are all eagerly waiting for the next chance to visit Holy Family Hospital. In the meantime, we are going to work extra hard to raise the needed funds for the mothers and babies of the Holy Land.



Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation at HFH





July's Activity

Klosterneuburg group visits HFH

The Hospital was delighted to receive the Klosterneuburg group on the 7th July. During the visit, the group toured and was briefed about our mission with the participation of Mr. Jacqmin, CEO of Holy Family Hospital. They witnessed in their own eyes the big progress and the quality of medical services we provide for hundreds of infants and mothers .

Holy Family Hospital would like to thank this group for their generous donations and support .



Marlene Carron group visits HFH

July 26, 2014 a group accompanied by Mrs. Marlene Carron from the Fraternity Eucharistein, Switzerland, visited the hospital. The group's members were pleasantly greeted. Our visitors toured the different facilities of the hospital and they were enlightened about all the work done and the successfulness throughout all the past years .

They were introduced to some of our medical and paramedical team whom they are dedicating their work to provide excellence care for women and infants, without regard to religion or national origins.

The management of the hospital would like to express the earnest gratitude and appreciation to each and every one who works hard to assure the finest implementation of this hospital.



Reverend Raymond Ritari visits HFH

On July , 2014 we were privileged by the visit of a Group from St. Mathew Catholic Church headed by Reverend Ritari , Phoenix ,Arizona USA, who were gracious enough to visit the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem. During their visit, the group members were briefed about the history and operations of the hospital, and the huge progress it made over the precedent years. The group toured the hospital's departments flashing the light at the high quality medical services and care for the infants and mothers.

Holy Family Hospital would like to thank the group and all the various visiting groups for their generous support and belief in the mission of the Holy Family Hospital.





Departure of the Volunteer Midwife Ms. Annelise



Continuously to maintain the good work at our institution. In January, we were lucky to have Ms. Annelise as a volunteer Midwife, and now came the time to leave us. She sadly left us, leaving an exceptional attendance record and an excellent work ethics.

we wish her the best of luck in her future challenge.



A Resident Doctor had her Second baby born at HFH

In life, it just doesn't get much happier than the arrival of another baby. Dr. Ala' Sharabati had her second baby girl at Holy Family Hospital. The baby was born with good health condition and received all the medical care as the rest of our babies born at HFH. May God bless you and your little one.



A Laboratory Technologist had his New baby born at HFH

The birth of a newborn baby is the sweet new blossom of humanity. It is mainly the most magical and precious moment for the Family. Thus, the Management committee and the staff of Holy Family Hospital would like to congratulate Mr. Michael Lama for having his first baby boy on the 2nd July 2014.

The new born angel shall bring in, loads of happy and memorable times in your life. Congratulations on the arrival of your new baby. God bless your family.

Congratulations for holding a little treasure in your arms!

We wish him a life full of success and luck.





ACTIVITY REPORT

Monthly Deliveries

The number of monthly deliveries 1990 - 2014 is as follows:

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
JAN	0	93	128	143	146	148	181	205	217	162	250	158	180	159	238	224	240	230	248	221	258	249	274	249	271
FEB	4	69	97	150	157	130	183	180	192	165	239	155	152	165	220	221	218	228	217	239	221	228	227	224	257
MAR	46	93	133	184	149	168	164	220	194	217	231	160	142	179	224	231	217	313	259	236	265	260	278	260	287
APR	68	87	116	181	135	180	180	207	185	213	274	146	82	195	222	240	216	322	270	280	298	286	265	301	267
MAY	85	92	124	170	153	188	224	233	221	246	288	195	129	214	196	238	237	366	340	284	304	285	229	250	239
JUN	85	106	145	177	145	202	212	222	227	276	294	156	132	239	252	258	219	277	291	275	333	292	261	278	301
JUL	84	101	151	165	172	188	209	261	234	302	329	148	136	249	232	235	243	276	294	328	307	286	306	279	314
AUG	71	90	151	173	163	199	226	219	244	299	309	161	122	227	246	235	256	264	279	280	286	292	296	289	
SEP	109	103	154	171	172	167	192	241	199	276	275	146	143	220	224	234	280	233	260	261	295	263	291	267	
OCT	116	109	154	166	172	193	198	255	211	273	223	134	138	240	243	257	295	255	277	297	270	251	281	274	
NOV	97	87	150	146	149	203	196	205	161	282	165	145	121	191	221	213	257	224	241	247	237	224	249	271	
DEC	104	105	153	127	163	198	194	240	180	266	175	135	140	203	227	207	268	238	248	265	236	243	209	242	
TOTAL	869	1135	1656	1953	1876	2164	2359	2688	2465	2977	3052	1839	1617	2481	2745	2793	2946	3226	3224	3213	3310	3159	3166	3184	1936

“Hope is a powerful motivation for Charity”

Baby of the Month
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TOTAL DELIVERIES SINCE 1990

62, 033