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hospitals in Kuwait.

in January 2012.



for

children

Kuwait Association for the Care of Children in Hospital (KACCH) has been providing

and families in hospitals across Kuwait since its establishment in 1989. The vision of

providing therapeutic play, child life, and

psychosocial care for children and their families in hospitals began under the leadership of Dr Hilal and Mrs Margaret Al Sayer. Today, KACCH

administers child life programmes which are led

by highly-qualified **Child Life Specialists** 

and Play Leaders. Child Life Specialists and

Play Leaders work in partnership with doctors,

nurses, and other healthcare professionals

in hospitals to meet the unique emotional,

developmental, and social needs of each child

and family, always putting the needs of the

child and family first. To date, there are eight

Child Life programs in **eight governmental** 

Bayt Abdullah Children's Hospice (BACCH) was inspired by a young boy, Abdullah, who

returned to Kuwait from London when there was no treatment possible that would offer hope for

a cure for his illness. Abdullah's mother promised

him that he would never again have to stay in

a hospital. Abdullah's mother asked for support

from KACCH to enable her to look after Abdullah

at home. A team of experts were formed to

manage his pain and other symptoms

while allowing Abdullah to live as normal a life as

possible. The powerful experience of witnessing

Abdullah's courage and love of life once his pain and symptoms were managed stayed

services

#### **Our Journey**



1989 - First KACCH Child Life Programme established at Al Amiri Hospital



1994 - KACCH Child Life Programme reinstated at Al Amiri Hospital post



1995 - Postgraduate Certificate in Child Life launched at **Kuwait University** 

1996 - First CLS graduates from **Kuwait University** 



**KACCH Child Life Programme** starts:

1996 - Ward 8 of Sabah Paediatric Hospital for Children with Leukaemia

1997 - Paediatric ward 1 at Ibn Sina Hospital



2005 - Home service by the Palliative Care for Children at Home (PACCH) Team began. The PACCH Team provided comprehensive pain management and palliative care at home for children.



1998 - Paediatric wards at Al Farwaniya Hospital and Al Razi Hospital



2005 - Ground breaking ceremony for Bayt Abdullah Children's Hospice

**2005** - First International Paediatric Palliative Conference in the Middle East held in Kuwait

2012 - BACCH Opening Ceremony



2017 - KACCH services began at the new Stem Cell Therapy Unit of NBK Children's Hospital

2018 - KACCH services began at the new Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah Hospital



2019 - KACCH celebrates its 30th anniversary



2020 - COVID 19 Pandemic

2020 - The amalgamation of **KACCH & BACCH** 

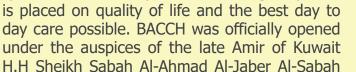
2020 - KACCH & BACCH start Telehealth psychosocial and palliative care services



2021 - KACCH services began at the paediatric ward at Al Adan Hospital



2022 - BACCH celebrates its 10th anniversary







# In 2020, KACCH & BACCH merged into one organisation with one guiding vision and mission.

#### **Our Vision**

To be the centre of excellence for paediatric psychosocial and paediatric palliative care for sick children and their families.

#### **Our Mission**

To deliver excellent paediatric psychosocial and paediatric palliative care in partnership with children and their families in hospitals, at home, and in Bayt Abdullah Children's Hospice.

### Our Commitment to Patient and Family Centred Care

- Clinical services include medical, nursing, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dietetic, and pharmacy.
- Psychosocial services include child life, play, expressive therapies, music therapy, counselling, and bereavement services.
- Schooling for palliative children and their siblings.
- Catering services.
- Transportation services.
- Respite services for children and their families.

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## Did you know?

KACCH was **inspired** by a personal experience of Mrs Margaret Al-Sayer, when her youngest son was admitted to hospital with an acute asthmatic attack. Margaret became keenly aware of the sterile hospital environment and lack of play areas or toys for children admitted to the paediatric ward. This laid the foundation of opening the first KACCH playroom in Al Amiri Hospital in 1989.

Bayt Abdullah Children's Hospice is the **only** paediatric hospice in the Middle East.

3 Over 1/2 a million

children and their families since its establishment.

Despite the adversity of the pandemic, in 2020, KACCH & BACCH provided **2,582** clinical services and **14,785** psychosocial services for children, siblings, and their parents/caregivers whether in-person or through Telehealth services.