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

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It has been almost a year since the region was hit by the terrible attack of October 7.

Despite the difficulties of daily life, despite the lack of work that makes the inhabitants of Bethlehem suffer, despite the absence of pilgrimage, the hospital staff continues to take care of patients as they have done in the past and as they will do in the future.

I am very proud to be the CEO of Holy Family Hospital, to work daily with employees who, despite a very dark future, continue to take care with professionalism and humanity of those who come to the hospital. They have all my admiration but they also deserve yours and all the support you can give them.



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## Baby Abdullah



*"The hospital was not just a place for giving birth; it was a safe haven for me and my child. In every department, I felt love and care from the moment I entered until I left, cradling my baby in my arms. Here, at the Holy Family Hospital, I felt like I was in a home of true safety and care. This place embodies the comfort of motherhood; here, I found security and trust, and every touch from the doctors and nurses made me feel that my baby and I were in safe hands."*

Rawan gave birth to their first child, Abdullah, weighing 3.200 kilograms, but he required additional care in the neonatal unit. Rawan felt reassured watching the dedicated medical team care for her baby with love and commitment. Trusting them completely, she left Abdullah in their capable hands and left the hospital two days later, cradling her baby with a sense of peace, Abdullah was discharged in a good health.



## Baby Nicolas



Phoebe expressed her feelings: ***"The Holy Family Hospital was not just a place to give birth; it was a home filled with warmth. I felt as if I were among family, and every step was thoughtfully taken. I am grateful for every moment of care and every smile that made me feel safe. Here, I didn't just give birth to my child; I was born as a mother"***.

On September 13, 2024, she gave birth in normal Delivery to her healthy baby boy, Nicolas, who weighed 3.230 grams. Everything went smoothly, with the medical team by her side every step of the way, providing the support and care she needed.



## Baby Yorgos

Mirna and Nasri, who previously experienced the joy of pregnancy and childbirth, knew exactly where to turn for their second journey into parenthood. After their wonderful experience at the Holy Family Hospital during the birth of their first child, there was no need to look elsewhere. The exceptional care and support they received made the decision to return an obvious one.



On September 13, 2024, Mirna gave birth in normal Delivery to their second child, Yorgos, who weighed 3.200 kilograms and was in excellent health. Mirna described the delivery as smooth, crediting the professional medical team that was with her every step of the way.

Expressing her gratitude and satisfaction with their second experience, Mirna said, "***I wouldn't think of going anywhere else. Here, I feel I am in safe hands; their team makes every moment easier and less stressful.***" She added that the Holy Family Hospital is not just a place for birth, but a space where genuine support is felt, providing comfort and security in every detail.



Nasri emphasized, "***We couldn't ask for a better experience. From the moment we arrived until Yorgos was born, everyone cared for us with professionalism and love. I thank them for their care and attention.***"

## Double the Joy



***"Despite the anxiety I felt before the surgery, I was filled with happiness knowing I was about to meet my babies," Dina reflected. "The medical team helped alleviate my worries, allowing me to focus on the joyous moment when I would hold my children in my arms. That moment was the most beautiful of my life; the emotions are indescribable."***

Encouraged by her mother, who had previously given birth at the hospital, Dina decided to embark on her own journey as she was expecting twins; her first children. The Family were eagerly anticipating the arrival of their babies.

Dina was taken into the operating room by a medical decision, and on September 13, 2024, she gave birth to her twins: Nasar, weighing 2.400 Kilograms, and Zaid, weighing 2.500 kilograms, both in good health.



Tarek added, "Dina was supposed to have a normal delivery, but circumstances led to her being taken into surgery for the sake of our babies. I was anxious and wanted to ensure their well-being. When I saw them coming out of surgery, my heart soared with joy; everyone was healthy. Despite

everything, my wife and children were fine. We owe it all to the hospital and the medical team for helping us realize our dream. Thank you to everyone involved."



## **Baby Marcel**

Hazar and Thær remarked, ***"The medical care our child received was exceptional, with a high level of service. Today, our baby is coming home healthy, all thanks to the medical team that provided us with everything we needed. We thank everyone who contributed to completing our joy."***



Hazar gave birth to her second child, Marcel, on September 9, 2024, weighing 3.160 kilograms through normal delivery. The birth went smoothly, thanks to the support of the medical team, which Hazar described as a good experience. Her husband, Thær, who was present from the beginning, expressed deep gratitude to the staff.

However, an unexpected turn occurred when their newborn was admitted to the NICU,

causing fear and anxiety for both Hazar and Thaer. Like any parents, they were eager to bring their child home. They spent considerable time in the NICU, where they observed the attentive care Marcel received, which helped alleviate their worries. They trusted that their baby was in safe hands.

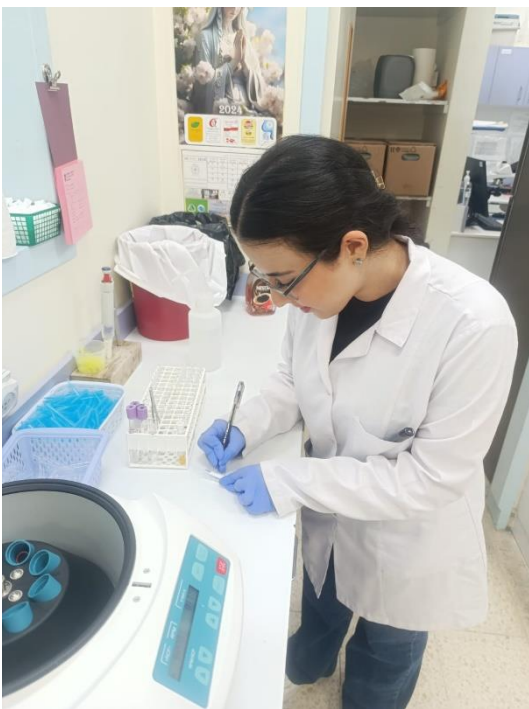


## Volunteering Program

Due to the current conditions, many families have lost their source of income, especially workers who work in Israel and the workers of Bethlehem District in general. The idea of the project was created to save the family. With a member of each family, instead of providing material things that they might understand, it is kind and compassionate for them is to create job opportunities for one member of each family to work 20 hours a week, 80 hours a month in exchange for a sum of money to support the family.

The program is in cooperation with the Bible Society and St. Catharina Church

They were able to employ 45 families in various institutions in the area: Bethlehem, Beit Jala, and Beit Sahour.





## Baby Rahaf



Yara became pregnant with her first child and began her prenatal care at the Holy Family Hospital. The pregnancy was smooth until the eighth month, when she experienced labor pains at 34 weeks and 2 days. She was admitted to give birth on normal delivery and gave birth to her daughter, Rahaf, weighing 2.200 kilograms.

The couple felt a wave of fear, as they hadn't expected to face such a situation. Anxiety and worry overwhelmed them, and they spent much of their time with their baby in the NICU. However, after two days, their family began to feel more at ease. Yara expressed, ***"Despite Rahaf's premature birth and my fears for her, I realized she was in safe hands. I could see the level of care and medical attention she was receiving, and I trusted she would come home healthy."*** Nizar added, ***"The swift intervention to admit my wife for delivery was the best decision at that time. I am confident that my daughter is receiving the best medical care possible; I trust the hospital and the expertise of the medical team."***

A week after their admission, Rahaf was discharged from the NICU on September 4, 2024. The family was overjoyed to take their healthy baby home, realizing their dream of starting a new life together. Yara described the moment, saying, "When I held my baby without any machines, it was the most





beautiful moment of my life—indescribable. I dressed her in the prettiest clothes and hugged her tightly.

Here I am, leaving the hospital with her. The hospital helped me realize my dream; it will always be our best place and our first choice, no matter how many years pass."

Each month, the inspiring birth stories shared at Holy Family Hospital are made possible through your generous donations. These contributions not only celebrate the joy of new beginnings but also ensure that families receive the care and support they need during this precious time. By continuing to donate, you play a crucial role in creating a nurturing environment where countless stories of hope and happiness can unfold. Your support helps us write new chapters in the lives of families, allowing us to carry on this beautiful tradition of welcoming new life. Thank you for your generosity, because the poorest deserve the best.

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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	2023	2024
JAN	0	148	250	224	240	230	221	258	274	249	271	313	278	306	357	369	387	334	400	363	296
FEB	4	130	239	221	218	228	239	221	227	224	257	264	271	296	309	309	313	322	321	313	287
MAR	46	168	231	231	217	313	236	265	278	260	287	286	277	318	333	389	278	350	389	358	347
APR	68	180	274	240	216	322	280	298	265	301	267	277	268	295	344	389	275	396	343	358	292
MAY	85	188	288	238	237	366	284	304	229	250	240	297	304	365	373	400	323	364	387	374	320
JUN	85	202	294	258	219	277	275	333	261	278	302	311	313	362	380	399	390	349	379	337	317
JUL	84	188	329	235	243	276	328	307	306	279	314	379	379	427	450	439	402	412	379	377	360
AUG	71	199	309	235	256	264	280	286	296	289	319	351	340	403	476	448	446	445	441	405	346
SEP	109	167	275	234	280	233	261	295	291	267	281	327	329	386	409	398	387	419	372	363	288
OCT	116	193	223	257	295	255	297	270	281	274	258	286	309	365	369	378	366	381	352	315	
NOV	97	203	165	213	257	224	247	237	249	271	251	224	278	371	369	347	331	355	368	291	
DEC	104	198	175	207	268	238	265	236	209	242	265	253	307	326	340	361	372	390	376	284	
TOTAL	869	2164	3052	2793	2946	3226	3213	3310	3166	3184	3312	3568	3653	4220	4509	4626	4270	4517	4508	4138	

**TOTAL DELIVERIES SINCE 1990**  
**Total Babies Delivered Since 1990**

**104,270**  
**107.079**

# STATISTICS

2024

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
<b>Consultations</b>													
<b>HFH</b>													
Ob/gyn	911	832	898	955	1117	1134	1236	1284	1206				9573
Pediatric	255	315	298	273	343	323	360	341	316				2824
Diabetic	174	66	91	103	101	91	127	122	112				987
Nutrition	68	27	31	22	36	37	239	31	33				544
Over 45	19	92	76	61	91	49	101	55	76				620
<b>Outreach</b>													
Ob/gyn		119	184	158	92	73	141	176	156				1099
Pediatric		81	98	105	105	45	136	142	135				847
<b>Private</b>													
Ob/gyn	705	780	666	789	805	720	925	782	760				6932
Pediatric	119	126	102	139	152	89	94	104	123				1048
<b>TOTAL Consultations</b>	<b>2,251</b>	<b>2,438</b>	<b>2,444</b>	<b>2,605</b>	<b>2,862</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>3,359</b>	<b>3,037</b>	<b>2,917</b>				<b>24,474</b>
<b>Obstetric</b>													
<b>Nb deliveries</b>													
3 class	264	258	311	257	276	283	308	293	240				2490
1 & 2 class	32	29	36	35	44	34	52	48	48				358
<b>TOTAL Deliveries</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>288</b>				<b>2,848</b>
<b>C sections</b>													
Total	69	70	76	72	79	78	72	96	57				669
<b>Babies</b>													
Total	297	299	355	298	330	324	368	357	294				2922
<b>Gynecologic</b>													
<b>Operations</b>													
Minor op	31	29	20	30	20	23	20	27	28				228
Major op	8	9	11	10	5	10	10	13	5				81
<b>TOTAL Operations</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>33</b>				<b>309</b>
<b>Ob / Gyn</b>													
Admissions > 5 days	8	3	3	2	7	7	3	7	4				44
Admissions < 5 days	362	359	419	357	391	395	444	433	375				3535
Total admissions	371	363	422	374	401	404	447	449	388				3619
Total days	647	628	736	629	757	701	788	776	625				6287
<b>Ob / Gyn OCCUP %</b>	<b>49.69%</b>	<b>53.40%</b>	<b>56.53%</b>	<b>49.92%</b>	<b>58.14%</b>	<b>53.84%</b>	<b>60.52%</b>	<b>59.60%</b>	<b>49.60%</b>				<b>41.01%</b>
<b>Lab activity</b>													
<b>TOTAL Activity</b>	<b>9,958</b>	<b>8,592</b>	<b>7,416</b>	<b>9,497</b>	<b>10,219</b>	<b>12,220</b>	<b>12,422</b>	<b>13,326</b>	<b>9,489</b>				<b>93,139</b>
<b>Anesthesia</b>													
<b>A. Generale</b>													
epidurale	39	61	63	66	82	74	84	80	63				617
Spinal	59	62	67	62	65	70	63	78	50				576
<b>TOTAL Activity</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>186</b>				<b>1448</b>
<b>Neonatal Intensive Unit</b>													
<b>Length</b>													
Total days L1	216	191	168	172	159	210	214	188	167				1685
Total days L2	87	61	69	50	33	48	75	91	63				582
Total days L3	195	116	73	71	145	192	180	214	136				1372
<b>Total days</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>421</b>				<b>3639</b>
Stay < 5 days	33	26	20	27	21	24	18	23	16				208
Stay > 5 days	23	24	19	18	29	20	32	27	10				202
Stay > 50 days	2	2	1		2	1	2	1	2				13
<b>Admission</b>													
adm L1	32	26	28	24	32	26	18	28	13				229
adm L2	9	6	4	3	4	2	12	2	5				47
adm L3	12	15	6	7	14	10	19	17	8				108
<b>Total Adm</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>28</b>				<b>384</b>
Nb Premature < 3	2	4	1	2	5	5	3	10	2				34
<b>PED. OCCUP %</b>	<b>89.25%</b>	<b>65.95%</b>	<b>55.56%</b>	<b>52.51%</b>	<b>60.39%</b>	<b>80.65%</b>	<b>84.05%</b>	<b>88.35%</b>	<b>75.45%</b>				<b>55.39%</b>
<b>TOTAL T. OCCUP %</b>	<b>61.58%</b>	<b>59.29%</b>	<b>56.24%</b>	<b>51.22%</b>	<b>58.82%</b>	<b>63.94%</b>	<b>67.58%</b>	<b>68.23%</b>	<b>58.11%</b>				<b>45.32%</b>
<b>Poor Case Fund</b>													
<b>Mothers</b>													
Babies	30	21	9	15	36	32	25	8	20				196
<b>Total cases Assisted</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>66</b>				<b>869</b>

