

2005 Events

Fundraising lunch May 9, 2005

Friends of Burj Alluqluq social center arranged a fundraising lunch with the support of Faisal Hussieni Foundation, on the 9th of May 2005 at the Ambassador Hotel \ Jerusalem in support of people with special needs.

A group of participants in the special needs project in Burj Alluqluq performed a remarkable play called the "Magical Turnip" which was beautifully played. With a simple script they move puppets, dance, sing, perform instantaneously and make it enjoyable for both adults and children.

Mr. Sameer Aljundi, a member of the board of directors welcomed the audience and said in his speech "the idea of the "play" with this special group of people is the first of its kind in Jerusalem. The young volunteer students who worked with them decided that through a play these special people could show some of their abilities and boost their self-confidence".

The proceeds of the campaign are channeled to support The Special Needs.



"Buy Time in Jerusalem" Dinner July 21, 2005

Faisal Hussein Foundation organized its annual fundraising campaign entitled "Buy Time in Jerusalem" in support of charitable health organizations and public Palestinian schools in Jerusalem. This campaign began in June and ended with a fundraising dinner held in the Grand Park Hotel \ Ramallah on July 21st 2005.

Mr. Abdelqader Hussein said in his speech "Supporting institutions in Jerusalem that provide services for Healthcare Education and Youth to Palestinians is a form of struggle to provide means of sustainability and survival for these institutions, with every dollar you donate you buy time for the Arab Palestinian existence in Jerusalem"

The night was led by Ms Mais Zuheikeh, youth project officer as master of ceremonies. Moreover, Sabreen entertained the audience with Palestinian modern songs that gave a sense of hope, yet reflecting the frustrations and longing associated with the Palestinian experience. After dinner our audience enjoyed fairouz's songs by the voice of our special musical guest Garo.

It is noteworthy that the proceeds of the campaign were \$17,000 from which \$11,000 are channeled to supporting primary health care institutions (ST Benedictos health centre, and Infant Welfare Centre,) and purchase of wheelchairs to the oncology department at Augusta Victoria Hospital. The other \$6,000 are used to cover part of the renovation activities at the "Moslem Orphanage School" project.



Iftar Egyptian style October 23, 2005

The "Egypt In Jerusalem" Fundraising Iftar at Dream Hall \ Jerusalem took place successfully on Sunday Oct. 23rd, 2005 - Ramadan 20th, 1426. The event was in support of five libraries in the following youth centres in Jerusalem: Burj Allaqlaq center, Old City Youth Association, Palestinian Vision Organization, Silwan Sports Club and Biddo library. 300 people of various religious, social and political affiliations from both the private and public sectors of Jerusalem have attended the Iftar. The proceeds of the night were around \$10,000, which are channelled to support the libraries' programmes for six months during which a second reading campaign will be carried out.

"Mr. Abdelqader Hussein" chairperson of the board of directors at FHF, welcomed the audience by saying that "One of the foundations main missions is to motivate and support "The Friends Of Libraries For Youth Committee" in their efforts to encourage reading habits among young children".

Students from Fata allaji'a school entertained the audience by performing an Egyptian dance , and popular Egyptian songs. To add to the Egyptian taste of the night the main



menu was Egyptian, with stuffed grape leaves, Fool Midamis, carcadeh (an Egyptian drink) and Eish Asaraya (Egyptian dessert)

Bingo Evening September 29, 2005

Friends of Burj Alluqluq social center arranged a fundraising Bingo evening with the support of Faisal hussieni foundation on the 29th of September 2005 at the St. George hotel- Jerusalem to support children with special needs. Ms Dyala Hussein Chairwoman of board of directors said in her keynote speech "In a relatively well-off society, the child with special needs is generally well cared for, usually at home within the family. In a developing country such as Palestine, the child with special needs often ends up on the street. In the year 2001 a section of Burj Alluqluq was reserved for people with special needs, those "lovely people" as the late Faisal Hussein called them need a place to protect them from street abuse, and give them the support they need to foster their self-confidence, the center gives these special people a place where they feel they belong where they can learn music drama and practice sports"

The master of ceremonies Ms Ghada khoury also a member of Friends of Burj Alluqluq Society , welcomed the guests and thanked the sponsors for their generous financial and moral support.

The children introduced themselves to the audience and talked about their activities in the center, Jad Aburumaileh an active member recited a poem and Shadi Abu Sarhan played on the flute " Shabbaba ".

Moreover, the Bingo evening has been successful in achieving our goal in supporting those children and enhancing people's awareness of their condition.



Memorial ceremony

The Foundation commemorated the fourth anniversary of the passing away of the late Faisal Al Hussein by organizing an open day under the slogan of " For the sake of prisoners" on the 31/5/2005 at the Fata Al Laji'ah Secondary Girls School in Jerusalem, with the participation of a number of national and official organizations and representatives, as well as representatives of the civil society, the popular grass-roots organizations,

Muslim and Christian clerics. The day started with recital of Quran verses, followed by a scout's parade and the playing of the national anthem. Several speeches followed: a speech by I'tidal Al Ashhab, director of the Fata Al Laji'ah Secondary Girls School, a speech by Abdel Mushen Jaber, the Director of the Education Directorate, and a speech by Mohammad Abdel Qader Al Hussein, chairman of the Board of Directors of Faisal Al Hussein Foundation.

Then Mr. Abdel Muhsen Jaber commended and honoured the work of the Foundation. Mr. Al Hussein presented the school director and the educational staff with a symbolic thank-you gift in appreciation of their efforts.

The other events of the day included the school anthem, performance of a play about the prisoners, in addition to pictures and performances about the prisoners. The audience then took a tour of the school including a tour of events at the library, such as the exhibition of science and technology, as well as an exhibition of educational assisting tools for teaching students of the basic education phase, as well as the computer lab, and the exhibition of home economics.



The sponsored reading campaign

The Foundation launched this campaign in January in cooperation with five librarians working at libraries established by the Foundation. The campaign was a mechanism to support the libraries and encourage youth and children to read. The idea of the campaign is based on including a number of children, who frequent the libraries, to participate in a reading context. The participants should read a book from a collection of pre-selected books. In return for each book that the participant reads, he/she will agree with a sponsor to donate a fixed amount of money that goes to support the libraries. The sponsor is usually a family member or someone from the neighbourhood where the participant lives. The participant collects the money in the campaign fund, and the total amount collected at the end of the campaign goes to the libraries support fund. The Foundation ended the campaign in July 2005 by holding a ceremony in honor of the participants and their families.



Launch of the pilot project of Faisal Al Hussein Award for Youth in Jerusalem

Faisal Al Hussein Foundation and the Youth Development Department within the Society of Arab Studies announced on 15/12/2005 the launching of the pilot project of the Faisal Al Hussein Award for youth in a ceremony held at the Holy Land Hotel in Jerusalem.

Mohammad Abdel Qader Al Hussein expressed in his speech given on behalf of the Foundation his happiness to witness the launching of the pilot phase of the Faisal Al Hussein Award for Youth. Ms. Samar Kaldani, the director of Al Hassan's Award office and the regional coordinator of the International Award, gave her speech over the phone as she was unable to be present in person at the ceremony. Mr. Mazen Al Ja'abari, director of the Youth Development Department, provided a detailed description and explanation of the award and the application and completion requirements.

Seminars and debates:

- A debate titled "Jerusalem in the eyes of Faisal Al Hussein" held at the Grand Park Hotel in Ramallah in cooperation with Panorama and the participation of several organizations including ARIGE, Orient House, Negotiations Department, The Arab Thought Forum, and Al Quds University.
- A debate about the problem of employees holders of West Bank ID cards who work in schools and hospitals in Jerusalem, with the participation of the Economic Cooperation Organization, the Directorate

of Education, in addition to a number of schools and hospitals.