



Dear valued donor,

On behalf of the students sponsored by the Orthodox Youth Movement Scholarship Program, we extend to you their warm thanks and deep appreciation for your help.

During the scholastic year 2021/2022 this Program helped **389 students**, thus adding 152 more students. School fees are on the rise. Accordingly, we had to increase the grant allotted to each student by 30%.

The new students are in schools already in our Program, and these are in Beirut, Nabaa, Bsalim, Hazmieh, Marjeyoun, Ebl El Saki, Deir Mimas, Tyre and Sidon. Also, we reached out to one school in Jamhour and to three schools in North Lebanon, one in Tripoli, one in Mina, and one in Koura.

To meet the dire needs and financial difficulties that parents face, focus has been centred on the following:

- **Providing school supplies for one hundred students.** Although these school supplies are a must to have, they are not affordable by many families.
- **Providing help to children with learning disabilities.** Two speech therapists, a psychomotor therapist, and a psychologist are caring for about forty kids per week.

The economic situation in the country has deteriorated to such an extent that 54% of the families are no longer able to provide regular meals for their children. This situation has also increased the number of children leaving school to work and help support the basic needs of their families. We are alarmed by this exodus from schools and are trying relentlessly to stop it. Your generous help is very precious to this Program. Your generosity allows us to pursue our mission and to address the increasing needs of the children.

We thank you for being part of our endeavors.

Best regards,

Léna Rizk

Coordinator of the Scholarship Program

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