



HAPPY CHILDHOOD FOUNDATION

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LHRC EXTENTION OPENS AT HDF

In September 2018, the Happy Childhood Foundation and the Hotel Dieu de France (HDF) inaugurated "Phase II" of the Laetitia Hatem Rehabilitation Center (LHRC) which includes a Healing Garden designed by renowned landscape architect Vladimir Djurovic, a pool therapy and a number of state-of-the art machinery to continue to provide the very best rehabilitation care. **We would like to thank our sponsors who made this event possible: Banque Bemo, Give a Child Joy, Liban Post, Allianz SNA, Kettaneh, Blom Bank, Bankers and Scope Atelier.**



We'd also like to acknowledge the incredible support of our donors, who made the construction of the LHRC Rehabilitation & Healing Garden possible:

Vladimir Djurovic for the beautiful and unique design
Chiara Walid Habre for the stones
Arbusta for the plants, in memory of Mrs. Alitz Hrechdakian
Light Box for the lighting
Nadim Kanaan for the pond
And Elie Beaini for the irrigation

10,000 sessions in 2018 funded by HCF

With 165 children now receiving regular therapy at the LHRC, including

2018 alone.

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A WORD BY THE PRESIDENT OF HCF

Dear supporters and friends,

Our network of Happy Childhood Foundations has a simple but important objective: to put a smile on the face of as many children as possible, around the world. Under the guidance of a mother foundation incorporated in Geneva (Philippe Hatem Foundation for a Happy Childhood - PHF), our various Happy Childhood Foundations (HCFs) ensure proper implementation of the global initiatives approved centrally, providing support to children in the areas of basic necessities, protection, health, education, and recreation.

In 2018, we focused most of our attention and resources on the completion, in Lebanon, of our flagship project in rehabilitation with the expansion of the state-of-the-art Laetitia Hatem Rehabilitation Center (LHRC) at Hotel-Dieu de France hospital (HDF) in Beirut. LHRC now spans over 2,400 square meters; it includes several rehabilitation spaces, a pool for water therapy, an outdoor healing garden, and is equipped with a complete range of state-of-the-art equipment. Under the supervision of a Medical Director and a Head Therapist, its team of qualified and well-trained therapists is providing every year thousands of physical, occupational, and speech therapy sessions to hundreds of children with different types of disability, offering them, and their families, the opportunity to regain hope and autonomy. With the support of LHRC Committee and our Social Worker, we are also providing these children essential support in basic necessities, recreational activities, protection, and education.

In Africa, we continued to work hard on preparing the implementation of the Happy Childhood Village (HCV) concept in Tanzania, and in North America, we honored our grant support to the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab in Chicago.

Looking forward, our focus in 2019 will be along three major axes:

1. Consolidate our rehabilitation program in Lebanon to increase the reach and the impact of LHRC
2. Hold the third edition of the Happy Childhood Foundation's Contemporary Art Auction to finance our work
3. Effectively start our support on the ground in Africa, in parallel to continuing the fundraising efforts for the HCV project; a grant agreement will be signed in January 2019 with the Catholic Archdiocese of Arusha for the provision of rehabilitation equipment, health services (insurance and health expenses not covered by insurance), as well as food materials to orphaned and abandoned children

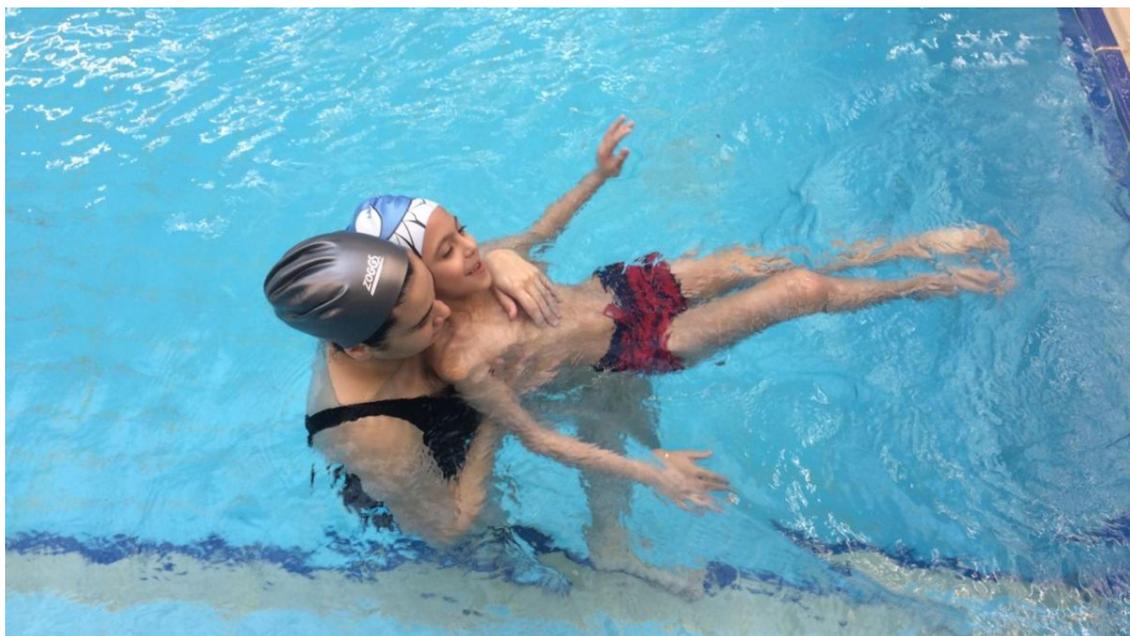
impact to children in need, and my gratitude goes to each one of them; without their passion, dedication, and commitment to excellence, all this will simply not have been possible.

As our foundation celebrates its ninth anniversary in a few months, we remain fully aware of the many challenges awaiting us on the road of success; however, we are convinced that with passion, hard work and of course the support of generous benefactors, we will continue to overcome these obstacles one after the other and reach our objectives - one smile at a time.

Georges Hatem,
President

CHILDREN BEGIN POOL THERAPY!

Since September's opening, children under the Happy Childhood Foundation's care have begun to receive pool therapy as part of their rehabilitation sessions.



Christmas Day at the LHRC

Every year, we celebrate Christmas with the children under our care, and their siblings. This year, another full auditorium for a fun packed day and presents for everyone, thanks to the generosity of our donor, Michelle Tabet.



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Rewarding LHRC's therapists!

The LHRC held an end of the year award ceremony in December, to recognize the hard work of our team members:

Karim Fayad received the yearly award for exceptional overall yearly performance.

Sabine Sarkis received the half-year performance award for exceptional team spirit and positive attitude.

We take this opportunity to thank all the therapists working hard every day at the LHRC, and their management team Dr. Mansour Team (Medical Director) and Mr. Zakhia Naoum (Head Therapist)



THE HAPPY CHILDHOOD VILLAGE KICKS OFF IN TANZANIA!

The Happy Childhood Foundation - Africa and our local partner in Tanzania, the Catholic Archdiocese of Arusha (CAA), have agreed to start in the first quarter of 2019, the fencing with sisal trees of the Happy Childhood Village site, which will be followed with reforestation of the land.

HCF Africa and the CAA have also agreed on the terms of a grant to provide much needed funding to facilities owned and operated by the CAA; this includes food and health services to the Canaan Children Center in Kisongo, that is home to 46 children, and the acquisition of rehabilitation equipment for the John Paul II Rehabilitation Center in Monduli.

In preparation of an aggressive fundraising campaign for the HCV, an external audit was performed Q4 of 2018 on all HCV external communication material; this will help develop, with the support of external experts, a targeted marketing and external communication strategy.

An online campaign to raise awareness



This video was shared by more than 25 international influencers, reaching more than 600-thousand people around the world!

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DON'T SEE ME POOR
Le cœur vibrant de l'Afrique
Constantin Salameh

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Lorsque Constantin Salameh a atterri, il y a presque quatre ans, à l'aéroport d'Accra, il ne soupçonnait pas que plus d'une centaine de vols s'ensuivraient et le mèneraient vers sa destinée profonde. Son vécu l'a poussé à publier cet ouvrage qui représente la quintessence de ce que l'Afrique lui a apporté, sur le plan personnel et émotionnel, et qu'il souhaite lui rendre.

We would like to thank our dear friend Constantin Salame for offering the full proceeds of this book, "Don't See Me Poor: Le coeur vibrant de l'Afrique" to the Happy Childhood Foundation, Africa.



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