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Social Institution for the protection & welfare of needy boys

Jeel AL Amal Activity Report

1/9/2010 – 31/8/2011

The journey of benevolence and giving started when the late founders Alice and Basil Sahhar established Jeel AL Amal in 1972 in Bethany. Caring for the most needy children in providing a safe and loving environment and empowering them with education was all what Alice Sahhar was striving for during the last 56 years of her life .

Years passed by producing peaceful generations of academics over the last forty years of doctors, lawyers, diplomats, health care workers and policy makers. Many challenges were faced along the years in sustaining and keeping the home running for the best of the children. Alice Sahhar with great dedication coming from the heart, lit the candle of hope in front of tens of children deprived from love and care and provided them with opportunities they could never realize when homeless in the streets. After all, the name Jeel AL Amal(Generation of Hope) was chosen as a symbol of Hope in future generations getting the proper care and empowered through education for a brighter future.

Jeel AL Amal continues following the footsteps of the founders who left a great impact on the lives of the children and everybody at Jeel Al Amal. The journey of giving and working continues relentlessly as the loving seed has already been planted and continues to grow in the hearts of the children and staff. This is their home; this is where they grew up. In such a simple yet profound way the children express their feelings towards the home. Jeel Al Amal born out of faith and love continues to hold on to those values for creating peaceful educated generations of young Palestinians. Dedication and love for the work and children unites us all in carrying out the Humanitarian mission that was started by Alice Sahhar. Despite all difficulties we will continue serving the needy children fortified with that strong will and determination implanted in us by the founders.

Hereunder is a briefing on activities undertaken through the school year 2010-2011:

CHILDREN'S NEWS: Children being admitted to Jeel AL Amal arrive from difficult social backgrounds; each child has a pathetic story behind him: they are either orphans or coming from Palestinian families directly affected by economic and political pressure prevailing in Palestine which forces them to abandon their children. Further, abject poverty creates situations wherein children are not able to be supported by their families. One of the success stories is admitting an autistic child at Jeel Al Amal and integrating him with his classmates. By providing the right support in consultation with a specialized entity there has been tremendous progress in the academic and behavioral attitudes of this child. Children enjoy a number of activities like music, art, basketball and football.

Staff News : Some of the staff grew up in Jeel AL Amal and are now working with full dedication. During the last elections held at Jeel AL Amal, four members out of seven are from the children of the home. Music teacher was officially appointed to work with the children in forming bands (Drums, organ, and percussions) and the school choir. The Library was renovated and space enlarged where drama and puppet shows take place.

Sports, Trips and recreational activities: The school administration realizes the importance of recreational activities for the children whether be it sports, arts, trips and music. Such activities render the children a voice and promote their self – esteem and instills confidence in them. Musicians without borders held a musical workshop for the children where they sang and danced from all their hearts. Open day was held at the end of the school year where the children danced, performed and played music.

Summer Camp : Each year during Summer time about forty children stay at Jeel as they have no place to go to. A summer camp is held for the purpose of entertaining those children and deviating their attention from the fact that even summer time they have no place to go to. Volunteers arrive from England to help out with the activities. The program includes all kinds of recreational, art and sports activities in addition to trips around the country. Ten children travelled last summer to France and joined a summer camp in Bobigny. They visited historical places in Paris and met the governor. It was an experience they will remember for a lifetime. The sponsors of the trip were delighted with the children and formally informed us how impressed they were with the children in terms of neatness and conduct.

Renovations and donations: We have managed throughout the year to set the plans forth for renovating the boarding section and the school. Our priorities were set in creating bright enjoyable and safe surrounding for the children just like we want their future to be. We have walked a long way towards that end but we are aware that still needs to be done, however we realize that the journey of a thousand miles starts with one step. We are confident that through the support of our dear friends and supporters we can carry on and make true all what we wish to accomplish for the sake of the children who depend totally on us.