



Nazareth Project Inc

Partnering with Nazareth Trust in Nazareth and surrounding areas

Fall 2020

Nazareth Project has been awarded a US government grant to purchase new dialysis machines and related equipment at Nazareth Hospital.

NPI RECEIVES \$891,475 GRANT!



Diabetes is a prevalent illness in Nazareth, especially among Arab Israelis. Thanks to this grant, Nazareth Hospital will be able to complete the necessary expansion of its Dialysis Unit to care for patients who rely on it for their survival.

Diet and lifestyle differences have caused a higher incidence among Arabs than Israeli Jews, and the expansion and upgrade of the Dialysis Unit will be accompanied by an expansion



The ASHA grant writing team happily discusses the award from ASHA. [clockwise from bottom: Erica Krug, USAID grant writing consultant; Dr. Suzy Srouji, Director of External Affairs of Nazareth Hospital; Howard Good, Executive Director of NPI.]

of the Hospital's diabetes-prevention education programs.

Outreach teams will provide practical plans that will help men and women to develop healthier lifestyles,

improve their nutrition and seek the best treatment options for them. These educational messages will also be made available through various social media platforms, radio and TV.

ASHA is a department within the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and annually provides development

grants to overseas organizations for education and healthcare programs. This is the tenth grant that NPI has received from the American Schools and Hospitals

All costs related to the application and management of ASHA grants must be covered by NPI. Your support of NPI is what makes this possible!

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A family foundation has pledged \$25,000 to be matched by December 1. Your contributions will help us to meet the match requirement. Thank you!

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Abroad (ASHA) program. ASHA grants have been critical for the creation of new departments and the renovation of others at Nazareth Hospital.

To date, NPI has received 10 grants totaling \$5.34 million from ASHA. The grants have ranged from \$300,000 to \$1.05 million. With your help, NPI has won and administered a total of \$1.35 million to aid the Hospital in building a sixth floor and add urgently needed new operating theaters (2003-09), \$500,000 to purchase specialized equipment for Nazareth's first Heart Catheterization Unit (2013), and \$500,000 to equip the newly expanded Pediatric Surgical Unit (2015-19).

We make these ASHA grants to Nazareth Hospital possible by playing the following roles:

- managing the application process
- regularly reporting and communicating with ASHA
- managing funds transfers

NPI works closely with Nazareth Hospital staff to identify the need, write the applications, and manage the projects.

Unlike many foundation or government funders, ASHA does not permit US organizations to use grant funds to cover their management costs.. **NPI covers the costs of grant applications and management from undesignated contributions we receive from you. Your support makes all this possible!**



Dialysis treatment at Nazareth Hospital

Spiritual Care during the pandemic

During the Covid-19 pandemic, spiritual care staff received many requests from patients and Hospital staff who were experiencing stress and anxiety. One chaplain noted that questions, such as, "How are you holding up?" often lead to stories about the person's chronically ill parent or family member, restlessness, their struggle to fit into society or some other burden.

It is a stressful time for everyone, and many people are actively grieving. The Spiritual Care team follows Jesus' example by listening to the stories people share and encouraging them to pray.

During 2020, Nazareth Project planned to promote an expanded chaplaincy/spiritual care program at Nazareth Hospital. The expanded program will include international volunteers; however, Covid-19 has delayed the launch of that program. Current plans are to offer information and training in early 2021 with the goal of placing several volunteers in Nazareth by the end of 2021. For more information, email npi@nazarethproject.org



During the period of the Covid-19 pandemic, spiritual care was provided by (left to right): Christine Farah, Rebecca & Lourens Gueze and Frank Kantor.

Memorial Scholarship Fund tops \$50,000



Nancy Martin served as Director of Nursing Education at Nazareth School of Nursing from 1987 to 1995. She is shown here with Sawson Shehadeh, Assistant Director.



A 2019 graduating class of nursing students. Lower-income students will be eligible for scholarships ranging from \$300 - \$600 per year.

In October 2019, the family of Dr. Nancy Martin and Nazareth Project created the Nancy Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund to provide financial assistance to nursing students at Nazareth School of Nursing.

To date, over \$50,000 has been raised. The NPI Board has set a goal of increasing the fund to reach or surpass \$100,000 so that it will become a permanent endowment in Nancy Martin's memory. **Your designated contribution will help reach that goal.**

Give an EXTRA gift to NPI on November 20 so your generosity will stretch even farther!

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Help us go the EXTRA mile together!



Mt. Tabor and the Jezreel Valley

To Israel/Palestine in 2021

The Covid-19 pandemic postponed numerous trips to Israel/Palestine and also interrupted volunteer opportunities in Nazareth. Nazareth Village and SERVE Nazareth were closed in March pending the decline of the pandemic and the return of tourism.

SERVE Nazareth plans to reopen in March 2021. SERVE offers volunteers the opportunity to live in the historic town of Nazareth and to witness the excellent work of the Nazareth Hospital and the School of Nursing, experience the first-century Nazareth Village and learn about cross cultural ministry while serving in the hometown of Jesus.

Three events that were originally scheduled for March 2020 are now rescheduled for November 2021. These events will overlap for a day or two with the 160th anniversary celebrations at Nazareth Hospital.

The NPI-sponsored tour of Israel/Palestine is now scheduled for November 11-21, 2021

The tour will include four days in Nazareth/Galilee area and five days based in Jerusalem. Day trips will provide visits to many historical and cultural sites in Nazareth, Galilee Region, the West Bank, Dead Sea Region and Jerusalem.

The annual Nazareth Challenge is now scheduled for November 7-13, 2021.

- ➔ The five-day bike ride offers the opportunity to experience the Holy Land in a unique way.
- ➔ Hikers of the Jesus Trail will spend five days walking the 40 miles from Nazareth to Capernaum.



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Rescheduled for November 2021:

- NPI Tour to Israel/Palestine
- Jesus Trail hike
- Cycle the 3 Seas bike ride

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**Foundation pledges matching grant up
to \$25,000: Deadline December 1st**

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