



# ALHADAF

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## Spring 2017 Newsletter

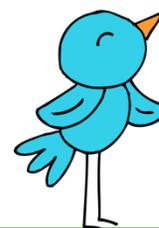
### A Message from the Founder:

“Celebrating our second anniversary has been an encouraging testament to how much Al-Hadaf has grown. Without our wonderful team, talented volunteers and you, our friends and supporters, none of this amazing work would be possible. With limited resources and our small team, we managed to provide for **2,473 beneficiaries in 2016 alone**. With your continued support, we are committed to sustaining our programs and providing for beneficiaries from all backgrounds and religions.

As mother Teresa said, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love”. Together, let’s focus on quality over quantity to encourage and inspire others to make the Middle East a better home for our Children.”

**-Maran Ma’ayah**

**CEO/Founder**



### Capacity Building Training

As a part of the Al-Hadaf capacity building program, we began the second phase of our program with The Life Center in Zarqa. The program lasted six weeks with our trainer and consultant Mr. Emil AbuJaber (PHD Organizational Leadership).

Al-Hadaf also began the second phase of capacity building for staff and caregivers of the Al-Kathem orphanage. Mr. Emil Abu Jaber led training sessions on emotional intelligence, communication skills, and conflict resolution. In offering these trainings and improving the skills of caregivers at the orphanage we are able to prevent trauma and greatly improve the level of care and support which the children receive in their upbringing.



## English Courses

In February, we began English courses for our Iraqi Asylum seekers. It was such a blessing to see that they had remembered their English from last year's courses. Due to an increase in Iraqi families, we had to separate the refugees into groups. With the help of our US interns, we created beginner and intermediate level classes.

Many of the families are no longer receiving financial help from the Jordanian government due to their asylum visas taking longer than originally expected. With the current situation in America, many of the women are experiencing anxiety and daily stress levels are very high. Within the class, fun is a major element as we try to ensure their anxiety and worries subside for the time they spend with us. Throughout the course, families have been receiving their visas and some have since left Jordan to start their new lives.



## Jordanian Orphanage Program



This year marked the beginning of our English Program for Jordanian Orphans. Members of the Al-Hadaf team, along with some amazing volunteers from the US, have been attending the orphanage on a weekly basis. We love spending time with the girls and assisting them with pronunciations of English words through speaking, drawing and playing games. We are happy to say that these beautiful children are registered in school, and our English support is further improving their skills to give them better job opportunities in the future. Seeing their smiling faces each week and receiving amazing hugs are added bonuses.



## Art Therapy Classes

Along with the English classes, we have also started art therapy classes for the children. The children have been drawing, painting, creating new things each week, and playing games with added elements of English. The art therapy classes have provided a platform for the children to socialize, express their emotions and have time to play with each other.



## School Program

In March, the Al-Hadaf team provided a special art therapy class for students from Alliance Academy Jordan. During the session the students participated in activities to aid them in expressing their feelings. Through art projects, we taught them to express what they felt using an emotion scale. Each student made their own emotions scale to take home and use in the future.

## Crafts Class

We introduced a new Crafts Program class for the Iraqi women, with the help of volunteers. The purpose of this class is to teach the women to make items which they can sell domestically or online, to provide small income while they wait for their asylum visas.



## Special Fellowship with Our Precious Volunteers

This February, we were very blessed to have the Al-Raja'a church sponsor a day together with the Iraqis. Women from the church provided a warm meal, and spent quality time talking to the Iraqi women over lunch. After the meal, they played games and colored with the children that had accompanied their mothers to the event. It was truly an amazing afternoon filled with warmth and encouragement for our Iraqi sisters. Once again, thank you to all of Al-Raja'a's Ladies who came.



## Mashrek Campaign

This year, we are blessed to have the Mashrek International School in Amman consolidating individual donations for Al-Hadaf.

At the beginning of March, students from Mashrek surprised our refugees with small packages of juice, cakes, toys and books for the children. The students each personally packaged them themselves and handed out the gifts after the first English Class.

We have continued to receive generous donations of food packages that will last the families through the month of Easter.



## PLC (Purposed Love Center)

Our new Purposed Love Centre is a collection of second hand clothes and food packages open to all. Despite a lack of funds for centre, we were blessed to provide shelves upon shelves of summer and winter clothes to families in need. We are excited to see the PLC grow in the future, as it has been a continuous witness of God's grace and mercy.



## Al-Hadaf's 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Anniversary Event

With thankful hearts to God, our donors, partners, volunteers and everyone who has supported our cause, we were honored to host our second year anniversary for Al-Hadaf on March 25th. Thank you to all of our friends, family, partners and media supporters who attended. At the event, we distributed our Annual report 2016, answered all the questions concerning our programs and spent quality time with everyone we love!



**Thank You and May God Bless You All!**

