



# Nazareth Project Inc

Partnering with Nazareth Trust in Nazareth and surrounding areas



Doctors, nurses and staff of the Internal Medicine department at Nazareth Hospital celebrate the outstanding rating. One person, Dr. Khalawi Abu Kharshiq (third from the right), is a West Bank doctor doing advanced studies at Nazareth Hospital with partial support from NPI.

## Freeze of USAID Funds May Impact NPI Awards

On January 25, the Trump administration ordered a 90-day stop of spending for USAID projects, pending a review.

At the time of the freeze, NPI was holding three awards totaling \$4.9 million issued by ASHA (American Schools and Hospitals Abroad) which has been a department of USAID.

NPI had completed spending the \$1.5 million award for the Trauma Unit with final reporting pending at the time of the freeze. However, no purchases had been made on the other two awards:

- \$1.5 million for new equipment at the expanded School of Nursing including simulation rooms, classrooms and study areas
- \$1.9 million for new equipment in the expanding Cardiac Unit

NPI staff, along with current and former Board members have asked members of Congress and Senators for assistance in unfreezing these funds that were officially awarded to NPI.

## Nazareth Hospital Ranked #1 in Internal Medicine

In early February, the Israeli Ministry of Health published the quality indices of the internal medicine departments of Israel's hospitals. The survey placed Nazareth Hospital at the top!

**Prof. Fahad Hakim, Medical Director of the Hospital congratulated the Internal Medicine Department and stated: "At Nazareth Hospital we put the development and improvement of medical services at the top of our priority. We constantly focus on expanding our medical and nursing staff and recruiting professionals from among the best in the country."**

The indices were published for the first time this year, and are mostly based on 2023 data. They also form the basis of an incentive program, in which 90 million Shekels (\$25 million) were offered to hospitals and awarded according to compliance with the various standards of the indices.

Nazareth Hospital's rankings include:

- In the Seven-Day Re-hospitalization Index, which is accepted worldwide for measuring

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the quality of medical care, Nazareth Hospital came in first place.

- In the Patient Service Survey Index, Nazareth Hospital ranked second for the whole country.
- In the Index of Staffing of Specialist Doctors and Interns Per Bed, the Hospital was ranked #1.

Nazareth Hospital, known by the community as the English Hospital, was established in 1861 and is the oldest general hospital in Israel. Today, it has 150 beds, 260,000 patients annually and employs about 800 people. It's a public hospital, under government supervision, and owned by The Nazareth Trust, a UK-registered charity.

## Nursing Students Celebrate Graduation



**Dr. Salam Hadid (right), Director of the Nazareth Academic School of Nursing, congratulates a graduate**

On January 17, fifty students graduated from the Nursing Conversion Program at Nazareth Academic School of Nursing. The festive ceremony also commemorated the school's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an institution serving Arab communities within Israel.

Dr. Salam Hadid, Director of the school, expressed her pride in the students'

accomplishments, stating:

**"Today, we celebrate the fruits of our students' hard work and commitment in building a distinguished professional future in nursing. You are our true pride, and your journey reflects the deep-rooted values we instill in our school."**

"Over 100 years, we have witnessed great achievements and significant developments, adapting to many changes in this field and supporting thousands of students in their educational journey. This success is the essence of our mission and our everlasting pride."

The Nursing Conversion Program is designed for students with a bachelor's degree in another discipline who complete the nursing program and receive a BSN degree.

**Nazareth Project's Nancy Martin Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund provides scholarship funds to the Nursing School annually. Your contributions to the fund will help empower future generations of graduates who will bring medical care to Nazareth and beyond.**

## Rare Book Proceeds Support Scholarships

On January 14, 2025, a delegation from NPI travelled to Millersburg, Ohio to exchange a rare book for a generous contribution to the Nancy Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Dr. Robert Martin, a former member of the NPI Board, recently discovered a 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Ausbund in a box of family heirlooms that had been stored for several decades. He donated the book, which is dated around 1650, to NPI and suggested that it be sold with the proceeds going to his late wife's memorial fund.

The Ausbund is a collection of hymns that were written by early Anabaptists during Europe's turbulent era of religious persecution and war.

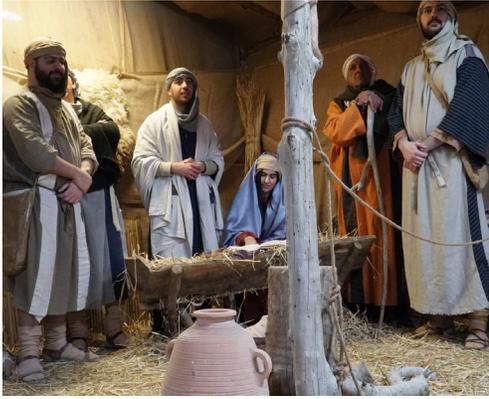
After assessing its value and investigating sale possibilities, NPI sold the 1650 Ausbund to the Amish and Mennonite Heritage Center in Holmes County, Ohio. \$10,000 of the revenue went to the Nancy Martin fund.

During the NPI visit, executive director, Marcus Yoder, and archivist, Adam Hershberger, showed their collection of rare books and the climate-controlled vault used for display and storage.



**From left: Howard Good, NPI Executive Director; Midge Crystle, NPI Board member; Bob Martin; Adam Hershberger (holding the 1650 Ausbund); Marcus Yoder, Kevin Bradford, NPI staff**

## Nazareth Village events at Christmas



*During four days in December, 1,600 people attended Christmas presentations at Nazareth Village.*

## Congratulations!



*Midge Crystle and Bob Martin were happily married on Dec 8, 2024. Both have been actively engaged with NPI for decades. Congratulations!*

## My Neighbor credit card holders benefit NPI



*Use a MyNeighbor credit card from Everence and designate the 1.5% rebate to NPI. Former NPI Board member, David Hiebert, uses the app and says: "It's so easy to use that an old caveman can do it!"*

## Jesus Trail Hike



*The Nazareth Challenge hike will take place during November 9 -15, 2025. The Jesus Trail hike is a five-day, 40-mile guided trek between Capernaum and Nazareth.*

*Please support the Nazareth Project with donations sent to:*

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Lancaster, PA 17603**

*or securely via the online portal:*

**[nazarethproject.org/ways-to-give/](https://nazarethproject.org/ways-to-give/)**



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