

LAS Newsletter

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LAS News

Dear All,
Greetings,
Please find below the latest developments and activities of the Lebanese Autism Society - LAS for the period from January until May 2011.

Mrs. Arwa Halawi



Alfa Telecom SMS 4 Life

Alfa Telecom Company held during the month of December 2010 a SMS campaign for the benefit of the organization, an amount of 13000\$ was raised during this campaign.



The ABC Company

On 23rd February 2011, following the launching of the campaign “Small Bear with a Big Heart” during the Christmas season in all ABC stores, the Chairman Mr. Robert Fadel, visited LAS and presented a cheque of \$19,000 in the presence of Board of trustees’ members and parents.

The “Zafaf” Kuwaiti Magazine

Ms. Mirna Harb will launch the “ Zafaf” magazine on April 5 in Kuwait, and she will allocate the first year profits to LAS and Kuwait Center for Autism.

Researches(Studies)

The LAS is currently participating in two researches:

- First research on ABA: Dr. Nidal Najjar, Assistant Professor of Psychology at the American University in Beirut, is doing a research about the implementation of ABA to teach five Lebanese children with Autism, how to follow the schedules (timetables) and how to make choices.

- Second research on Genetics: Dr. Rose Mary Boustany, Head of the Neurology Department for children at the American University in Beirut, is doing a research about genetics in order to investigate the genetic causes of Autism in Lebanon.



Events

- ◆ Prayer
- ◆ Lions Club Brunch
- ◆ Zinc Evening
- ◆ Opening of Center for Autism
- ◆ 11th Fun Day
- ◆ Annual Event - by LCU



Prayer for Autism

For the third consecutive, Ms. Ghada Makhoul organized on the 13th of February 2011 a mass for children with Autism at St. John Church (Hazmiyeh) in the context of participating in this worldwide event for Autism, which is held every second Sunday of February.

Lions Beirut Capital Club brunch

On the 19th of March 2011, The Lions Beirut Capital club organized a brunch 2011 at Mandaloun Café. All the proceedings of the event will benefit LAS

Zinc evening

For the second consecutive year, Mr. Fadi Saba, Zinc owner will host a private party for LAS organized by Sarah Hakeem, Suha Baiyham, Mariana Wehbe, Ghida Younis, Caroline Arbajie and Rana Jebarah. This fundraising event will take place on 23rd March, 2011.

The ceremony will include surprises (Haifa Wehbe) and Stand Up Comedy (Eli Metry and Tony Abou Jaoude).

The opening of Autism Center in the North in collaboration with LAS

On 12th of March 2011, Al Midan Organization (Society) headed by Mrs. Rima Sulaiman Frangieh opened in the Zgharta, an Autism Center (NAC), and a Center for Early Diagnosis and Intervention (NCID), with the help of LAS Consultancy services in terms of technical and managerial matters.

11TH Fun Day

For the Eleventh consecutive year, LAS will organize the FUNDAY which will take place on the 7th May 2011, in Beirut Souks.

Participation in the annual event organized by the Lebanese Canadian University

LAS will participate in the event "Marketing Mania 2011 LCU" on 27th May 2011 organized by the Lebanese Canadian University, by taking a stand to raise awareness about Autism. Mrs. Marleine Mhanna, President of the Parents Committee of LAS has sought to achieve such participation for free.





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Our Vision

The well being of individuals with Autism in Lebanon

Our Mission

The LAS mission is to advocate for the rights of individuals with Autism and to provide them and their families support and services, from early childhood to adulthood

World Awareness Autism Day WAAD

On the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day celebrated and recognized by the United Nations in 2007 on the 2nd of April, the Lebanese Autism Society is planning a range of activities to raise awareness about Autism:

1. A seminar at the Parliament under the patronage of President Nabih Berri

Taking place on 12th April, 2011, will be organized by the Autism Committee in Lebanon which includes about 20 associations and institutions dealing with Autism; and LAS being the General Coordinator for this committee.

2. Light It Up In Blue - LIUB International Campaign

During which the largest countries in the world participate by lighting in blue the largest buildings like (Empire State Building, Rockefeller's, NY), on the 1st and 2nd of April.

As for Lebanon, Mrs. Ghada Makhoul contacted and briefed Habtoor Hotel which agreed to participate by lighting the building in blue on the 1st and 2nd of April 2011.

3. Activities in the American University of Beirut (AUB):

AUB students of the Red Cross Club and Special Olympic are organizing activities and games for children with Autism on the 2nd April, 2011, from 10:00 a.m till 2:00 p.m in Green football field at AUB.

The LAS' Parents Committee will participate at the " Volunteering Fair 2011 " organized by the AUB Center of Civil Engagement & Community Services (CCECS) on the 27th & 28th of April 2011 from 10 am till 4pm .

Several workshops will follow ,among them a workshop about Autism.

4. Edification at the Lebanese American University LAU

UNESCO CLUB at LAU is organizing an activity to raise awareness (edification) about Autism on the 18th and 19th April, 2011 at the University campus. Products sale throughout the first day and the benefit will be for LAS, the second day includes a lecture on autism