



Nazareth Project Inc

Partnering with Nazareth Trust in Nazareth and surrounding areas

Hospital staff and friends celebrate the expanded Dialysis Department with Najeeb Farah and his family.



Nazareth Hospital celebrates an expanded Dialysis Department

On June 20, Nazareth Hospital celebrated the opening of an expanded Dialysis Department, named in honor of the late Reverend Canon Shafiq A. Farah (1923-2002). Rev. Farah's son, Najeeb Farah, contributed the funds for the first phase of the project – the physical expansion of the department.

This project, now in its second phase, is bringing much-needed new dialysis machines and related equipment to Nazareth Hospital. Nazareth Project made this possible by securing USAID/ASHA grant

funds for the department improvement project.

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Along with providing ten new stations, the expansion and upgrade of the Dialysis department has increased privacy for patients and introduced top-quality equipment.

The Hospital recently purchased 22 new Fresenius dialysis machines from a supplier in Israel. The machines cost \$16,789 each and the ASHA grant provided \$369,358 for the procurement.

At the celebration, Dialysis Department Manager, Dr. Zaher Armaly, remarked

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In Loving memory of The Reverend Canon Shafiq A. Farah
October 17, 1923 – October 29, 2002

The Reverend Farah was born in Shifa'Amr, Palestine. After 1948, he found himself as a refugee in Lebanon unable to return to his homeland. He was ordained as a priest at the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and served in parishes in Nablus, Ramallah, Beirut, and Amman. His love and commitment to the people he served is evidenced in the many institutions he established for healing, learning, and those serving children with special needs. In 1974 he immigrated with his family to Toronto, Canada, where he served at the Anglican Diocese of Toronto until his retirement in 1988. He dedicated his retirement to raise funds for the Friends of Nazareth Hospital and established chapters in North America, Australia and New Zealand. May all those who work in this unit serve with the same spirit of love and care.

Najeeb Farah (3rd from left), and his family in front of the panel honoring his father at the entrance to the Dialysis Department at Nazareth Hospital





A group photo of some of the attendees at the Nazareth Hospital fundraiser at the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn. ▲

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that the department provides treatment to 130 hemodialysis patients and 14 peritoneal dialysis patients. Dr. Armaly added: "The mortality rate in our department is one of the lowest in the country, between 11%-14% annually."

Four years ago, Najeeb Farah reached out to Nazareth Hospital, sharing his wish to support a future project in memory of his father, the late Rev. Shafiq Farah, who was born in Nazareth and over his lifetime served the Anglican Church in Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Canada.

Mr. Farah, a successful business owner from Toronto, had witnessed his father's work to build support for Nazareth Hospital through the Canadian charity "Friends of the Nazareth Hospital" and wanted to continue that work. At the celebration in Nazareth, Najeeb told those gathered:

"When my dad passed away, I promised him I would do something for the Hospital."

Deputy CEO and Chief Financial Officer, Waseem Dibbini, publicly thanked the Farah family and reflected on their desire to bring relief to dialysis patients and their families. "This family has brought joy to many. By turning the pain from their father's kidney failure into a desire to help other kidney patients, they "not only turned suffering into joy, but also helped us build a better future here in Nazareth."

In his comments at the celebration, Najeeb Farah said: "What I have found in this institution of love, dedication and service, I can't find it anywhere else. This is what makes this place different – the people who are here. With them and their love, we can improve and provide much-needed treatments to our people in the area at the highest standards."

Arab American Fundraiser in Dearborn

On May 13, Dr. Fahed Hakim, Director of the Nazareth Hospital, traveled to Dearborn, Michigan to speak to members of the Arab American community there. Held at the Arab American National Museum, the gathering of seventy plus included business, nonprofit and civic leaders from the large Arab American community in Michigan.

NPI co-sponsored the event which was organized by Therese Basha Jarjoura of Ann Arbor, MI, ambassador for Nazareth Hospital in the US. Ms. Jarjoura was assisted by Stefan Ateek of Arlington, TX, an NPI board member and also an ambassador for the Hospital.

Dr. Hakim updated attendees on recent developments at the Hospital including the pediatric surgery department, an expanded dialysis department and other new services. He also shared the challenges of the past two years as the Hospital took a lead in Covid-19 testing, treatment and education in northern Israel.

Several Arab American speakers also highlighted the importance of the Nazareth Hospital to the Galilee region and to their families living in the greater Nazareth area.

The community event raised \$16,000 for new projects at the Hospital. Ms. Jarjoura said, "I am grateful for the Michigan friends who came to the event and supported Nazareth Hospital through their attendance/presence and donations!"



Therese Basha Jarjoura (center), and Stefan Ateek (left), receive thank-you gifts from Dr. Fahed Hakim, Director of Nazareth Hospital. ▲



Dr. Bob Martin, NPI Board member (center), and Howard Good, NPI Executive Director (right), chat with Dr. Fahed Hakim, Director of Nazareth Hospital at a café in Dearborn. In the background are Stefan Ateek and his wife Lamis along with Therese Basha Jarjoura and her husband Ibrahim. ▲

School of Nursing Updates



Dr. Salam Hadid, director of the Nazareth School of Nursing (4th from left), visits Nazareth Hospital with nursing students to thank Hospital nursing staff on International Nursing Day, May 12th. ▲

This past May, Nazareth Academic School of Nursing students celebrated International Nursing Day by visiting numerous departments at Nazareth Hospital to thank the nursing staff for their support.

Two days later the School celebrated graduation.

The joy of graduation was increased by the launch of the building expansion of the School. With the goal of increasing the student body by 40% the School will add two floors to the existing classroom building.

Dr. Salam (left), congratulates a nursing graduate. ▲

The Nazareth Academic School of Nursing is adding two additional floors to accommodate an additional 130 students – a 40% increase in the student body. ▼



Two opportunities for you!



Your financial gifts to NPI during the next three months will help us to match a \$25,000 pledge from a local foundation.

You can help us to meet the match with your gift for:

- The Nancy Martin Memorial Scholarship Endowment

- The expansion of the School of Nursing

- NPI's application and management of USAID/ASHA grants for new Hospital equipment



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