

ALHADAF NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2017

"Dealing with Traumatized Children and Teenagers" Training with Mr. George Ebenezer

We would like to give a special thanks to our guest trainer who came all the way from India, Mr. George Ebenezer, CEO and founder of *Beyond Barriers*. Mr. Ebenezer held a training at Al-Hadaf for Al-Hadaf team and precious volunteers and caregivers from other local NGOs such as *Fida International*, *World Relief – Germany*, *HCAC*, and *the Nazareth Church*, who work with traumatized children and teens such as sexually and physically abused orphans and traumatized refugees.

Al-Hadaf's Founder & CEO on Bliss Radio Station

Maran Ma'ay'ah AbuJaber, CEO and founder of Al-Hadaf, was interviewed on Bliss 104.3 radio station to discuss Al-Hadaf in general, our programs and the beneficiaries as well.

Capacity Building for Al-Kathem Orphanage Caregivers

Al-Hadaf provided a capacity building training program for Al-Kathem Orphanage caregivers and staff with Mr. Emil Abu Jaber (PHD Organizational Leadership). After the program, we were happy to receive a heartfelt appreciation letter from Al-Kathem Orphanage.



Volunteers Program with Amman Baptist School Students

Five volunteers from the Amman Baptist School helped with both the summer camp and Komandor boutique in PLC. They helped to set up activities for the kids and sorted clothes in the boutique in preparation for the return of our beloved refugees for their English course in August. A couple volunteers even donated clothes of their own for the boutique.



Al-Hadaf Medical Campaign

In May we partnered with New Life Church in Virginia beach, VA at the Greek Catholic Church in Marj AlHamam along side with our precious partner Father George Sharayha. After months of attentive planning and community support, we conduct our fourth free medical campaign for refugees and people in need. Our three-day campaign was able to provide medical care and medications for around 630 of underprivileged community members and the Iraqi refugees who escaped ISIS, thanks to the help from a 25-member medical team from New Life Church, Virginia Beach, VA in the United States, local Jordanian doctors, and 25 of Al-Hadaf precious volunteers. We were also blessed to receive a precious visit from Father Alexious Kakeish of the Orthodox Church and a special visit from our parliament member at the lower house in the Jordanian parliament his Excellency Mr. Kais Zayadin, who contributed as a valuable member with our volunteer team.

We would like to thank our donors, supporters and each and every volunteer who made all the work pay off! God bless you all and God bless our beloved country.



Easter Celebrations and Meat Donation

During the Iraqi program in April and before the Easter holiday, we were able to give packages of meats to each family thanks to a generous donation we received. As for the beautiful kids, they designed their own Easter eggs and happily ate them afterwards. We are very thankful for our volunteers and donors who helped us to draw a huge smile on the families' faces.



In April, we ended our first Iraqi program of the year. During the 3-month program, the Iraqis came to Al-Hadaf center once a week to attend a two-hour English class, a crafting class, and art therapy for the kids. They were also able to spend some quality time over a warm meal at the PLC. After taking the English course at Al-Hadaf, the Iraqis had a better understanding of English and were able to have conversations with each other. The next three-month program will start in August and we will be keeping in touch with the Iraqis regularly through scheduled gatherings, trainings and campaigns.

We would like to give special thanks to all the donors and volunteers that have helped us through these courses and classes. We truly couldn't have done it without your help!

Ending the First Iraqi Program of 2017





Art Therapy for First Grade Students from Amman Baptist School

We hosted an art therapy session with first grade students from Amman Baptist School and we used an art activity to teach them about the importance of helping others and about how Al-Hadaf is helping people in need.



Al-Hadaf at Amman Baptist School's Annual Career Day

In late April, Al-Hadaf participated in Amman Baptist School's annual career day. Many students came to our booth to learn about volunteering and community service, and some even registered to volunteer with Al-Hadaf during upcoming campaigns.



A Loving Lunch Gathering with Al-Raja'a Church

A group of generous women from Al-Raja'a Church arranged a lunch gathering with the Iraqi ladies from Al-Hadaf English courses program, which gave the two communities a great opportunity to bond and get to know each other over a wonderful meal.

Follow-up with Iraqi Refugees

We hosted a gathering in June with a group of Iraqi refugees who attended our English course that ended in April. During their visit, they spent an hour reviewing what they learned in the course through English language games, while the kids had fun coloring and creating hats at the kids' club. Later, everyone in attendance shared lunch and shopped for clothes in our Komandor boutique before being sent home with meals from Al-Hadaf.





Al-Hadaf Kids Summer Camp 2017

In June, we welcomed over a dozen kids to spend a full week in Al-Hadaf participating in fun activities. The children learned the basics of volunteer work and community service through several entertaining exercises. These exercises included art therapy, "Made with Love" craft-making, cooking sessions, aerobics and Zumba Kids classes, treasure hunts, brain games, and crafting with reused materials from our medical campaign. Our CEO and founder of Al-Hadaf, Maran Ma'ayah, also held a seminar entitled "Protecting My Body" which focused on improving the children's self and sexual awareness. At the end of each day, the parents received a letter summarizing their child's activities throughout the day and giving ideas to discuss with their child to enhance the skills they learned that day. The summer camp could not have been done without the help of our amazing volunteers from Amman Baptist School, King's Academy, and IAA.



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AlHadaf is honored to congratulate our extra special team member Nardeen Al-Sunna on her marriage! Wishing you all the best!