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“Where there is always a place in the inn for all”

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Inauguration of the new floor



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This month we are happy to report a remarkable occasion in the history of the hospital. On the 3rd of December 2007, under the patronage of His Most Eminent Highness Fra' Andrew Bertie, Prince and Grand Master of the Order, and H. E. Baron Albrecht von Boeselager, Grand Hospitaller of the Order, represented by H. E. Baron Jacques de Dumast, President Delegate of the Board of Trustees of the hospital and in the presence of Mr. David Harden, Deputy Director USAID West Bank/Gaza and of Mr. Michel Van der Stichele, Chef of Staff of the Belgian Ministry of Cooperation and Development, eminent personalities and members of the civil, religious and diplomatic corps witnessed the official inauguration of the new floor which was funded by the US Agency for International Development and the Belgian government.

The speakers, Baron de Dumast, Mr. Harden and Mr. Van der Stichele reminded everybody of the sacrifice and great job each one made to make this vision come true. They showed gratitude and appreciation to all including: the Daughters of Charity, the donors, Mr. Bassem Khoury—the architect, Tubileh Engineering & Contracting company, the humble workers and of course Dr. Jacques Keutgen and Dr. Robert Tabash who have been the “Dei ex Machina” of all this project.

The opening ceremony was followed by a visit to the new labor ward and the new Neonatal Intensive Care unit where Mr. Harden along with Mr. Van der Stichele cut the ribbon to set a new milestone in the history of the hospital.

The guests were then invited to a reception in the hospital’s hall.

Again, thanks to all those who made this possible and congratulations to the Palestinian women who now have a state of the art maternity hospital where to give birth to their babies in all security and safety.

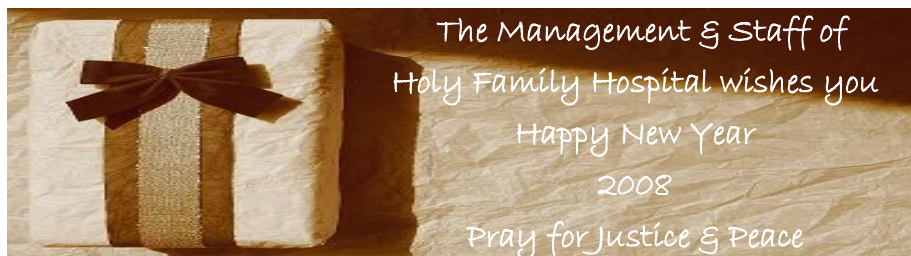


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Holy Family Hospital wishes you
Happy New Year
2008
Pray for Justice & Peace*

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**“Serving our
Masters
the sick
and the poor”**

EDITORIAL

The official inauguration of the new gynecology/obstetrical and neonatology floor took place with representatives of local and foreign clerical and political figures.

It was a great honor for the Board and the team of Holy Family Hospital to welcome them in our hospital. Congratulations burst forth from everywhere. We have to thank all people who were involved in this very ambitious project: the donors, the architectures office, the contractor, the equipment companies and last but not least the numerous anonym workers.

Nevertheless in spite of all the praise we should never lose sight of doing our best in order to avoid that the new building will stir up jealousy because of its architectural success and its modern equipment. Our target is to welcome, to accommodate and to treat with professionalism, dignity and humility more Palestinian mothers and their newborn especially the poorest and the have nots. It is not the building or the equipment which gives a good medicine for patients but well-trained doctors and nurses and their human management of the daily concerns and sufferings of the women who trust us.

Everywhere in the world for the same reasons people share the same feelings of suffering,, getting upset or being happy. While some people might have different perceptions of approaching suffering, depending on their cultural or philosophical background, we should never forget that the dignity of the human being should always be respected.

Through the generous donors, the Sovereign Order of Malta is proud to be able to put at the disposal of the Palestinian people a place of refuge and peace, harmony

and concord open to everybody respectful of differences without regard to religion or national origins where mothers can deliver while feeling safe. Our hospital constitutes also for Palestinian medical students and doctors, nurses and midwives a place where they can be trained, learning not only how to run modern equipment but also the ethics and the idealism of medical practice.

In order to avoid misuse of humanitarian aid, we are always trying to link this aid to a minimum of three conditions:

- *Having respect for the people who we are suppose to help and having respect for its culture,
- * Being listen to them and their worries and concerns,
- * Finally defining the needs of the population that we are supposed to help.

The last one should be done, if possible, in cooperation with other institutions or non-Governmental Organizations which have the same tasks in order not to waste money in duplicating the same services.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our numerous donors who unfailingly have been helping for a long time Holy Family Hospital. I can assure our donors that we are trying to do our best to run this maternity efficiently. We are hoping for further help especially for our poor case fund.

**We wish you and your family a
Happy New Year.**

**May the year 2008 bring peace to the
Holy Land.**

ACTIVITY REPORT

The number of monthly deliveries since 1990 was as follows:

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
JAN	0	93	128	143	146	148	181	205	217	162	250	158	180	159	238	224	240	230
FEB	4	69	97	150	157	130	183	180	192	165	239	155	152	165	220	221	218	228
MAR	46	93	133	184	149	168	164	220	194	217	231	160	142	179	224	231	217	313
APR	68	87	116	181	135	180	180	207	185	213	274	146	82	195	222	240	216	322
MAY	85	92	124	170	153	188	224	233	221	246	288	195	129	214	196	238	237	366
JUN	85	106	145	177	145	202	212	222	227	276	294	156	132	239	252	258	219	277
JUL	84	101	151	165	172	188	209	261	234	302	329	148	136	249	232	235	243	276
AUG	71	90	151	173	163	199	226	219	244	299	309	161	122	227	246	235	256	264
SEP	109	103	154	171	172	167	192	241	199	276	275	146	143	220	224	234	280	233
OCT	116	109	154	166	172	193	198	255	211	273	223	134	138	240	243	257	295	255
NOV	97	87	150	146	149	203	196	205	161	282	165	145	121	191	221	213	257	224
DEC	104	105	153	127	163	198	194	240	180	266	175	135	140	203	227	207	268	238
TOTAL	869	1135	1656	1953	1876	2164	2359	2688	2465	2977	3052	1839	1617	2481	2745	2793	2946	3226

Monthly Deliveries

TOTAL DELIVIREIS SINCE 1990

40 841

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Monthly Deliveries

