



# Holy Family Hospital

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### Editorial



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Congenital heart disease is one of the major causes of morbidity and mortality in our region, mainly due to the paucity of diagnostic resources and the limited facilities where cardiac surgery is available. The current regional and national statistics indicate that the incidence of congenital heart disease among Palestinian children is around 10 per 1000 live births, which is as high as the reported incidence rate in other parts of the world. At the Holy Family Hospital, there are more than 3500 deliveries per year, and accordingly it is anticipated that 1% of our annual deliveries will be complicated by Congenital Heart Disease (CHD).

In February 2015, I joined the Holy Family Hospital where I started the outpatient pediatric cardiac clinic. The clinic is currently serving more than 700 children with CHD every year, including patients referred from nearby and regional hospitals. The HFH cardiac clinic is fully equipped with a dedicated cardiac ultrasound unit along with a 12-lead ECG machine and I am currently able to perform a detailed fetal echocardiogram exam (Fetal Echo) on pregnant women during the first trimester, a unique service which is not available in other nearby centers.

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*Designed by*  
**Mrs. Rawan Hazboun**  
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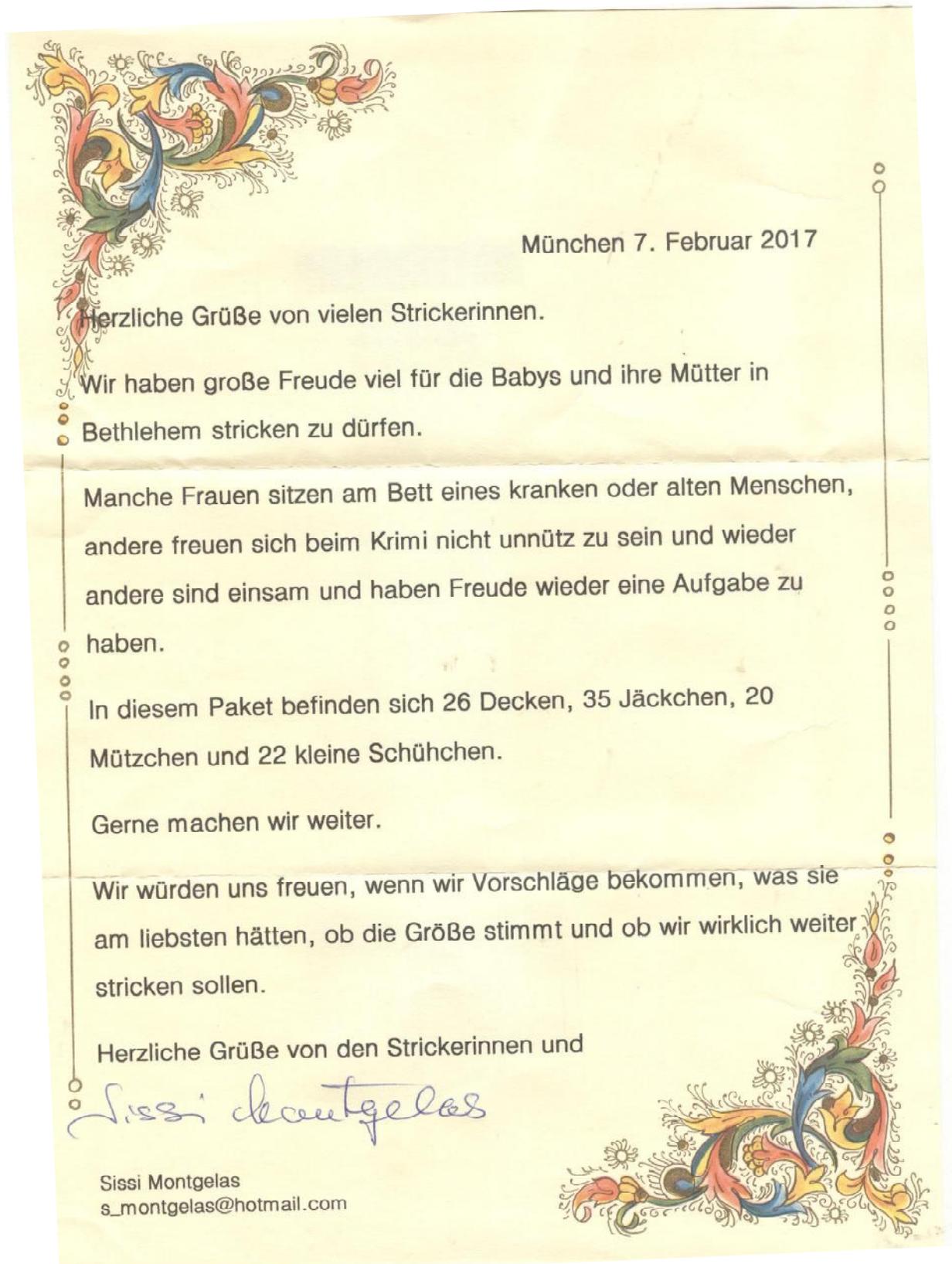
Currently, we are working on expanding the outpatient pediatric cardiac services where we are planning to add other diagnostic tools such as the ECG Holter monitoring where a small portable device is attached to children with suspected cardiac arrhythmias and records all electrical cardiac activity for a prescribed period of time which could be up to 48 consecutive hours; this would increase our diagnostic capability to pick-up the types of life threatening cardiac arrhythmias which could be recurrent or intermittent and difficult to detect during the brief clinic visit. A significant number of the children we treat will require either interventional catheterization or cardiac surgery in the future.

At the present time, I am part of the interventional pediatric cardiac team program at Ramallah Hospital where pediatric cardiac surgery and catheterization are now feasible; we also have close ties with major cardiac surgery centers within Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv where difficult cases can be referred promptly. The timely diagnosis of CHD cases is paramount for treatment success, and at the Holy Family Hospital we are focusing our efforts on the prompt prenatal and perinatal discovery of affected cases so that plans for treatment can be made in a timely fashion.





## Thank you letter from Mrs. Montgelas





## March's Activity

### The 5 participation of Holy Family Hospital in the Career Day at Bethlehem University

Career Day was held at Bethlehem University on the 16th March 2017. It has several valuable benefits to the employers and the students as well. First and foremost, it provides students with an up-close and personal view of a wide variety of jobs, so a lot of undergraduates participate in order to gain insight into the variety of professions and diverse career paths. Therefore, Holy Family Hospital introduced the Human resources department representative Ms. Amanda Mukarker and the Public Relation representative Mrs. Rawan Hazboun/Bazazo in order to target students for employment based on-the-spot, short, informal "interviews". It was an excellent opportunity to choose the most and best qualified students.

*WE WISH THEM ALL A SUCCESFUL FUTURE*





## Happy Birthday !

HFH staff celebrated the 60 years birthday anniversary of Dr Salim Qunkar.

Dr Salim is a pediatrician, working in the hospital since 17 years. It was a lovely day; other staff from other departments joined the party and celebrating with us. We wish Dr Salim a healthy and wonderful life full of joy and happiness.



*HFH exist to perform the best medical  
treatment to all  
mothers and infants  
with no regret to religious or national  
origins.*



# ACTIVITY REPORT

*“Hope is a powerful motivation for Charity”*

## Monthly Deliveries

	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
JAN	0	148	250	224	240	230	221	258	249	274	249	271	313	278	306
FEB	4	130	239	221	218	228	239	221	228	227	224	257	264	271	296
MAR	46	168	231	231	217	313	236	265	260	278	260	287	286	277	318
APR	68	180	274	240	216	322	280	298	286	265	301	267	277	268	
MAY	85	188	288	238	237	366	284	304	285	229	250	240	297	304	
JUN	85	202	294	258	219	277	275	333	292	261	278	302	311	313	
JUL	84	188	329	235	243	276	328	307	286	306	279	314	379	379	
AUG	71	199	309	235	256	264	280	286	292	296	289	319	351	340	
SEP	109	167	275	234	280	233	261	295	263	291	267	281	327	329	
OCT	116	193	223	257	295	255	297	270	251	281	274	258	286	309	
NOV	97	203	165	213	257	224	247	237	224	249	271	251	224	278	
DEC	104	198	175	207	268	238	265	236	243	209	242	265	253	307	
TOTAL	869	2164	3052	2793	2946	3226	3213	3310	3159	3166	3184	3312	3568	3653	920



**Baby of the Month**

**TOTAL DELIVERIES SINCE 1990**

**73,300**

