

*"Wherever children are accepted, loved, cared for and protected,
the family is healthy, society is better and the world is more human."
-His Holiness, Pope Francis,
Prayer at Manger Square, May 25, 2014*

Dear Friends,

With Labor Day behind us, I write with an update on the impressive work of our family of clinicians, administrators and staff at Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem – whose wonderful efforts are made possible through the generosity and prayers of caring individuals like you. So, too, I ask for your continued support given Holy Family Hospital's increasingly important role in serving the poorest of the poor mothers, babies and families throughout the Bethlehem region of the West Bank.

Last month, a small delegation of our Foundation's Board Members and staff returned from a trip to Bethlehem and described the Hospital and surrounding gardens and grounds as an oasis of hope and peace for the community. They observed a joyous and busy facility; well-stocked with supplies and brimming with family members visiting the 10 to 12 new babies delivered daily as well as the many patients awaiting scheduled appointments with pediatricians and gynecologists. Further, the Hospital's new Mobile Van Clinic is bringing care and treatment to mothers and babies in Bedouin communities and outlying villages throughout the desert and at area U.N. refugee camps.

You will be heartened to know that, beyond the Hospital's provision of urgent medical care, it serves an important role as an instrument of peace, where Christians and Muslims both work together daily and receive treatment side-by-side. The ever resilient staff never closes its doors despite its challenging environment. Through the compassion and support of individuals like you, our Hospital is able to provide care for the neediest residents of the Bethlehem community without regard to religion, nationality or ability to pay. Because of your generosity, no one is ever turned away.

On behalf of our Foundation's leadership and staff, we cannot overstate our appreciation for your ongoing support and prayers that enable Holy Family Hospital to provide a safe haven and care for the neediest mothers and babies in the same place where Christ was born and lived. Now more than ever, we ask that you please give generously to strengthen our Hospital's vital impact. Like the innkeeper's wife in Scripture who showed Mary to the stable, you are a modern-day innkeeper for mothers, babies and families in need there today. Please visit birthplaceofhope.org to learn more and click [HERE](#) to donate.

In gratitude,
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