



## Save a Child's Heart Newsletter

### Holland & Paris Events

October-November 2008

Dear friends of SACH,

We are happy and proud to tell you about two successful events that took place in the past few weeks:

\* In Nijmegen, Holland - a very successful SACH Holland event including a performance by Israeli International singer "Noa" - Achinoam Nini.

\* In Paris - an EFI (European Friends of Israel) event in which Save a Child's Heart was given a unique opportunity to present the project in front of hundreds of European Union parliament members.



The Holland event took place on October 16th at the Concertgebouw de Vereniging in Nijmegen and was attended by 250 people. The event was spearheaded by SACH Holland Founders, Dr. Livia Kapusta (Chairperson) and Ronald Vles (Secretary) and orchestrated and organized by Robert Baruch, MC of the night and Co-founder of KidsRights.

The event was celebrated with the premiere of Noa's (Achinoam Nini) album in

Holland. The concert began with a video clip of Noa visiting SACH children at home and in the hospital. In the middle of the concert Noa told the audience about her first hand experience visiting the program in Israel - She was not only the star of the night but also an incredible ambassador of goodwill for SACH.

The event was made possible due to the support of our many new friends in Holland among them our partners in Holland from the St. Radboud University Hospital in Nijmegen and the continuous support of the Dutch International organization - KidsRights.

The evening came to an end with the exciting announcement that the concert had raised the amount of EURO 240,000 for Save a Child's Heart, which included funding towards the purchase of an echo-machine for our Palestinian partner in Nablus, Dr. Omar Assali.



The Annual European Friends of Israel (EFI) Conference took place in Paris on November 5-6.

The conference was attended by more than 500 people, most of them members of the European Union Parliament.

Save a Child's Heart was invited to take part in the conference by setting up a SACH booth, displaying the photography exhibition at the conference and holding a SACH presentation during a workshop on health issues.



The exhibition pictures were displayed throughout the different

rooms and halls in which the conference took place.

Many people stopped by the pictures, expressed their impressions and wanted to hear more details about the project.

Achinoam Nini (Noa) - Save a Child's Heart GoodWill Ambassador - was asked to sing at the EFI Gala Dinner on November 5th. Prior to her performance the same video clip, showing her visiting SACH, was shown and after going on stage Noa dedicated a song to Save a Child's Heart.



Israeli President Shimon Peres, who was invited to attend the conference but could not come, wrote a very warm letter to the conference organizers and guests in which he gave a special mention to the Save a Child's Heart Photo Exhibit that was displayed in the conference.

The letter was read out during the gala dinner and copies of it were handed to everyone.

This is a quote from the letter:

"An exhibition showcasing children of all ages, colors and genders, from four corners of the world, will be on show during the conference. These children have been given a lease on life by Israeli doctors, nurses and support staff through the Save a Child's Heart project. They have deeply touched our own hearts and highlighted the human face of Israel, its concern for the well-being of others and its outstretched hand in peace to all. These children will act as our ambassadors of peace in the world and pave the way for a brighter future".

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