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To volunteer (verb): *to do something, esp. for other people or for an organization, voluntarily and without being forced or paid to do so.*

Volunteering is an incredible opportunity to learn about new cultures and countries, while working with local communities to help make a meaningful impact.

Here are 8 reasons to volunteer:

- 1)** It's good for mental health.
 - 2)** It improves your employability.
 - 3)** You will acquire new skills.
- Volunteering abroad allows you to acquire new skills,
- 4)** You will gain hands-on experience.
 - 5)** You will have an impact.
 - 6)** You will help people empower themselves.
 - 7)** You will travel responsibly.
 - 8)** You will make meaningful connections.

Every year, the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem is able to accommodate around twenty volunteers. Coming from the medical field (doctor, nurse, midwife, etc.) or from more general fields (management, project management, communication, maintenance) they put all their professional and human skills at the disposal of the neediest patients from these countries and these very poor regions.

HIBA'S STORY



Hiba is a 28-year-old housewife.

She holds a BA degree but stays home to take care of her young daughter.

Hiba gave birth to her first daughter at the Holy Family Hospital and when she got pregnant of her second child, she decided to come back again to this hospital.

She said: "I was really scared because our financial situation is not that great, and we won't be able to afford the medical expenses. However, I did not want to give birth at any other hospital, so I came to your hospital and visited the Social Worker department. Our visit was great and I felt safe after talking with Ms. Mary Maoh, the social worker. She treated us with respect and dignity, and she was able to help me overcome my worries. This hospital treated me with respect and made me feel safe as I was at my own home. My experience this time was the same. I really want to thank you for all the support and great service you provide".

Hiba gave to her baby boy on October 10th, through a Caesarean delivery. The baby weighted 3490 grams and after few days both, Hiba and her new baby boy, left the hospital in good health.



"My new born baby and I are well because of your fantastic medical and social service. Thank you from the bottom of my heart"



THE LIGHT OF JOY

"From the darkness of fear to the light of happiness and joy", these were the words of Haya.

"I didn't know anything about the Holy Family Hospital and this made me worried and scared.

I used to live in the United States but got married about a year ago and my husband is from Beit Sahour.

We decided to live here.

When I got pregnant, I didn't know if it was better to return to the United States to give birth or to stay here.

My husband and I decided to stay. We also decided to go to the Holy Family Hospital since we heard a lot of positive feedback about the medical and psychological support. We were told that this is the best maternity hospital in the region".

On October 5th, Haya was feeling delivery pain, so her husband and she went to the hospital, where they found a very kind and supportive medical staff.

Haya was amazed by the high level of professionalism and responsibility both at the ER and delivery room.

"I felt safe because both the doctor and medical team were extremely supportive. My experience at the maternity department was good. Despite the pain I had, I was



happy and anxious to receive my baby. My baby girl Jouli was here. Her voice gave me courage and hope in life. She is a beautiful and healthy baby because of your great work and medical service."

Haya gave birth on October 5th, 2022 through natural delivery. The baby weighted 3270 grams.

"I wish the hospital to grow and expand to become one of the largest and most important hospitals that provide care to pregnant mothers and their babies in Palestine. I really appreciate all your work".



HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL TRIP

On the 13th and the 26th of October, some employees of the Holy Family Hospital took part to the annual staff trip, which this year was in Jericho.

The workers, coming from every hospital's department, together with the Italian volunteers, spent their time playing games that had been organized by some staff members and after a delicious barbecue, these special days ended with a visit to the Mount of Temptations, reachable thanks to the funicular.







GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY

October 15 is Global Handwashing Day, a global advocacy day dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

This year the Holy Family Hospital, especially after the difficult years of Covid, decided to focus on the importance of washing hands.

The doctors of the Infection Department organized activities aimed at raising awareness of the importance of clean hands, through games that gave hospital staff and patients the basic notions, like: how long do you have to wash your hands, when to use water and soap and when the detergent...



GROUP VISIT

During the month of October, the Holy Family Hospital received many visits from groups coming from all over the world, but united by the interest in seeing this structure and the hard work that is done every day, within its ancient walls.

On the 21st , the Holy Family Hospital was visited by Mr. Jakub Slosarek, Head of the Representative Office of the Czech Republic in Ramallah, and Mrs. Anna Moravkova.

Their visit through every department, which was also joined by Mrs. Michelle Bowe and Mrs. Caroline Herrmann, ended at the NICU department.

Especially, their attention was focusing on the new scanners, which were donated to the Holy Family Hospital thanks to a donation of Mr. Slosarek.



Through these new items, doctors and nurses will be able to check the health conditions of the newborns in a better, most detailed and reliable way.

During the month of October, the Holy Family Hospital was also visited by a couple of pilgrims' groups, who belong to the Order of Malta, coming from the United States of America.

Both these groups were really curious to see the great and efficient work of the hospital staff, which is committed every day to treat every patient in the best way and to know the reality of the Holy Family Hospital: the only Order of Malta's hospital in the Holy Land!



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MONTHLY DELIVERIES

	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
JAN	0	148	250	224	240	230	221	258	274	249	271	313	278	306	357	369	387	334	400
FEB	4	130	239	221	218	228	239	221	227	224	257	264	271	296	309	309	313	322	321
MAR	46	168	231	231	217	313	236	265	278	260	287	286	277	318	333	389	278	350	389
APR	68	180	274	240	216	322	280	298	265	301	267	277	268	295	344	389	275	396	343
MAY	85	188	288	238	237	366	284	304	229	250	240	297	304	365	373	400	323	364	387
JUN	85	202	294	258	219	277	275	333	261	278	302	311	313	362	380	399	390	349	379
JUL	84	188	329	235	243	276	328	307	306	279	314	379	379	427	450	439	402	412	379
AUG	71	199	309	235	256	264	280	286	296	289	319	351	340	403	476	448	446	445	441
SEP	109	167	275	234	280	233	261	295	291	267	281	327	329	386	409	398	387	419	372
OCT	116	193	223	257	295	255	297	270	281	274	258	286	309	365	369	378	366	381	353
NOV	97	203	165	213	257	224	247	237	249	271	251	224	278	371	369	347	331	355	
DEC	104	198	175	207	268	238	265	236	209	242	265	253	307	326	340	361	372	390	
TOTAL	869	2164	3052	2793	2946	3226	3213	3310	3166	3184	3312	3568	3653	4220	4509	4626	4270	4517	3764

TOTAL DELIVERIES SINCE 1990

96.536

STATISTICS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Consultations													
HFH													
Ob/gyn	1129	978	1192	1015	1304	1171	1162	1277	1174	1146			11548
Pediatric	205	235	272	215	296	283	267	292	316	242			2623
Diabetic	71	90	92	84	104	98	108	127	77	85			936
Nutrition	34	25	28	23	35	41	48	53	27	37			351
Over 45	52	82	96	61	68	96	65	107	81	59			767
Outreach													
Ob/gyn	114	142	148	110	118	137	115	128	193	109			1314
Pediatric	69	70	82	51	70	102	50	84	109	77			764
Private													
Ob/gyn	723	790	874	674	879	714	872	894	861	610			7891
Pediatric	84	93	117	79	106	115	93	99	134	80			1000
TOTAL Consultations	2481	2505	2901	2312	2980	2757	2780	3061	2972	2445			27194
Obstetric													
Nb deliveries													
3 class	344	266	342	291	326	333	320	383	312	306			3223
1 & 2 class	56	55	47	52	61	46	59	58	60	47			541
TOTAL Deliveries	400	321	389	343	387	379	379	441	372	353			3764
C sections													
Total	94	90	85	61	85	88	97	100	87	84			871
Babies													
Total	405	320	398	349	400	389	383	456	381	362	97		3940
Gynecologie													
Operations													
Minor op	27	30	45	24	37	23	36	37	31	29			319
Major op	8	7	5	5	10	3	10	8	9	1			66
TOTAL Operations	35	37	50	29	47	26	46	45	40	30			385
Ob / Gyn													
Admissions > 5 days	7	9	7	8	8	10	6	13	10	9			87
Admissions < 5 days	484	405	512	408	500	445	484	531	447	427			4643
Total admissions	491	414	519	416	508	455	490	544	457	436			4730
Total days	826	728	880	695	906	806	821	884	845	766			8157
Ob / Gyn OCCUP %	63.44%	61.90%	67.59%	55.16%	69.59%	63.97%	63.06%	67.90%	67.06%	58.83%			53.21%
Lab activity													
TOTAL Activity	10362	9282	10640	8277	9201	10470	11888	11515	11950	8774			102359
Anesthesia													
A. Générale	2	5	4	8	5	4	9	4	8	7			56
épidurale	31	43	61	61	65	73	72	74	66	58			604
Spinal	88	78	83	55	59	87	81	90	76	71			768
TOTAL Activity	121	126	148	124	129	164	162	168	150	136			1428
Neonatal Intensive Unit													
Length													
Total days L1	148	163	145	143	197	220	122	202	167	148			1655
Total days L2	115	82	52	62	72	24	116	90	57	79			749
Total days L3	233	132	125	134	226	194	294	189	165	119			1811
Total days	496	377	322	339	495	438	532	481	389	346			4215
Stay < 5 days	14	9	25	16	16	19	13	11	22	18			163
Stay ≥ 5 days	23	22	16	18	28	20	24	26	27	20			224
Stay ≥ 50 days	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	3			23
Admission													
adm L1	19	18	27	21	25	18	14	12	22	23			199
adm L2	2	4	2	1	4	4	4	6	11	6			44
adm L3	14	8	12	12	15	16	13	17	16	10			133
Total Adm	35	30	41	34	44	38	31	35	49	39			376
Nb Premature <3	1	5	4	6	5	7	3	2	6	1			40
PED. OCCUP %	88.89%	74.80%	57.71%	62.78%	88.71%	81.11%	98.52%	86.20%	72.04%	64.07%			64.16%
TOTAL T. OCCUP %	71.08%	65.77%	64.62%	57.44%	75.32%	69.11%	72.74%	73.39%	68.56%	59.78%			56.49%
Poor Case Fund													
Mothers	68	64	58	55	57	81	69	57	42	48			599
Babies	10	20	8	12	15	7	12	18	12	10			124
Total cases Assisted	78	84	66	67	72	88	81	75	54	58			723

