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*Where there is always a place in the inn for all*

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Miracles do not happen, we together, make them happen. They are not impossible; they are totally and completely under our control.

The hardworking team, our generous donors support, and the prayers of our beloved ones make everything possible, even MIRACLES!

Thank you for  
those who  
help us make  
miracles REAL!

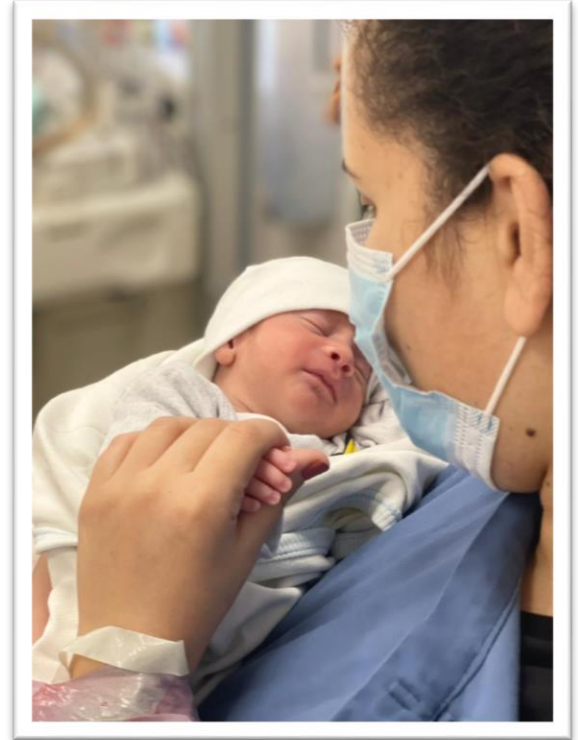


## JOSEPH IS A STRONG CHILD

"It seems like a lifetime when you are waiting in hospital, but you have to stay strong and know that your baby is in the best possible hands".

A family from Beitsahur was expecting the birth of their third child. They have an eight-year-old girl and a two-year-old boy, who were previously born at Holy Family Hospital.

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Sandra was going to what she expected to be a routine 33 weeks prenatal checkup at Holy Family Hospital. After the check-up, she was admitted for an emergency Caesarean section.



As Sandra Described, "I couldn't stop crying, it was far too early, would he be ok? I've never felt so scared in my life".

"Joseph was born through an emergency caesarean section and weighed 2.70 kg. When I heard his cry for the first time I felt a great wave of relief. But unfortunately, Joseph needed to stay in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for 16 Days".

“Eventually, the NICU became our second home, not only because they were taking care of our Son, but because the NICU staff made us feel right at home, which was absolutely irreplaceable. It was like home for the whole 16 days. We had had faith and trust in our doctors and the NICU nursing team”.

On 24 August 2021, Joseph was discharged in a good health weighing 2.100kg.



*“ We need to see each child as a gift to be welcomed,  
cherished and protected”*

*Pope Francis*



## PREGNANCY AND PREECLAMPSIA



A Family from Beit Ummar , a small town located northwest of Hebron, Sabreen and Issa have 4 children, and were expecting the birth of the 5<sup>th</sup> baby girl.

On July 9<sup>th</sup> 2021, Sabreen woke up early feeling painful, sick, accompanied with headache. she was almost 32 weeks pregnant. Her husband Issa, drove her to the nearest Hospital “Alia Governmental Hospital” where she was

transferred immediately to Holy Family

Hospital since the possibility for a preterm delivery is very high, hence the baby will for sure need an intensive care unit.

The doctors spent few hours trying to bring her blood pressure down, until they decided that the best option was to deliver the baby by an urgent Cesarean to save her life.

Shushana was born weighing 1.500 kg, she needed a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit where she stayed for 40 days.

She was discharged on 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2021, in good health weighing 2540 kg.



“We would like to thank each one of the Holy Family Hospital’s Team from Nurses, doctors, midwives, social worker, Thank You for your hard work you’ve done to save my daughter’s life”.

“These **MIRACLES**

are little fighters,

and will grow and

develop to be stronger

and more amazing each day”



*“A Health service that is free and guarantees good service accessible to all.. this precious good should not be lost . it must be maintained and everyone should be committed to this , because everyone needs it”*

*Father Edward Beck*

## AUGUST'S ACTIVITIES

On the beginning of August 2021 Holy Family Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care unit received a phototherapy machine; that is highly needed in the treatment of jaundice in the premature babies, through a generous donation by the Regine Sixt Children's Aid Foundation..



Moreover, Holy Family Hospital received two ventilators (Respiratory devices) to replace a 14-year-old ventilator by a generous donation from the Hungarian Embassy through the Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta.

These respirators will serve our High Dependency unit for those mothers who need intensive care after/before delivery.



And more came during August, Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation donated an Air Handling Unit for Our Minor Operating Room to replace a 28-30-year-old unit. In addition, they donated an X-Ray Machine for our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.



*“Holy Family Hospital  
would like to express its  
sincere gratitude for these  
donations”*

***“Your Donation Makes Us Feel So Blessed”***

## NEW RESIDENT DOCTOR JOINED HFH MEDICAL TEAM

Dr. ALQasem Iseifan started his Residency training at Holy Family Hospital on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Dr. ALQasem is specializing in Obstetrics and Gynecology and he will train for his required 5 years.

Dr. Iseifan Received his degree in medicine from Alexandria University / Egypt.



*"We are glad to have you within our team and we wish you all the luck"*



## TEAM'S SUPPORT TO EACH OTHER

Taking care of a chronically ill son is one of the most challenging and difficult tasks a parent can face. Beyond handling physical challenges and medical needs, you'll have to deal with your son's emotional needs and the impact that a prolonged illness can have on the entire family.



Suha, our practical nurse in the outpatient clinic, who is working in Holy Family Hospital since the opening of the hospital in 1990, went through difficult circumstances, her son's illness. Therefore, she had to accompany him at the hospital, hence, requested an unpaid leave which at the end was prolong for almost 10 months in order to stay beside her Son.

Her colleagues didn't hesitate to help her and covered her absence during the 10 months period, it was really tough on them but that's one small example of what we call Team work, what we call our colleagues becomes our family.

On September 1<sup>st</sup> Suha will come back to join her colleagues, the team are very happy to have her back and see her smile. We hope her son's health will getting better and improve.

"I am so grateful for the support I received from the administration and my colleagues, they made me feel so special and gave me the power to face all the challenges I went through"



## IMPROVING QUALITY CARE



Congratulations to our Lab Technologist for his promotion and occupying the position of "Quality Assurance and Patient Safety Officer" Mr. Michael Lama will be responsible for understanding and promoting awareness of the hospital's quality goals.

*"Congratulations, we wish you continuous success"*

***"May you be wrapped up in God's love, found deep in his everlasting wings, carried and kept, safe and cherished. May the healing power of God breathe across your being now."***

## FAREWELL

On August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 we said goodbye to one of our Midwives who joined our team in 2010. Mary is leaving us since she is getting married within two weeks' time and will immigrate with her husband.

"I will always remember the team whom I spent time with and I am so grateful that I had the chance to be part of them. I can't forget how the hospital helped us upgrade our skills, I joined the hospital as a practical Nurse but left now after 11 years with a degree in Midwifery, your support, believe and encouragement made this possible".



*"We wish you a life full of HAPPINESS and GOOD LUCK"*





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## TO MAKE A DONATION

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## MONTHLY DELIVERIES

	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
JAN	0	148	250	224	240	230	221	258	274	249	271	313	278	306	357	369	387	334
FEB	4	130	239	221	218	228	239	221	227	224	257	264	271	296	309	309	313	322
MAR	46	168	231	231	217	313	236	265	278	260	287	286	277	318	333	389	278	350
APR	68	180	274	240	216	322	280	298	265	301	267	277	268	295	344	389	275	396
MAY	85	188	288	238	237	366	284	304	229	250	240	297	304	365	373	400	323	364
JUN	85	202	294	258	219	277	275	333	261	278	302	311	313	362	380	399	390	349
JUL	84	188	329	235	243	276	328	307	306	279	314	379	379	427	450	439	402	412
AUG	71	199	309	235	256	264	280	286	296	289	319	351	340	403	476	448	446	445
SEP	109	167	275	234	280	233	261	295	291	267	281	327	329	386	409	398	387	
OCT	116	193	223	257	295	255	297	270	281	274	258	286	309	365	369	378	366	
NOV	97	203	165	213	257	224	247	237	249	271	251	224	278	371	369	347	331	
DEC	104	198	175	207	268	238	265	236	209	242	265	253	307	326	340	361	372	
TOTAL	869	2164	3052	2793	2946	3226	3213	3310	3166	3184	3312	3568	3653	4220	4509	4626	4270	2972

TOTAL DELIVERIES SINCE 1990

91,227

# STATISTICS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
<b>Consultations</b>													
<b>HFH</b>													
Ob/gyn	850	869	918	974	1156	1153	1190	1304					8414
Pediatric	166	160	198	190	201	170	269	254					1608
Diabetic	66	69	76	79	68	105	105	102					670
Nutrition	25	29	17	28	26	41	42	31					239
Over 45	87	75	83	62	56	82	98	92					635
<b>Outreach</b>													
Ob/gyn	86	93	63	30	72	106	138	143					731
Pediatric	113	107	76	20	41	64	58	42					521
<b>Private</b>													
Ob/gyn	862	749	741	666	625	681	813	703					5840
Pediatric	9	14	13	8	5	12	14	9					84
<b>TOTAL Consultations</b>	<b>2264</b>	<b>2165</b>	<b>2185</b>	<b>2057</b>	<b>2250</b>	<b>2414</b>	<b>2727</b>	<b>2680</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18742</b>
<b>Obstetric</b>													
<b>Nb deliveries</b>													
3 class	297	280	295	349	318	303	361	395					2598
1 & 2 class	37	42	55	47	46	46	51	50					374
<b>TOTAL Deliveries</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2972</b>
<b>C sections</b>													
Total		75	80	100	91	68	95	105					614
<b>Babies</b>													
Total	345	331	357	409	375	357	420	456					3050
<b>Gynecologie</b>													
<b>Operations</b>													
Minor op	32	29	40	18	26	30	41	34					250
Major op	7	7	11	7	11	10	10	7					70
<b>TOTAL Operations</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>320</b>
<b>Ob / Gyn</b>													
Admissions ≥ 5 days	5	0	5	9	1	3	5	2					30
Admissions < 5 days	429	414	461	471	475	468	523	536					3777
Total admissions	434	414	466	480	476	471	528	538					3807
Total days	741	513	722	821	779	770	868	872					6086
<b>Ob / Gyn OCCUP %</b>	<b>56.91%</b>	<b>43.62%</b>	<b>55.45%</b>	<b>65.16%</b>	<b>59.83%</b>	<b>61.11%</b>	<b>66.67%</b>	<b>66.97%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>39.70%</b>
<b>Lab activity</b>													
<b>TOTAL Activity</b>	<b>9809</b>	<b>9022</b>	<b>7576</b>	<b>8600</b>	<b>9575</b>	<b>10481</b>	<b>11119</b>	<b>9250</b>					<b>75432</b>
<b>Anesthesia</b>													
A. Générale	6	8	3	6	7	0	8	8					46
épidurale	47	39	39	50	55	58	50	49					387
Spinal	71	65	74	82	78	68	92	99					629
<b>TOTAL Activity</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1062</b>
<b>Neonatal Intensive Unit</b>													
<b>Lenght</b>													
Total days L1	210	171	111	220	161	240	212	184					1509
Total days L2	62	37	159	50	68	103	52	100					631
Total days L3	143	182	100	108	132	102	165	167					1099
<b>Total days</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3239</b>
Stay < 5 days	23	17	14	25	13	19	21	15					147
Stay ≥ 5 days	18	16	13	25	22	16	23	23					156
Stay ≥ 50 days	1	2	3	2	2	3	2	2					17
<b>Admission</b>													
adm L1	19	14	9	21	18	16	26	14					137
adm L2	9	5	8	6	3	7	5	7					50
adm L3	11	13	10	23	12	12	13	16					110
<b>Total Adm</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>297</b>
Nb Premature <3	2	4	1	4	5	1	4	5					26
<b>PED. OCCUP %</b>	<b>74.37%</b>	<b>77.38%</b>	<b>66.31%</b>	<b>70.00%</b>	<b>64.70%</b>	<b>82.41%</b>	<b>79.44%</b>	<b>80.82%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>49.30%</b>
<b>TOTAL T. OCCUP %</b>	<b>62.15%</b>	<b>53.75%</b>	<b>58.71%</b>	<b>66.61%</b>	<b>61.29%</b>	<b>67.50%</b>	<b>69.73%</b>	<b>71.13%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>42.58%</b>
<b>Poor Case Fund</b>													
<b>Mothers</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>64</b>					<b>467</b>
<b>Babies</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>					<b>81</b>
<b>Total cases Assisted</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>548</b>