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Jubilee Student Graduation Projects Inspire

Those in need of a little inspiration in these trying times need look no further than the 11th grade class of the **King Hussein Foundation's Jubilee School** who celebrated completion their graduation requirements with a recognition ceremony on May 30, 2012 under the Patronage of **Her Royal Highness Princess Basmah Hamzah**. [Click here to read more.](#)



MicroFinance Network Annual Conference to be Held for the 1st Time in Jordan

In June **Tamweelcom** will co-host the MicroFinance Network (MFN) annual conference 2012 along with the Middle East Micro Credit Company (MEMCC). This year's focus is on innovative thinking and ensuring commitment to social performance. The conference will be held in Jordan for the first time under the Patronage of **Her Majesty Queen Noor** on Saturday, June 2, 2012. [Click here to read more.](#)



The Learning Continues at the Jubilee Center for Excellence in Education

It's been a busy spring for our staff at the **Jubilee Center for Excellence in Education (JCEE)**, an educational initiative established in 1998 which provides a fun and interactive learning experience for school students as well as teacher training. The **JCEE** also provides programs for university students from Jordan and the region. [Click here to read more.](#)



Women Business Owners Gain Confidence Participating in Souk Jara for First Time

32-year old Iman al Zoubi is far from her home in Bani Kenanah in northern Jordan where she has been making handmade soap products for the past 2 years. She and three other women launched this business venture in April 2010. They began by selling their homemade soaps to neighbors. Then after receiving managerial and technical training from the **Noor Al Hussein Foundation's Women Business Development Incubator (WBDI)** in the Sama Rosan village they expanded their business, selling their products in showrooms in Madaba, the Dead Sea, as well as in a small shop on Rainbow street in Amman and in the incubator's showroom. [Click here to read more.](#)



Outstanding Employees Expand the King Hussein Foundation's Influence in the Region

In this quarterly newsletter we'd like to take the opportunity to share some exciting news about two of our family members, **IRC Director Nermeen Murad** and **Community Development Program Manager Mohammad Al Zoubi** whose recent recognition for their achievements is expanding the foundation's influence in the region. [Click here to read more.](#)



Jubilee Students win F1 in Schools Champion's Award

On Saturday, May 12, 2012 the **Jubilee School** student team named "Sabeg & La7eg" scored the highest number of points across all six categories in the F1 in Schools competition including teamwork, presentation, research, design and speed and marketing. The team walks away from the competition as the overall champion with a check for 1,000 JODs and the right to represent Jordan in the F1 World Finals in the US this fall. [Click here to read more.](#)



The NCCA and the Family Development Foundation announce the launch of Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak International Award for Arab Youth

The **National Center for Culture and Arts (NCCA)** and the Family Development Foundation, Abu Dhabi announced the launch of Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak International Award for Arab Youth at a press conference held on May 7, 2012 at the **NCCA** in Amman. The award was announced last year as an initiative by Her Highness Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak at the 31st International Arab Children Congress in Abu Dhabi, marking the first time the Congress was held outside of Jordan. This year the Congress has been renamed the **International Arab Youth Congress (IAYC)** to reflect the 14-16 year old age range of the participants. [Click here to read more](#)



Noor Al Hussein Foundation's Good Governance Project Strengthens CBOs in Aqaba

The **Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF)** just completed a 12-month project entitled, "Strengthening the capacity of Community based Organizations (CBOs) as Models in Good Governance Practices," in cooperation with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). On Thursday, April 26, 2012 75 participants from eight selected CBOs in Aqaba graduated after completing 50 hours of training on good governance practices and 50 hours of training in human resources, financial management, and interpersonal skills. [Click here to read more.](#)



Tremendous Response to Noor Al Hussein Foundation's Free Medical Days in Al Qweira

Thursday, April 26, 2012 - more than 12-hundred residents from five communities in the area which encompasses the Al Qweira Poverty Pockets visited doctors specializing in internal medicine, dentistry, pediatrics, gynecology, in addition to an ear, nose and throat specialist. The "Free Medical Days" held on April 24, 25, and 26 are part of the **Noor Al Hussein Foundation's (NHF)** Poverty Pockets Empowerment program. [Click here to read more.](#)



Benefit Concert to Save the Amman Symphony Orchestra Strikes a Poignant Chord with Music Lovers

His long tapered fingers appeared to dance across the keys of the Steinway grand piano as the audience sat enraptured in the auditorium of the Al Hussein Cultural Center. The Swiss visiting pianist Timon Altwegg performed a concerto by composer Edward Grieg with the **Amman Symphony Orchestra (ASO)** during this week's benefit concert to "Save the Amman Symphony Orchestra." [Click here to read more](#)



KHF's Information & Research Center Tackles Evaluation of Ground Breaking Regional Project for Handicap International

Thursday, April 12, 2012 - The past four weeks have been very busy ones for six full time staff members of the **King Hussein Foundation's Information and Research Center (IRC)**. They've been conducting interviews, organizing focus groups, and reviewing published reports and materials produced for the project in Lebanon, Palestine and Jordan in order to compile an evaluation report of a 3-year project by Handicap International which aims to strengthen self-advocacy capacities for rights and equal opportunities of people with disabilities in the Middle East. [Click here to read more.](#)



New Tamweelcom branch in commercial hub provides increased accessibility to women business owners



On Monday, April 9, 2012 Her Majesty Queen Noor celebrated the official opening of Tamweelcom's 22nd branch which will serve 1,300 beneficiaries in Sweileh and Jabayha. Previously many of the clients, 96% of whom are women, had to travel all the way to the Tamweelcom branch office in Bayader in order to access micro-finance services. [Click here to read more.](#)

Interactive Theater helps Jordanians and Syrians Dialogue about Real Life Issues



Sunday, March 25, 2012 - "This is a red line...it cannot be crossed," group leader Firas states resolutely, tightly gripping a paintbrush in his right hand. His friend Dana tries to soften the verbal blow by interjecting, "it's a red carpet that says 'welcome' to strangers". This exchange takes place in front of a group of young people from a far away neighborhood who have been "camping" at the edge of Firas' town since a natural disaster forced them to flee their homes without shelter or food six months ago. [Click here to read more.](#)

Jubilee Students Organize Youth Forum to Tackle Social & Economic Reform in Jordan



Eighty students from the Jubilee School and several other private and public schools joined forces on Saturday, March 17, 2012 to tackle the issue of economic and social reform in Jordan. The fifth annual "Youth Economic Forum" invited ninth and tenth graders to brainstorm and dialogue about a wide range of issues facing Jordan including poverty, social violence, and popular movements. The official theme for this year's discussion was "Economic and Social Priorities for Development in Jordan". [Click here to read more.](#)

New Revolving Loan Funds Signed with CBOs in Muwaqqar, Al Qutraneh, and Al Qweira



Three community based organizations signed agreements on March 19, 2012 with the Noor Al Hussein Foundation's Community Development Program to operate and manage newly established revolving loan funds in the area of Muwaqqar. This move is part of the Poverty Pockets Empowerment Program, which is funded by the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC) and managed by NHF's Community Development Program (CDP). [Click here to read more.](#)

