

January 27th, 2012

Dear Donor, Sponsor, 5k Participant, Friend,

Thanks to your support, Myschoolpulse provided **1325 hours of free tutorship** to **68 sick and needy children** in Lebanon since inception in June 2010. We now employ **11 teachers**, supervised by Mrs Raymonde Abou, a highly respected school director in Lebanese education.

Following the success of our first school at The Lebanese Hospital in October 2010, we opened a second school at Hariri University Hospital in October 2011. In addition to decreasing anxiety about return to school and being a generally positive influence for sick children, we are happy to report that teaching in hospitals is helping maintain or improve school performance (please see one of our patient's grade report in Exhibit 1). Feedback from our teachers is that **children eagerly wait for their lessons at hospital.**

Key figures (on a cumulative basis, from inception to YE2011):

- Donations: US\$ 626,475 of which 100% go to sick children (0% operating costs).
- Disbursements: **US\$ 191,869** was cautiously distributed over last year when we opened a school in the 1st hospital as we tested and refined the concept. We are only now getting up to speed with the opening of a school in a 2nd hospital.

Our goal is to reach more children in all regions of Lebanon, with the opening of a 3rd school and the development of an e-learning platform to ensure school continues at home between hospital treatments.

Thus our budget will increase and we expect to disburse US\$600,000 in 2012/2013 as follows:

- US\$ 380,000 recurring disbursements covering:
 - School curriculum lessons to sick and needy children;
 - Computer classes: we orient some children to computer science education because their physical handicap will ground them at home, probably for life.
 - Scholarships for children returning to school after end of treatment, if their parents lack resources after having paid huge medical expenses.
- US\$220,000 for the e-learning platform, in collaboration with a top university in Lebanon, USJ. It is an e-learning free educational program for sick children to enable them to learn via the Internet, do interactive exercices online and stay in touch with Myschoolpulse teachers.

Our objective is to raise US\$ 300,000 in 2012.

This will be achieved **through our next "5k Walk or Run" in Faqra (sponsorship & ticket sales)**, on Sunday August 5, 2012, as well as through **online donations on <u>www.myschoolpulse.com</u>**, and through our **social fundraising platform www.myschoolpulsefundraising.com**.

1. School in the Lebanese Hospital, Beirut (from Oct 2010)

- 15 children, 6 to 18y old: Abbas F, Ahmad D, Andrew F, Badri A, Christian G, Farah A, Faycal K, Hadi Z, Hussein A, Issa, Mahmoud S, Rayan A, Wissam L, Zein K, Zeinab F. 10 of them are in primary school. They suffer from leukaemia, brain tumour or an auto-immune disease.
- 1 permanent teacher for primary school children: Mrs. Abichaker (in the photo) has 20y of experience, mostly at Notre-Dame de Jamhour, and teaches all subjects.
- Children are supervised by Oumnia Association who provides a psychological and medical support to sick children.



Mrs. Abichaker

2. School in Rafik Hariri University Hospital, Beirut (from Oct 2011)

- 24 children, 4 to 14 years old: Yamen A, Ahmad A, Omar A, Mohammad C, Sirine D, Ali E, Cedra H, Mohamad I, Angie J, Marwa J, Chaker J, Mahmoud K, Ahmad M, Hawraa M, Rami M, Nader N, Julia N, Mona N, Abdallah S, Hassan S, Sylvana T, Ali Y, Mohammad Y, Salwa Z. They all suffer from cancer, mostly leukaemia.
- 3 permanent teachers: Mrs. Tager has 40 years of experience, mostly at College Louise Wegmann, and teaches all subjects in primary and middle school, and French in high school. Ms. Akil teaches primary children. Mrs Barrage, a volunteer, teaches those in english schools following the Lebanese official program.



Mrs. Akil



Mrs. Tager



Mrs. Barrage

3. School at Oumnia Center

- 7 children, 7 to 14 years old: Ali O (brain tumor), Aziz A (malformation of the venous system causing a variceal dilatation up to the lower abdomen), Hala M (blood deficiency), Rami A (aneurysm), Raphael S (immunodeficiency), Raphaela Y (epilepsy), Toufic H (Duchenne muscular dystrophy).
- Some have completed their treatment but need to catch up with schooling, thus they take lessons at Oumnia Center.
- **2 teachers**: Mrs Cordahi for Maths and French. Mrs Assily for English and Arabic. Both have more than 30 years of experience in top Lebanese schools.



4. Computer lessons

- All children are offered computer classes at the two hospitals and at Oumnia Center.
- Those suffering from a physical handicap due to disease, are oriented towards a **computer** science education because they are likely to be grounded at home, probably for life.
- 1 computer teacher, Mr. Roy Baroud, works on a permanent basis and splits his time between the two hospitals and Oumnia center.

5. Scholarships (under the supervision of Oumnia Association)

- **14 children**, 7 to 18 years old: Abbas F, Ali M, Ali O, Andrew G, Antonio K, Aziz A, Firas (renal deficiency, under dialysis since the age of 6), Georges H, Hala M, Khalil S, Myriam A, Rami A, Raphael S, Toufic H.
- Myschoolpulse pays their school tuition fee as they have returned to school post-treatment, but their parents lack resources having paid for huge medical expenses.
- **2 children**, 10 and 14 years old: Khalil A (Rami A's brother), Elias A (Aziz A's brother). They have a sick sibling and their parents can't afford any schooling expense.

With our kindest regards,

Myschoolpulse Team

Mireille Nassif, co-Founder Danièle Diab, co-Founder Lara Hage, volunteer Chantal Eid, administrator

EXHIBIT 1

One of our patient's school grade report (in French) showing that lessons taken at hospital maintained her school level

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