

News letter
2017



We want to share with you some of our successes of the year 2017 and ambitions for the 2018. Through your faithfulness and believing of our cause at FAID we are still able to be successful in educating the deaf in Lebanese community and the region.

Another year of success and happiness has passed. With every New Year come greater challenges and obstacles in life. FAID has ended this year with a great success at the presidential Palace. Our students performed Christmas carols in the presence of **H.E. the president of the Lebanese republic General Michel Aoun & the first lady Mrs. Nadia Aoun. Our chairman Dr. Toufic Al Takchi** attended the event and was very proud of this achievement. The Chairman presence was a great support.



H.E. President of the Lebanese Republic General Michel Aoun & The First Lady Mrs. Nadia Aoun



H.E. The Lebanese Prime Minister Mr. Saad El Din El Hariri



We are very happy to announce that this year we have launched a 5 year training program for Deaf former students of FAID, the 3 aims of this program are: have teachers of the deaf who are deaf themselves, create job opportunities for former students & have more staff that can deal with children with complicated needs. The project is financed through the generosity of Friends of Effatha.



With the collaboration of the **UNHCR - INTERSOS** we have rehabilitated our garden and it was transformed into "Sensory garden" it will be a part of our educational program. It is a fantastic project for the students where they can enjoy the learning through gardening. It will provide a therapeutic and safe way to explore their senses and learn about the environment around them. The Chairman of the board & Intersos-UNHCR manager planted a cedar tree for the occasion.

photography session Training



Social activities with Intersos



Beirut Marthon - Terre des Hommes Italy



Events with ALFA

CHAIN OF LOVE

A message of love from Alfa Telecom to 7 NGO's Under the patronage and presence of **the minister of telecommunication Mr. Jamal Jarrah** and the presence of **CEO Mr Marwan Hayek FAID was represented by Our Chairman Dr Toufic Al Takchi & our amazing ambassador Miss Celine Ajami** along with parents & students.



"Ikebana Spirit"

Under the high patronage and presence of **H.E. the Minister of Telecommunications Mr. Jamal Al Jarrah, Chairman and CEO of ALFA Telecommunications Mr. Marwan Hayek & The Chairman of the Board of Directors of FAID Dr. Toufic Al Takchi**, Alfa has organized an Exhibition for the students of FAID at Exotica as part of the #Alfa4Life CSR program. The exhibition is titled **"Ikebana Spirit"** and comprises floral arrangements by the FAID students mastered following a workshop with **Mrs. Caline Cazandjian Haladjian** a Japanese Art Teacher – the Ikebana, as part of the Art therapy program for the hearing-impaired Students. **Special Thanks to Mrs. Aline Karam & Mrs. Rita Saab Moukarzel** for their continuous support.



We would like to thank all our donors, sponsors, organizations, churches and friends who once again made it possible for us to run another successful year. We highly appreciate the care, concern and dedication from you towards our work.

- 1-Friends of FAID - Ireland
- 2-Lebanon Trust - Ireland-Italy
- 3-Children Incorporated - USA
- 4-Alfa-Telecommunication - Lebanon
- 5-Friends of Effatha - Netherlands
- 6-Methodist church - Ireland
- 7-Geramn Church - Lebanon
- 8-Our Lady of Hope Foundation - Lebanon
- 9-American Language Center - Lebanon



“Happy Childhood Foundation” for their support during the past years



Big thank you to Lebanon Trust for the playground renovation new fence & new toys for the Little ones section



New Generator, Generator room renovation & the school bus donated by our wonderful supporter Friends Of FAID



With your help & support we can continue our mission

We have organized trip to Benataal natural reserve the visit aim was educational, seeing new sights, fun, bonding between students and activities in the mountain.



Part of our learning activities: A visit to an Animal Encounter. Children had fun while learning about different animals and their important role in our world.



Outreach programme:

With the collaboration with Friends of FAID - Ireland FAID started its outreach programme in various numbers of Lebanese areas including the Syrian refugees camps. Children with hearing loss are some of the most vulnerable children in the camps. In this regard we have visited Akkar in the north of Lebanon and the Bekaa valley.



Outreach programme include:

- 1-Community-Based Rehabilitation and Education (awareness)
- 3-Audiology department provides much needed audiology services for the poorer sector (hearing aids, Earmoulds...)
- 3-Training for audiology hearing aid and earmould technicians in order to facilitate the development of audiology services in Lebanon.
- 4-Teachers training of the Deaf
- 5-Speech Therapy training
- 6-Psychologically parents advocacy

