

Voices OF HOPE

Gaza, Palestinian Territories

In May 2021, violence erupted throughout the Holy Land. Long-time partner Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza was on the frontlines. It is a beacon of hope in the region, administered by the Diocese of Jerusalem. Staff were overwhelmed by the number of injured and traumatized people, the lack of generators and medical supplies.

When the newly installed Archbishop of Jerusalem, the Most Reverend Hosam Naoum, issued an appeal for funds to help the hospital cope with the influx of patients, PWRDF responded with a grant of \$10,000. The funds were used to purchase generator fuel to keep the power going.

In addition to sending funds, PWRDF also began receiving donations to the Archbishop's appeal, raising more than \$20,000. According to Sawsan Aranki-Batato, Programs Development Officer for the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, Al Ahli staff maintained a presence around-the-clock, providing the wounded with the critical care that they needed. The hospital also implemented an emergency response plan to receive increasing numbers of trauma cases and set up an emergency ward with 24 additional beds.

"Your prayers matter," said Aranki-Batato when told of PWRDF's prayerful support. "Thank you so much."






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