



Knights Templar

St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital: December 2021 update

Dear Brother Knights,

I just wanted to let you know that I will be leaving my position as Fundraising Officer with St John Eye Hospital Group for pastures new. Thank you for warmly welcoming me, it has been a pleasure to provide you with hospital updates and I have never failed to be impressed by your ongoing and extremely generous support. The hospital holds you in extremely high regard and this is evident from the conversations I have had with different staff members who light up every time I mention you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your never ending kindness and I hope you will continue to support the very worthy eye hospital for many years to come.

Vaccination programme

As a result of the vaccination campaign in Israel (and to a degree in Palestinian Authority areas), the pandemic has remained under control and therefore, movement restrictions have been minimal. This has enabled the Group to clear the backlog of surgical cases from last year and respond to new eye care cases.

St John Eye Hospital Group update

By the end of December, we will have:

- Treated more than 135,00 patients as compared to 107,000 patients last year. Almost 33% of our outpatients were children
- Performed more than 6,100 major eye surgeries compared to 5,700 surgeries in 2020
- Performed more than 850 major paediatric eye surgeries by the end of 2021

This is a new hospital record, achieved against all the challenges the Pandemic has posed.

Message from Ahmad Maali, CEO:



We are most grateful to all of the members of the Knights Templar who have given generously over the years to support our mission in the Holy Land. Without this fantastic support we would not have been able to respond to the increased demand for eye care in this part of the world. Thanks to this partnership, in 2021 we were able to treat all and clear any delayed cases from last year.



St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group

On behalf of our patients, their families, and our communities, I would like to thank our Friends at the Knights Templar and wish them all a Merry Christmas and Happy 2022.

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Case study: Leen Safi, 6 years old, Gaza



Leen Safi is 6 years old and lives in North Gaza. Her father is currently unemployed and during the pandemic her family's financial situation worsened.

For over 6 months Leen was suffering with a pain in both of her eyes and was seen by various ophthalmologists in different clinics in Gaza. Leen's family took her to St. John Eye Hospital in Gaza for further examination, after hearing about their reputable eye care services. Our paediatric specialist Dr. Ahmad Al-Halimy diagnosed Leen with strabismus, an abnormal alignment of the eyes and suggested squint surgery.

Leen's surgery was successful and she is no experiencing any pain in her eyes. Leen's

family have said they are so thankful to the hospital for saving Leen's sight and the donors who have contributed to the costs of the surgery. Without the support of donors, the family wouldn't have been able to afford surgery.

In closing, thank you once more for your immensely generous and invaluable support. I will ensure my predecessor keeps you updated on our work and wish you all good health.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all!

With warm regards,

Trishna Datta
Fundraising Officer
St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital