



Save a Child's Heart Newsletter - July 2009



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Dear Friends of SACH,

There are [twenty four children](#) treated currently in Israel and six medical practitioners training and working alongside SACH medical staff at the Wolfson Medical Center.

The past month was busy with many delegations and groups visiting us from around the world and with a number of stories published about SACH in the media; one of the recent ones is the ["Readers Digest"](#) story about little Noor from Gaza.

Please read below to find out more about our activity.

Best wishes,

Tamar

The SACH Children's Home

Since its inception in 1996 Save a Child's Heart has treated more than 2,100 children from 35 countries.

121 children's lives have been saved since the beginning of 2009.

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Save a Child's Heart is currently treating in Israel twenty four children from Angola, China, Kenya, Iraq, the Palestinian Authority, Uganda and Zanzibar.

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Letters from Parents

The bond formed between SACH and the children we treat is strong. Each child is special and dear. Warm friendships develop not only between many of the parents and the children during the time spent together in Israel but also between children, parents, SACH staff, nurses, physicians and SACH volunteers.

We often receive letters and pictures from parents and we would like to share with you a few of the letters we received recently:

* [Father of Mohammed from Gaza:](#)



To the respected Save a Child's Heart Staff,

We would like to thank and appreciate you so much for your great efforts to help Muhammad to undergo his successful heart surgery.

We also appreciate your help and support throughout the period of the operation whether inside or outside the hospital. We thank the medical team that works seriously and devotionally in order to achieve better results and we do not forget sister Fatima who always helped and followed up with us.

We hope that you keep your good work with our Palestinian people who love and respect you.

*Again, thank you.
Mohammeds Father.*

* Father of Hiram from Congo:



*Hi,
I tried to inform that Hiram is well. He plays everyday ,he eats good and more than we think.
He had today cofing and the doctor visited him everytime.
You can excuse me I am not good in English so Clarice is well too.
Clarice will begin to learn English, two hours a week. I will send his picture to you nextime
past bofio, Congo*

* Mother of Xinyi from China:



Hi Sheila,

We are happy to tell you that Xinyi has been in kindergarden for one year. Everybody loves her deeply, and she enjoys herself there with so many teachers and kids. She is not shy anymore. Everyday when she's leaving her kindregarden, she invites her friends coming to my house to have a big dinner, showing herself hospitably. I dare say that when you come here, she will be very excited to talk with you, saying her "Tomas and his friends" and other fairy tales. She is a good girl, no matter past, now, or future.

Since I read stories for her everyday, I become a story teller now, and she loves my stories very much. I even write some stories of ours to the magazine, and we are happy to see the publications. Now Xinyi is five years old, and she already has 500 books! We feel happiness when

reading those books together, and anywhere.

P.S: My friend help me ,so the letter is better than before.Is't it?
Yous May, China

* Mother of Ivan from Moldova:

Hello!

First of all I would like to express you the deepest gratitude for all that you have made, for your excellent work and care of us.

As you already saw on the photos, Ivan grows well, thank God! Feels well, well eats, and sleeps easily. Already runs on a court yard, playing everywhere, tells while only separate words, but I think soon and will start talking. He loves books very much, in general develops as normal healthy kinder!

Once again big to all of you thanks!

*To all of you the deepest bow and greetings.
I will send new photos on a process of Ivan's growth.*

*With the best regards!
Nadejda Tamciuc,
Moldova*



* [Click here to see testimonials of the SACH children](#)

International Medical Practitioners at SACH

Presently SACH has six medical practitioners training and working alongside SACH medical staff at the Wolfson Medical Center:

From the Palestinian Authority we have Dr. Wafiq Othman, Dr. Akra Haitham and Dr. Mahmoud Kdimat, all training in anaesthesia.

From Romania we have Dr. Solomon Stefania Raluca and Dr. Balint Alina, both training in anaesthesia.



Dr. Solomon Stefania Raluca
and Dr. Balint Alina

Finally, we have Dr. Godwin Godfrey Sharaua, a surgeon from Tanzania who is working hand in hand with the SACH staff in all the departments since September 2008 and in the future will be specializing in cardiac surgery.

Fundraising Highlights

SACH Canada

SACH Canada welcomed Dr. Lior Sasson and Shirlee Harel to Toronto for a few days at the beginning of the summer. Their itinerary was packed as they spoke at two events, made further connections in Toronto and spent time at the world renowned Hospital for Sick Children.

On June 8th, Amnon and Karen Baruch hosted an intimate gathering of 24 people who came to hear about SACH from our lead surgeon Dr. Sasson, Shirlee Harel, Bernie Goldman, SACH Canada Chairman and Karen Diamond, SACH Canada President. On June 9th, Larry and Judy Tanenbaum hosted a reception for 70 people, both past and new supporters.

Both evenings went extremely well as Lior and Shirlee charmed everyone with their knowledge, their personal stories, their passion and even some humor!

SACH UK

Barbara and Clive Austin with Pat Felman



During the month of June SACH UK exhibited at Birmingham at a Rotary International Convention of 19,000 visitors from practically every country of the world. They met many Rotarians who were already active supporters of SACH and awoke interest in many who were not aware of the work we did.

SACH has been selected as a preferred charity of the Oxford Students'

Cultural Festival, fund raising events by Newcastle J-Soc, Glasgow University students and the London School of Economics.

Walter Felmen, President of SACH UK, continues giving talks to Rotary Clubs around the country, and SACH have been selected by many as their preferred fund raising project.



הצל לבו של ילד ועיגול לטובה

אנו שמחים לבשר לכם שהעברות הכספיים הראשונות החלו להתבצע והצל לבו של ילד תתחיל בקרוב לקבל את התרומות שגויסו במסגרת זו

למי שלא זוכר - עיגול לטובה היא יוזמה חדשה בישראל שבמסגרתה יוכלו לקוחות לאומי קארד לתת הוראה קבועה לעגל את סכום העסקאות שהם מבצעים בכרטיס האשראי לשקל הקרוב. התורם יכול לבחור עד שלושה יעדי תרומה והצל לבו של ילד נבחרה לקחת חלק בפרויקט זה. עיגול לטובה נמצאת במגע עם גופים מובילים נוספים במשק ובעתיד הקרוב תוכל להכריז על שיתופי פעולה נוספים מכיוון שהסכום מתחלק לכ-40 עמותות (על פי בחירת התורמים) הסכום המועבר היום לכל עמותה אינו גדול. על מנת שהסכומים המצטברים יהיו משמעותיים, יש צורך בהצטרפות של לקוחות רבים נוספים. אנחנו רוצים לעודד אתכם להצטרף לעיגול לטובה ולקחת חלק ביוזמה חשובה זו

[לחצו כאן כדי להצטרף](#)

SACH and Round-up

We are glad to inform you that the first money transactions have begun and Save a Child's Heart will soon start receiving donations done through Round-up.

To those of you who don't remember - Round-up is an Israeli promotion that allows people who pay in credit card to round up the payment amount and donate the difference to a charity. The initiative is available in Leumi Credit Card and customers can choose their donation target. SACH was chosen to be one of the charities in this project.

Since the total amount divides into 40 charities (according the donors choice) the amount that is transferred to each charity is still small. In order for the amount to be significant many people need to join this project. We would like to encourage you to join Round-up and be part of this important initiative.

[Click here to join](#)

SACH International Photography Exhibition



The Save a Child's Heart photography exhibition continues to travel around the world.

* [Click here to see the exhibition](#)

The exhibition has been recently displayed in:

- * [South Africa](#)
- * [Brussels](#)
- * [Vancouver, Canada, April 2009](#)
- * [Abuja, Nigeria, April 2009](#)
- * [The Philippines, March 2009](#)
- * [Detroit, March 2009](#)

Plans for the future:

- * South Africa - The photo exhibition will continue to travel in South Africa in the next months and will be displayed in Cape town and in Johannesburg. Details to follow.
- * Hong Kong - The exhibition will be displayed in Hong Kong during the month of September. Details to follow.
- * The UK - The exhibition will be displayed in the Kelvingrove Gallery in Glasgow during August 3 - 16, 2009. We are now looking for additional venues in London or else where in the UK.
- * The US West coast copy of the exhibition will be displayed in L.A Children's Hospital during the month of September.
- * The US East coast copy of the exhibition - we are in the process of finding venues and people to assist us in New York and Boston. Any assistance in terms of people who can arrange events, venues that can display the pictures etc will be highly appreciated.
- * The exhibition is planned to be displayed in the EU Parliament building in Brussels in November 9 - 13.

Group Visits and Student Activities



We are constantly visited by groups and delegations from around the world.

Recently we had visits of a German Leadership Seminar brought to Israel by the American Jewish Committee (UJC), a famous Swiss opera singer and her conductor who were filmed visiting us for a promotional film that will be shown in Switzerland in a few months, Gitta and Sam Ganz - founders of the very popular toy company Ganz, which is most known for their interactive stuffed toy Webkinz, Khalid Ansari - a well known TV reporter from Pakistan, who runs a special project in TV GEO Pakistan's biggest private TV station, a delegation of Thai officials who came to us through the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council (AIJC), a group of reporters and media people from India, a delegation of African American Clergy Seminar, a delegation of six Canadian Members of Parliament referred by the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), a group of Student Political leaders referred by the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council and Ted Baillieu, Leader of the Liberal Party in Australia, also referred visited SACH last week.





Our student activity in the past couple of months included visits from around the world by 20 students and young leaders groups, among them AISH Hasabra groups, our first AISH group from the UK, a Canada Israel Committee visit, Taglit trips from Young Judea, Jewish Community Center, Israel Experience, and groups from NFTY- the youth arm of the Union for Reform Judaism.

Three awareness and fund raising events took place during the months of June - July: In June the Students Alliance for Israel at the University of Massachusetts held an event on campus. In July an Overseas Student Program in Israel at Tel Aviv University raised over 2,000 NIS for SACH. Also in July there was a poker tournament for SACH held in Ontario.



SACH in The Media

These are the recent media stories about SACH:

["Nigeria This Day online" - Mide... Also Gets Reprieve, July 2009](#)

["Readers Digest" - Heart of Gold, July 2009](#)

["Mynet" Holon - Chinese doctor assisting in surgery of a Chinese child \(Hebrew\), June 2009](#)

["Hashikma Newspaper" \(Hebrew\) - The Visit of Rotary International President, May 2009](#)

[South Africa - SACH featured in "SIMCHA", May 2009](#)

["Angola Press Agency" - 10 Children travelling to Israel for treatment, May 2009](#)

["Atmosphere" \(English\) - Taking To Heart, April 2009](#)

["Atmosphere" \(Hebrew\) - April 2009](#)

* [Click here to see all media stories](#)

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