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DONOR IMPACT REPORT

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AFEDJ

American Friends of the
Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

Building Hope in the Holy Land

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend,

There is a special type of courage required to look upon a landscape of profound upheaval and choose to invest in something lasting. While many see the Holy Land through a lens of crisis, you see it through a lens of human dignity. You see children who deserve an education, patients who need healing, and families searching for a place of stability and hope.

This report is a record of what happens when that vision meets action. Over the first six months of 2026, your partnership with AFEDJ has provided the one thing that changes everything: stability. As a friend of the Diocese, your support travels directly into the hands of those leading the way on the ground, ensuring that these essential hospitals, schools, and clinics never have to face the choice of turning a neighbor away.

The pages ahead offer a small window into the momentum you've created. You'll see how your giving translates into tangible restoration, specifically at the Saviour Arab Evangelical School in Zarqa, Jordan. We are so proud to share what AFEDJ donor support has enabled there, providing a clear picture of how your generosity takes root.

We share these stories because we want you to know that you are the bedrock of this mission. Whenever I speak with the leaders working on the ground in the Holy Land, they always speak of an acute relief in knowing they are not carrying these burdens by themselves. In a region where the news can feel overwhelming and stability is never guaranteed, your friendship is the constant that changes the entire conversation.

Thank you for your trust and for the active force of your compassion. Your resolve ensures that even in the most demanding seasons, the light of the Diocese continues to shine as a visible reality for all.

With gratitude,



Eileen Spencer

**Executive Director
American Friends of the
Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem**



WHY AFEDJ

Choosing AFEDJ is a bold declaration that the future of the Holy Land is worth building. You are joining a fierce community of American friends who refuse to let distance or complexity stand in the way of human dignity. By tapping into decades of iron-clad trust and service, your generosity cuts straight through to the front lines and lands exactly where it can do the most good.

You provide the raw fuel that allows the experts of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem to do what they do best: healing, teaching, and restoring lives without hesitation. Together, we shield these hospitals, schools, and disability centers, keeping them open as sacred spaces of care for every neighbor, regardless of their path or creed. Your commitment is the engine at the heart of this mission, fueling a reality where compassion is a local landmark that never fades, even when the world outside is in upheaval.

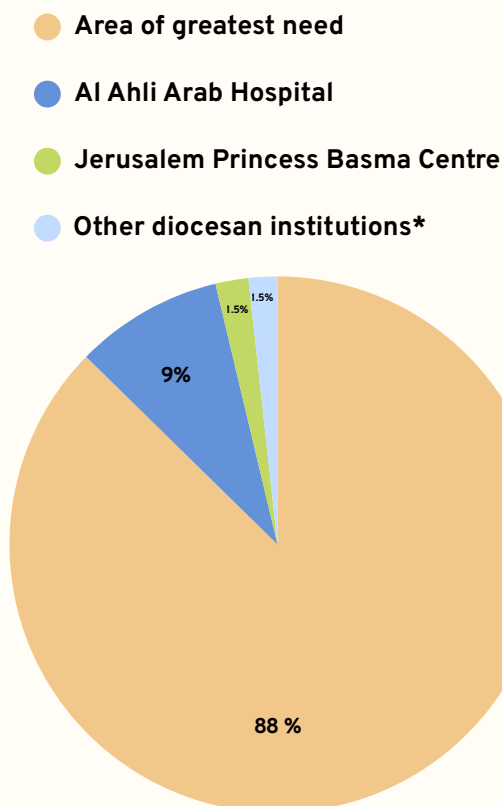
YOUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

In the first six months of 2026, the incredible commitment of individual donors and family foundations mobilized just over \$1.138M to propel the essential work of the Diocese of Jerusalem forward. Below is a look at how that collective support was put to work to keep healthcare, education, and essential care accessible across the region.

These funds were allocated as follows:

- **88%** Directed to the area of greatest need
- **9%** Al Ahli Arab Hospital
- **1.5%** Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre
- **1.5%** Other diocesan institutions*

*Other institutions include Arab Evangelical Episcopal School (Ramallah, West Bank), Arab Episcopal School (Irbid, Jordan), Episcopal Technological & Vocational Training Center (Ramallah, West Bank), Holy Land Institute for the Deaf (Salt, Jordan), Jofeh Community Rehabilitation Center (Jordan Valley, Jordan), Saviour Arab Evangelical School (Zarqa, Jordan), St. Luke's Center for Rehabilitation (Beirut, Lebanon), St. George's Cathedral (Jerusalem), St. George's School (Jerusalem), St. Luke's Hospital (Nablus, West Bank), and St. Phillip's Church (Nablus, West Bank).





SAVIOUR ARAB EVANGELICAL SCHOOL, ZARQA, JORDAN

In the industrial city of Zarqa, northeast of Amman, Saviour's School serves as a rare anchor for families within the Diocese of Jerusalem. Since 1955, the school has been a pioneer in a simple, profound mission: bringing children with physical and sensory disabilities into the same classrooms as their peers. Today, your support of AFEDJ sustains this seventy-year legacy even as regional tensions and economic hardships press in from all sides. This partnership provides the steady foundation required to ensure that in a community navigating so much uncertainty, no child is sidelined or forgotten.

The strength of this support shows up in the way the school refuses to let obstacles interrupt a student's path. When a young girl was recently stranded in Turkey after eye surgery because of regional conflict, the school didn't just wait for her to return, they immediately brought the classroom to her through online lessons, keeping her connected to her friends and her future during a frightening time. This is the reality of education in a crisis zone. It requires an incredible level of institutional agility to reach a child when they cannot physically reach the school, and your gifts directed to the area of greatest need make that level of persistence possible.

Ultimately, your generosity allows Saviour's to prove to these children that their potential is defined by their talent rather than their circumstances. Whether it's tenth-graders qualifying for national Artificial Intelligence competitions or a young boy navigating the school stairs on his crutches, these students are learning that they belong. Your gifts translate into board-approved grants that go directly to the front lines, giving the Archbishop the resources he needs to protect these sanctuaries of learning. By standing with AFEDJ, you are helping nurture a generation of children who are growing into the makers of a much brighter future for the Holy Land.

220

students currently enrolled in the school's academic programs.

100%

of students receive financial assistance or reduced tuition, with support levels ranging from 15% to 75% to ensure access for local families.

7%

(approximately) of the student body comes from refugee or displaced families.

39

dedicated teachers and staff members guiding and supporting the student body daily.

94%

of recent graduates have continued their education in university, technical training, or vocational programs.

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students with physical or sensory disabilities receive inclusive, tailored education.

MAKING EDUCATION ACCESSIBLE

With many local families facing severe economic hardship, keeping school affordable for these children is an urgent challenge.

Saviour's School is only able to cut tuition in half (50%) for early grades because AFEDJ donors step in to cover the school's core operating costs. When your support pays teacher salaries, buys classroom supplies, and keeps the building running, it removes that financial burden from the school, enabling leadership to directly lower tuition for local families.

Combined with individualized financial aid, your support ensures that no child is turned away and that parents don't have to choose between basic needs and their child's education.

The table to the side outlines the baseline annual tuition schedule by grade level in US dollars (before the 50% discount is applied to the grades highlighted above; fees for bus transportation and books not included).

** Note: USD values are based on the standard fixed exchange rate of 1 JOD = \$1.41 USD as of June 2026 and have been rounded to the nearest whole dollar for clarity.*

GRADE LEVEL	ANNUAL TUITION (JOD)	ANNUAL TUITION (USD)*
Kindergarten 1 & 2	515 JOD	\$726
Grade 1	680 JOD	\$959
Grade 2	700 JOD	\$987
Grade 3	720 JOD	\$1,015
Grade 4	760 JOD	\$1,072
Grade 5	815 JOD	\$1,149
Grade 6	825 JOD	\$1,163
Grade 7	845 JOD	\$1,191
Grade 8	855 JOD	\$1,206
Grade 9	885 JOD	\$1,248
Grade 10	1,045 JOD	\$1,473
Grade 11	1,220 JOD	\$1,720
Grade 12	1,270 JOD	\$1,791

NURTURING POTENTIAL AT SAVIOUR'S SCHOOL

When donors support AFEDJ, they are investing directly in the potential of bright, determined students across the Holy Land. At Saviour's School, that investment creates a supportive, resource-rich environment where children are empowered to discover their unique talents, build confidence, and pursue excellence both inside and outside the classroom.

Zeina, a current student at Saviour's, embodies the incredible spirit of achievement that donor funding helps unlock. Recently, Zeina's dedication led her to win First Place and the Championship Cup in a governorate-level chess tournament. This stellar performance qualified her for the Jordanian National Olympic Chess Championship, where she competed against top players from across the Kingdom and secured an impressive fifth-place finish, a testament to her strategic thinking and perseverance.

Beyond her success at the chessboard, Zeina's daily school life reflects the well-rounded, vibrant education that your generosity sustains. She is an active and deeply engaged leader in her school community, whether she is collaborating with classmates on an advanced science project about the water cycle, speaking on the school radio program, or designing creative educational tools like chemical element crossword puzzles for her peers. Her passion for learning even recently extended to a regional Arabic language competition, where she represented Saviour's School in scientific essay writing.

Zeina's achievements are a powerful reminder of what is possible when young people are given the stability, tools, and encouragement they need to grow. By partnering with AFEDJ to support the institutions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, you ensure that schools like Saviour's remain centers of opportunity, helping students like Zeina step into the light of their own potential.



Chess champion and current student Zeina at Saviour's upon winning First Place and the Championship Cup in a chess tournament.

THANK YOU, FRIEND

We hope that as you read through this report, you see your own compassion reflected on every page. The bright futures, hard-won achievements, and safe spaces to grow found at places like Saviour's School are successes born directly from your decision to care. In a world full of shifting crises, AFEDJ donors have chosen to be a steady, dependable presence for families who are navigating immense hardship. Please know how deeply that commitment is felt, and how much we value your trust.

By stepping into the gap alongside schools, hospitals, and rehabilitation centers belonging to the Diocese of Jerusalem, you actively preserve hope where it is needed most. Your partnership with AFEDJ sends a clear message to the people of the Holy Land: you see their hardships, you value their dignity, and you are actively helping them carry the burden, whether that means the crushing cost of a child's education, the anxiety of accessing medical care, or the severe economic strain facing families across the region.

We are incredibly grateful for you. We see your commitment and your kindness in the practical, daily help you provide to students, patients, and families living throughout the Diocese. Thank you for standing shoulder to shoulder with us to support these vital institutions, helping them navigate this time of deep uncertainty with strength and resilience.



Students celebrating Eid al-Fitr by coloring eggs



Principal Duaa Al-Bisharat with a young graduate of Saviour School Kindergarten