



# Nazareth Project Inc

Partnering with Nazareth Trust in Nazareth and surrounding areas

## NPI receives a grant of \$1.9 million for expanded Cardiac services at Nazareth Hospital



Dr. Suzy Srouji, Liaison to NPI for ASHA grants, and Dr. Andria Nizar, Chief of Cardiology, stand in front of the current Cardiac Unit at Nazareth Hospital.

**O**n September 19, 2024, Nazareth Project, Inc (NPI) received a new award from ASHA (American Schools and Hospitals Abroad) – a department of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The \$1,995,161 award is designated for an expansion of the Cardiac Unit at Nazareth Hospital.

Dr. Nizar Andria, Chief of Cardiology at Nazareth Hospital, responded to news of the award: “I am honored and deeply grateful for the generous support provided through the ASHA grant for the expansion of our cardiology department and services. This grant will enable us to significantly broaden our capacity to deliver comprehensive, cutting-edge cardiovascular care to our community.”

**Since 1995, NPI has received a total of 13 ASHA awards for a total of \$10.3 million. The first award in 1995 (\$1,050,000) was for equipping the new clinical wing at Nazareth Hospital. The new Cardiac Unit award will build on an earlier development of cardiac services in 2013 that included \$500,000 from ASHA for a heart catheterization machine.**

The new services will benefit the greater Nazareth community and the predominantly Arab Israeli population in northern Israel.

Compared to Israel’s majority Jewish population, life expectancy remains low among its Arab minority, and cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) are the leading cause of death. Heart disease accounts for 15% of total deaths for Arabs living in Israel.

In conjunction with the expansion of the Cardiac Unit, Nazareth Hospital will also launch a “Healthy Hearts” Campaign to provide the community with education on cardiovascular diseases and healthy lifestyles.

Because there are gender disparities with cardiovascular diseases in northern Israel, Nazareth Hospital is committed to ensuring that all people, ▶

# Spiritual well-being during wartime

Due to the current crisis in Israel/Palestine, words and perspectives of hope and thankfulness are needed. Recently, **Frank Kantor, the Spiritual Director of the Nazareth Trust**, had this to say:



“There are days where I feel overwhelmed by the pain and trauma the ongoing war is causing to Arab and Jewish people. But the conflict has forced me to reconsider my priorities in light of the end purpose of life...It has also tended to make me more aware of the suffering of others and to ask God for his compassion and mercy for all those who are suffering, both Arabs and Jews.

“The current war in Israel/Palestine has affected everyone. We are weighed down by the despair and loss of hope the war has created in the hearts and minds of people. Our chaplaincy department has been able to offer more intensive spiritual care to staff and patients.”

**NPI and our partners are deeply saddened that tens of thousands are grieving the loss of loved ones during this terrible war. We struggle to know the best response. One way we have chosen to respond is through our support of Frank and the chaplaincy team in Nazareth. We welcome you to pray for the Spiritual Care team and support their work through financial contributions to NPI.**

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regardless of gender, have access to high-quality cardiology services.

After the new equipment is installed and expanded services are implemented, Nazareth Hospital plans to sponsor a symposium for community leaders, health professionals, and Ministry of Health officials. Participants will share lessons learned on cardiology services, technology innovations, and gender integration.



“One of our most exciting initiatives – made possible through this grant – is the establishment of a new electrophysiology service, which will allow us to diagnose and treat complex heart rhythm disorders using advanced technologies.

“By building this capability, we will be offering treatment options that were previously unavailable within our institution.”

*Dr. Andria Nizar, Chief of Cardiology at Nazareth Hospital*

PURPOSE	AMOUNT	YEAR RECEIVED
New dialysis machines and related equipment in the Expanded Dialysis Unit	\$ 891,475	2020
Equipment for three new areas in the Trauma Unit: Ear, Nose, Throat (ENT), Ophthalmology, and Maxillofacial	\$1,500,000	2022
New simulation room and classroom equipment for the Nazareth Academic School of Nursing	\$1,500,000	2023
New equipment for an expanded Cardiac Unit	\$1,995,161	2024



*Dr. Najeeb Nasrallah, Manager of the Emergency Room, stands in front of new Ophthalmology equipment purchased with the \$1.5 million ASHA grant for expanded Trauma services at Nazareth Hospital*

This recent award is the fourth received by NPI since 2020. The four awards, totaling \$5.9 million, were for a broad array of projects that introduced innovative equipment and cutting-edge technologies.



# WAYS TO GIVE

## Your end-of-year financial support is important for NPI!

Consider a monthly gift to NPI! It's easy to set it up on the NPI website at [nazarethproject.org/support-donations](http://nazarethproject.org/support-donations). Simply choose "Monthly" on the Donation Frequency tab, fill in your monthly donation amount and complete the rest of the form. Your payment information will be stored securely by Blackbaud and your donation will be processed every month.

In June we sent \$15,000 of Nancy Martin Memorial Scholarship funds to Nazareth Academic School of Nursing. We plan to send a distribution from the endowment fund annually in June. **Currently we have \$228,500 in the fund and we hope to surpass \$250,000 by June 2025.** Your contribution will help!



*Nazareth Academic School of Nursing students prepare for their future work as nurses*



NPI gratefully acknowledges a bequest received from the Miriam Eberly estate in August. Mim contributed to NPI from 2004 until the year before her passing. Her regular gifts and the generous bequest underscored her commitment to compassionate health care and quality nursing education in Nazareth. In her personal career, Mim worked as a Certified Nurse Practitioner in the US from 1976 until 2003 when she retired. Earlier, she completed six years of service in Belize as a nurse and midwife.

**Will you consider a planned gift to the Nazareth Project?** Find more information at [nazarethproject.org/ways-to-give/planned-giving](http://nazarethproject.org/ways-to-give/planned-giving) or call Howard Good at 717-475-8737.



**In December, we plan to forward \$60,000 to Nazareth Hospital to support West Bank doctors who are studying a specialty at the Hospital.** The funds from NPI will help fill the gap between the doctors' financial resources and the costs for studying and staying at the Hospital. Your support will help train these doctors who will return to their hospitals in the West Bank!

*Dr. Khalawi, originally from Hebron, emphasizes the need for well-trained physicians in the West Bank to help the underserved population. He is developing his specialty in Internal Medicine and Cardiology. Dr. Khalawi and four other West Bank doctors are receiving support from NPI to supplement their expenses while living and working in Nazareth.*

**Support NPI through your credit card donation during ExtraGive on November 22, 2024.** Your contribution will help NPI to be eligible for extra bonus gifts.

# EXTRA GIVE™



**Your gifts to NPI prior to December 1 will help us match a pledge of \$30,000 from a local foundation. Thank you!**



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