



## SPRING NEWSLETTER

### TAHADDI IN ACTION

#### REMOTE LEARNING @ THE EDUCATION CENTER



Remote education continues to be creative and fun!

Watch how our educators and students are interacting with one another via WhatsApp, and how the students are learning different subjects, including sports and drama!

#### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FROM TAHADDI



Springtime is a time to celebrate mothers!

Even if we were unable to celebrate Mother's Day in person this year, the team found a way! The Tahaddi Education Center organized a remote art challenge - but this time for moms instead of students!

# Tahaddi Youth Support Younger Students as they Study from Home



A core part of Tahaddi's career orientation program for our older students is the traineeships at different worksites like bakeries, beauty salons, and car garages. This is to encourage youth to explore future career paths. However this year, due to the pandemic, work placements were not possible.

Tahaddi adapted by developing in-house placements for our level 7 students, who are between 14 and 15 years old. One aspect of this program has been to train students in tutoring and supporting younger children from the TEC who are struggling with remote learning. 11 of Tahaddi's older students now visit 12 of their younger schoolmates in their homes three times per week and help them with their lessons and homework. Everyone learns!



*"Through this experience, I gained a sense of responsibility and independence. I also discovered my strengths. I am good at English! This encouraged me to continue to work hard and to learn as much as I can!"*

**- Hani, level 7 student**

# HAYAT'S JOURNEY

*"Imagine having to rely on medication to be able to stand on your own two feet. Tahaddi has helped me on so many levels. I used to get very anxious when my medications were close to running out knowing I could not afford to buy more. Now, I am at ease, trusting that I will receive the medical support I need."*



Hayat is a hardworking Lebanese mother who shares a home with her husband, four children and grandson. Hayat's husband was injured during the Lebanese civil war and, as a result, has trouble working. Hayat is alone in carrying the financial burden of the family. She used to work cleaning homes; however, with the economic crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic, Hayat is now unable to find work.

Hayat has been a patient at the Tahaddi Health Center for several years now. Like many others in the community, she suffers from numerous chronic illnesses. She has diabetes and hypertension, and suffered a stroke. She takes multiple medications and has been admitted to the hospital countless times. Her husband has had repeated infections in his leg and also requires periodic hospitalization. To complicate matters further, Hayat's grandson has thalassemia and needs ongoing treatment.

The reality of the economic crisis and soaring inflation in Lebanon has meant that Hayat was no longer able to afford her medications, and used all her resources to provide food for her family. Thanks to the generous support of many donors, the Tahaddi Health Center was able to further subsidize her medication and ensure she received treatment.

In addition to health services, Hayat's family was referred to the Tahaddi Food Aid Program. Tahaddi social workers also helped her grandson to obtain a birth certificate, an essential step in applying for an official ID. Tahaddi's Health Center is committed to ensuring that patients not only have access to medical services but also to holistic care.

# ARTWORK FROM TAHADDI STUDENTS

