



Care & Community

KACCH & BACCH NEWSLETTER
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Editor's Note

We are thrilled to introduce our latest newsletter, packed with our new updates about KACCH & BACCH! In this edition, you'll discover the latest news from our committed clinical and psychosocial teams working tirelessly in hospices and hospitals.

Check out the latest from our staff, volunteers, community supporters, and the inspiring children we have the privilege to support. Your continued dedication to our cause is invaluable in creating a positive impact on the lives of these children and their families.

As we enjoy this summer, we wish you joy and positivity until our next issue!

Enjoy the read!

Warm regards,

The Community Engagement & Volunteering Department

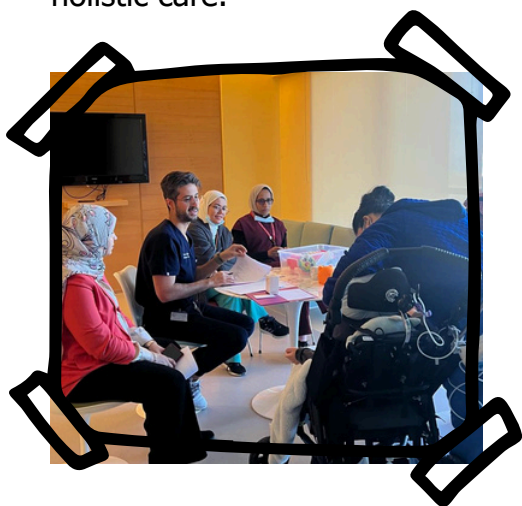


Superhero Health Squad

Read the latest news about our clinical team, their major highlights and activities

A SPECIAL SESSION FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS AT BACCH

Another day for medical students at BACCH on February 11 will focus on introducing them to the field of pediatric palliative care. This special session aims to equip future healthcare professionals with the knowledge and compassion needed to support children and their families through challenging times. Doctors and specialists from KACCH & BACCH shared their insights and experiences, emphasizing the importance of empathetic communication and holistic care.



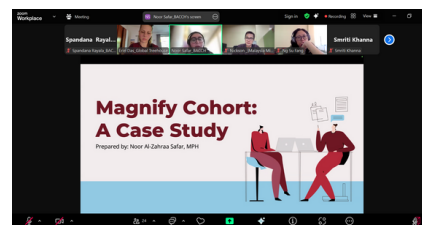
Multidisciplinary Day Update

Continuing our ongoing efforts to host multidisciplinary days aimed at supporting various specialties for our patient groups. In April, we organized a session on neuromuscular dystrophy in collaboration with different doctors to better assist our patients. This initiative addresses their medical needs promptly, especially considering that certain appointments at government hospitals can take up to six months to secure.

In October 2024, the Global Treehouse Foundation launched the Magnify Tool, a customizable resource for children's palliative care providers, featuring 10 focus areas and over 100 metrics to assess service data. KACCH & BACCH participated in a 6-month Magnify Tool Cohort to explore its usability, focusing on service utilization and operational efficiency. Noor Safar and Dr. Spandana Rayala, with support from the cohort team, worked on a change management project, learning valuable lessons. They are set to present their final project on May 30th.

A special thanks to our colleagues who contributed to this effort: Maram Saleh, Lina Diab, Laila Sobuh, and Dr. Reham Jalal for their contributions and advice.

Exploring the Magnify Tool: Enhancing Children's Palliative Care Services





Heart & Mind Harmonies

Read about our psychosocial team and their latest in 9 different locations in Kuwait!

CHILD LIFE MONTH CELEBRATION



This year's celebration of Child Life Month is truly unique. The psychosocial team has worked with a number of government schools to conduct workshops for kindergarten and elementary students. These workshops aim to educate children on managing the stress of illness and hospitalization, while also raising community awareness about the vital roles played by KACCH & BACCH, and their Child Life team in supporting young patients. The workshops included storytelling, arts and crafts activities using medical tools, and interactive sessions with our team. Additionally, and as part of this campaign, the team incorporated a video series on social media where doctors and parents gave testimonials about the importance of our team and the impact of our services on the children. Additionally, the team participated in TV and radio programs to discuss our role further. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the schools and participants that collaborated with us to make our child life month fruitful.

THANK YOU KTV1 AND KTV2 FOR YOUR SPECIAL COVERAGE DURING OUR CHILD LIFE CAMPAIGN



SHOUT OUT TO AKI AND 99.7 FOR HOSTING OUR TEAM

SPECIAL STORY FOR SPECIAL MONTH





Summer CAMP



MERCI

A sincere thank you for their generous support of our summer camp this year:

**Shuffle Gents Barber
 Ktech
 Gracie Barra
 Saad Alayoubi
 Storm
 Paint A Pot
 Salma Almaimany
 Poffertjes
 Exzootic
 Basic**

The School Summer Camp this June wrapped up successfully after three weeks of engaging, joyful, and impactful programming under the theme of "Self Care". Eleven families participated in this year's camp, which was thoughtfully designed around the theme.

The camp offered a wide variety of hands-on activities, creative workshops, and an exciting group trip, all aimed at supporting children and their families in meaningful and enjoyable ways and to learn about the different ways they can achieve self-care. With a strong focus on social interaction, emotional development, and family bonding, the program created a fun and welcoming space for children, mothers, and caregivers to connect and grow together.

The shared experiences and the strong sense of community built throughout the program were reflected in the families' feedback and daily interactions.

Special thanks go to all our colleagues, volunteers, and facilitators whose efforts made this summer camp a success.



3 Children Highlights



Adventure at Muroj Farm >

On April 13, 2025, Mohamed and Mishari, two of our children, enjoyed an exciting adventure to Muroj Farm, drawn by their love for animals. Their day was filled with fun and education about the many animals they encountered, and with lots of playful moments. **A BIG shoutout to Muroj Farm** for generously welcoming the kids and their families at no cost, and to **the Chocolate Bar** for hosting the family for a yummy dinner!

Handball Star Saif Aladwani Brightens a Teen Fan's Day at NBK Children's Hospital



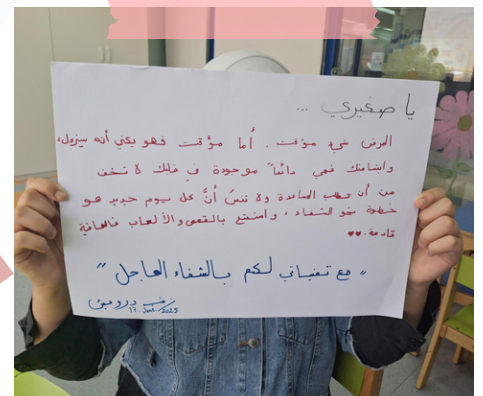
On June 2nd, **handball star Saif Aladwani** answered our call and passed by the NBK Children's Hospital to visit one of his biggest teen fans, **Ali**. With a special jersey in hand and his signature hand sign at the ready, he made the day unforgettable for **him**!



A Joyous Transition to Adulthood

On May 28, we threw an unforgettable graduation celebration for two of our EB patients as they shifted into the world of adult care. The excitement began with a dazzling Arrada Parade, bursting with folkloric drums and show! The celebration continued with a heartwarming farewell gathering that brought smiles and happiness to the patients and their families. And let's not forget the delectable cakes from our ever-faithful cake sponsor, **Melo Bakery**, that added a sweet finale to the special occasion!

Zainab, while planning her travels for the continuation of her treatment, decided to leave an encouraging note for other children like her to support them during their tough days.





4 Community & Events

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A Life You Helped Save

Fifteen years ago, a group of extraordinary individuals came together, answering Ms Margaret Alsayer's heartfelt plea to raise funds and save the life of a young girl named Farah. At just 11 years old, Farah courageously battled leukemia, and a bone marrow transplant was her and her parent's hope, which made possible by the compassion and generosity of our donors.

Thanks to their support, Farah received her transplant in Arizona, United States. After months of treatment and unyielding hope, she started her journey toward recovery. Today, we are overjoyed to share that Farah is not only healthy but has blossomed into a strong woman, married and a proud mother to a beautiful baby.

On the 3rd of June, we reunited with Farah and many of the donors who played a crucial role in her bone marrow transplant. Witnessing the incredible young woman she has become is a proof of the profound impact of our community's generosity.

Farah's story is a powerful reminder that together, we can light the path to miracles and inspire hope for more children like Farah once was.





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This year's national holiday celebrations were truly extraordinary! We started the day with a vibrant parade by Ya Hala, where children twirled and danced to lively music, eagerly interacting with a cheerful cast of characters. The excitement didn't stop there! Jahez hosted a fantastic event for us filled with fun activities and tasty snacks, making it a joyous celebration of our beloved Kuwait.

RAMADAN VIBES



GIRGAAN CELEBRATION WITH THE GRADUATES SOCIETY



BUILD YOUR TRIFLE WITH NOOR ALMEJADI

EID CELEBRATION WITH AJIAL REALESTATE



Our children had a wonderful time participating in numerous offsite invitations with their families. A heartfelt thank you to K-Land, Zain, the Backstage Group, and the Yellow Balloon Festival for hosting our children and their families, and for bringing so many smiles to their faces.



"The Art of Human Connection"
 As part of our commitment to KACCH & BACCH and the wider community, we hosted Faisal Alagel, a prominent Kuwaiti media personality and CEO of Sard Group, at Bayt Abdullah. He gave an inspiring session on "The Art of Human Connection" as part of "The Learning Calendar," aimed at engaging our staff and volunteers on May 29, 2025.



Fun Day with Gulf Bank

Special Visits!

Every month, we collaborate with incredible supporters from our community to arrange visits to hospitals, where they meet children in various hospital locations and treat them to special gifts and giveaways. We extend our gratitude to all the groups and companies that have partnered with us thus far this year.



Eid Aladha with Ahleia Insurance

5 Volunteer Spotlights



Ghali, our awesome trivia guru, has been a great addition to our team. When we first started adding trivia games to our events, Ghali was the go-to guy for leading the charge. He jumped in with excitement and came up with some fun and educating questions that kept everyone hooked.

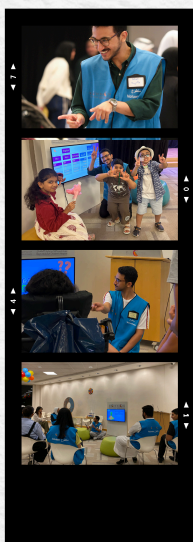


Ghali: The Trivia Maestro!

Being a doctor in real life, Ghali brings precision and care to everything he does, and it shows in his approach to trivia.

Besides leading trivia, Ghali is a key player on our events committee. Along with a number of our senior volunteers, he helps organize and manage our children's events.

Thanks, Ghali, for your dedication and the fun you bring to everyone.



Mid Year

Volunteer Gathering



Date: 19 June 2025

Picture this: Barba hosted our volunteer gathering where pizza dreams came true! Everyone got to show off their own culinary masterpiece. It was the ultimate pizza party, spiced up with ping pong battles and a heated trivia game.

This event brought our community of volunteers together, fostering a sense of acknowledgement and appreciation. It offered a chance to relax, bond, and celebrate the hard work and dedication that our volunteers bring to their roles, making it an unforgettable occasion that strengthened our team spirit.

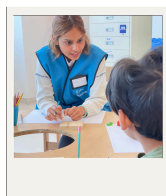
A big, cheesy thank you to our volunteer, Sulaiman Bodaai, for snapping up all the unforgettable moments!

Thank you for making this event special for us!
Barba Kuwait



Special thanks to Mr Dawood Al Kharraz for this valuable session & CAF for their special coffee

Volunteers attended a workshop by Dawood Alkharaz focused on teamwork skills. This workshop was vital for enhancing collaboration, achieving common goals, fostering community, and boosting productivity. Participants learned effective communication and how to leverage strengths, communication, and empowering them to contribute more meaningfully to their projects.

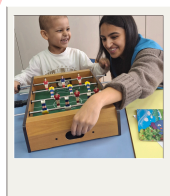


Aljahra Playroom

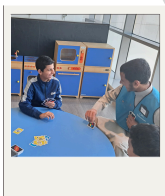
Bayt Abdullah



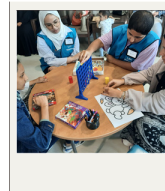
Alfarwaniya Playroom



NBKCH Playroom



Alrazi Playroom



HELLO MY NAME IS

Alaa Nasr
 Child Life Specialist



Please describe your role and responsibilities within the organisation.

My role is to walk alongside children and their families throughout their treatment journey, offering support, building resilience, and turning hospital moments into opportunities for connection, comfort, and growth. I try to make this journey a little less scary and a lot more empowering.

What's the most rewarding part of your job?

Kids add just as much to me as I add to them. I love how every encounter is unique, it's one of the most rewarding parts of my work, knowing we're growing and learning together.

What do you find most challenging in your role, and how do you overcome it?

Illness is never an easy journey for a child or their family. At times, it's overwhelming to witness them go through such difficult moments. I find peace in believing that God gives each person the strength to carry their own weight.

When you're not at work, what are your favorite hobbies or activities?

If it involves water or fresh air, count me in! Freediving, swimming, even chasing a padel ball like my life depends on it! And when I finally sit still, I switch gears and dive into art, just give me a piece of paper, a brush and colors !

Share something with us that not so many people know about you.

I day dream about diving with dolphins and whales

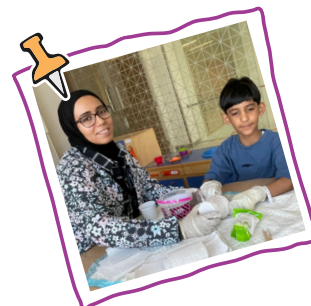


Share a favourite quote or motto that you live by.

Live each day like everything is working in your favour.

HELLO MY NAME IS

Tahreer Al-Ibrahim
 Play Leader



Please describe your role and responsibilities within the organisation.

As a playleader, I support children through therapeutic play activities in the hospital. My role is to create a safe and welcoming environment where children can express themselves, cope with medical experiences, and feel more comfortable. I also collaborate with families and medical staff to support each child's emotional and developmental needs.

What's the most rewarding part of your job?

The most rewarding part is seeing a child smile or feel comforted because of something I did. Whether it's through play, a simple activity, or just being there, it's fulfilling to know I've made their day a little easier.

What do you find most challenging in your role, and how do you overcome it?

Working with children in difficult or emotional situations can be challenging. I overcome this by focusing on the positive moments, supporting my colleagues, and practising self-care to stay balanced and present.

When you're not at work, what are your favourite hobbies or activities?

I enjoy swimming, watching crime series like Sherlock Holmes, spending time with family and friends, and exploring new places.

Share something with us that not so many people know about you.

Not many people know that I'm good at baking; it's something I enjoy doing in my free time.

Share a favourite quote or motto that you live by.

"The light you give will come back to you."

In loving memories of our Children

Anyone who got to meet Hamza was drawn in by his contagious energy. Famous for being super friendly, he had a real talent for bringing people at Bayt Abdullah together and making them laugh with his fun pranks.

As we think about Hamza's life, we celebrate his unstoppable spirit and big personality, which made a lasting impact on all of us.

This page honors our little fighters who may not be with us today. It's a tribute to the children who touched our hearts, leaving behind a legacy of love, strength, and unforgettable moments. Their light continues to guide us daily.



Junaid was such a sweet boy, blessed with a calm and gentle personality. Despite his small stature, his radiant smile and endearing nature always filled us with joy whenever we saw him. His presence was a source of warmth and happiness, and his absence will be profoundly felt. We will miss him dearly.

7 Join Our Mission: Make a Difference Today!

At KACCH & BACCH, we believe in the power of community and compassion. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of children and families facing challenging medical journeys. We invite you to join our mission by supporting our organization.

Here are a few ways you can get involved:

Donate: Your generous contributions help us provide essential care and support to our children. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a difference.

Volunteer: Join our dedicated team of volunteers and directly impact the lives of children and their families. Your time and skills are a precious gift.

Spread Awareness: Share our mission and stories on social media. By raising awareness, you help us reach more families in need.

Together, we can make a difference in the healthcare experience for our children in Kuwait.



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