

Legacies of Friends and special projects

Elizabeth Nasir had the gift of making friends. Even after her death and the passing away of many of her friends, the legacies they left behind expressed clearly the meaning of that friendship and their appreciation of the work of Rawdat El-Zuhur. This is a very appropriate occasion to pay tribute to those friends

Robert and Sophie Peterson from the USA. The library was dedicated to their memory at the inaugural ceremony of the new floor in 1991. Their children Alan Peterson and Carolyn Ericson were at the school to share the joy of this memorable event and they have contributed towards the development of the library and the music program.

Dr. Helen Edick from the USA. The all purpose Hall was dedicated to her memory.

Anna Baker: and **Frances Lehmborg** from the USA. Part of their legacies went towards the Elizabeth Nasir Trust Fund.

Shirley Phillips established the Building Fund in her life time.

We also wish to recognize on this occasion those who funded special projects needed for the upgrading and development of the school.

The Norwegian Refugee Council: For the development of the home into a formal school and for donating a Yamaha piano.

ARAMCO: For the formal education project, after it had supported the establishment of the home.

The Danish Refugee Council: For the formal education project.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: For the building of the second floor.

The Pontifical Mission for Palestine: For educational material and school and kitchen equipment.

The Catholic Relief Services: For the food-aid program during the years of development.

BibleLands: For furnishing the new floor, for refurbishing the KG playground, and for the healthy food project.

The Welfare Association Consortium for the Management of the Palestinian NGO Project: For the development of the mothers' program "Farah".

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): For the mobile laboratory, and other equipment; for the furnishing of the school office and staff room, and for the general maintenance of the second floor.

The Welfare Association: For the renovation of the Kindergarten.

The Canada Fund for Local Initiative: For structural repairs, renovation of the school yard and other facilities, and for the project on Children's rights which included some of the jubilee activities.

The United Nations Women's Guild (Queens group): For the Canopy Project in the School play ground.

Mrs. James Briggs: For the canopy project in the school playground in memory of her husband James.

The Japanese International Volunteer Centre: For donating a Kawai piano.

The Palestinian Centre for Microprojects Development Association: For the establishment of the computer Laboratory

ANERA: For the teaching of string instruments and for the upgrading of the computer Laboratory.

The Church in Wales: For the Jubilee Celebrations.

United Palestinian Appeal: For the strategic plan.

The French Consulate in Jerusalem: For the teaching of French project.

Friends of Suleiman and Hoda Khouri: For the counseling project in lieu of wedding gifts.

Mrs. Linda Sheppard Peace of Mind Project: For the art and music program.

Mrs. Huda Haddad Khoury: For the establishment of the Scholarship Fund.

Mr. John Scott: For the establishment of the Scholarship Fund.

Mr. Yousef Nawas: For the scholarship Fund in memory of Yousef A. Khoury.





المتطوعون

حظيت المدرسة عبر السنوات بعدد من المتطوعات، المحليين والأجانب. أضاف وجودهن نسمة من عيشة على جو المدرسة. وقد ساعدن في برامج الموسيقى والفن والرياضة والحيات الصيفية. كما شاركن في تعليم اللغة الانكليزية وفي أعمال مكتبة متفرقة ومن خلال تعليمها الفن لمدة سنتين تمكنت لوري هيوز من إعداد كتاب

Bright Wings الذي تم نشره عام ١٩٩٩ من قبل المؤسسة التي أوفدت لوري هيوز وتريسي هيوز كمطوعات لتعليم الفن والرياضة البدنية.

The Common Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



لوري وتريسي اثناء فترة العمل التطوعي في الروضة



Volunteers

Volunteers always bring a fresh breath of air into the school. Rawdat El-Zuhur has been blessed with a number of volunteers, local and international, who have helped in the extra curricular activities like music, art, drama, sports and summer camps, as well as the teaching of English, and general office work. During her two years of teaching art, Lori Hayes was able to compile children's photos, art work and prepare the text for "Bright Wings" which was published in 1999 by the Common Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which has also sponsored Lori and Tracy Hughes as volunteers at the school. Tracey served for one year and taught physical education.

Names of volunteers along the years (listed alphabetically)

- 1- Nahoko Araki
- 2- Hala Atallah هالة عطا الله
- 3- Liza Burr
- 4- Laurel Doermann
- 5- Janine Fattaleh جين فتالة
- 6- Lois Glock
- 7- Lori Hayes
- 8- Tracy Hughes
- 9- Helen Khadder هيلين خضر
- 10- Karla Mouline
- 11- Abla Nasser عبلة ناصر
- 12- Brenda Spencer
- 13- Kathy Sovik
- 14- Anna Stubb
- 15- Rima Tarazi ريما ترزي



خدمة المجتمع

جمعية روضة الزهور وعضو في اتحاد الجمعيات الخيرية في القدس وفي شبكة المنظمات الأهلية الفلسطينية وعليه فانها تعمل عن قرب مع المجتمع وتتعاون مع مؤسسات أخرى في الخدمات الاجتماعية وفي العمل من أجل التغيير وتتجاوب باستمرار مع الحملات الشعبية والنداءات من أجل تخفيف المعاناة التي يمر بها الشعب الفلسطيني.

تبذل المدرسة جهداً خاصاً لتوعية الطلبة بالعمل التطوعي ولخدمة المجتمع وتوظفهم في زيارات خلال السنة الدراسية لعضو المؤسسات التي تخدم المجتمع كما تحثهم للمشاركة في بعض الأنشطة من أجل الترفيه عن الفطاعات المختلفة من ذوي الحاجات الخاصة مثل المقعدين والمرضى وكبار السن.

من جهة أخرى وفرت روضة الزهور لعدة سنوات المجال لطلبة جامعتي بيرزيت وبيت لحم للقيام بالعمل التطوعي في المدرسة علماً بان خدمة المجتمع من متطلبات التخرج من هاتين الجامعات ولكن بسبب الأغلاق الذي تفرضه سلطات الاحتلال على مدينة القدس لم يعد من الممكن استضافة هؤلاء الطلبة في المدرسة ولكنها تستمر في استضافة طلبة كلية تهند الحسيني التابعة لجامعة القدس للتدريب العملي على التعليم خلال السنة الدراسية.

رئيس اتحاد الجمعيات يكرم طلبة الروضة لمشاركتهم في حملة رفح





Volunteer Mrs. Brenda Spencer at the Four Homes of Mercy

Community Service

As members of the Union of Charitable Organizations, and the Palestinian NGO network, Rawdat El-Zuhur has always been involved with the community and has cooperated closely with other organizations in social services and social action. It continues to respond positively to national appeals and campaigns for the alleviation of the suffering of the Palestinian people, whether in advocacy or in financial support. The school also tries to build awareness amongst its children regarding community service. It arranges visits to some of the organizations which serve the community, and encourages the children to join in activities for entertaining special groups like the elderly, the sick and the disabled.

On the other hand Rawdat El-Zuhur has for many years provided the opportunity for some of the students of Birzeit and Bethlehem Universities to do their community service at the school. Community service is a requirement for graduation from those universities. Both the university students and the school administration felt the program brought about a refreshing partnership. Unfortunately the university students cannot reach the school any more, because of the strict closure imposed by the Occupying Military Forces on the city of Jerusalem. However the students from the Hind Hussein College (Al-Quds University) continue to do their teacher's training at Rawdat El-Zuhur during the school year.

