

# CANCER SUPPORT FUND



On March 1, 2022, the Cancer Support Fund and Al Bustan Music Festival organized a concert at the Halim and Aida Daniel Academic and Clinical Center with internationally-renowned Russian pianist, Boris Berezovsky – a joyous event that helped to alleviate the suffering of cancer patients. Also in March, in celebration of Mother’s Day, CSF volunteers distributed cookies and gifts to cancer patients.

One of the highlights of the year was the opportunity to welcome People to People Aid founder Wasseem Kabbara and US Ambassador Dorothy Shea to the AUB Medical Center. The occasion was prompted by a generous \$1.4 million donation from People to People Aid to support cancer patients.

CSF also benefited enormously from a photography exhibition, “Other Nations: A Journey Through Threatened Kingdoms,” organized by Lebanese photographer Michel Zoghzoghi” at Dar El-Nimer. The exhibition, which featured stunning photographs that Zoghzoghi had taken during his global travels, yielded \$100,000 to support adult cancer patients.

CSF volunteers also participated in the Women Race on March 27 to fundraise for adult cancer patients; collaborated with Association Liban Avenir Meilleur (ALAM), a Swiss foundation, to distribute 276 food boxes to needy adult cancer patients and healthcare workers at the Naef K. Basile Cancer Institute; organized a football tournament with Lebanese Oncology Interest Group to fundraise for adult cancer patients on June 7; and hosted a signing ceremony on June 14 for a book written in Arabic (*It was a secret*) by cancer patient Maysaa Sharif.

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The Cancer Support Fund (CSF) is a charitable initiative at the Naef K. Basile Cancer Institute (NKBCI) at the American University of Beirut Medical Center (AUBMC). CSF was launched in March 2018 in response to a pressing need in the region where cancer rates are on the rise and patients lack a comprehensive support system that will assist them throughout their medical treatment journeys. CSF is dedicated to increasing public awareness of cancer while providing financial assistance, emotional support, and advice to patients who need help. Since it was established, it has helped 1,068 patients, including 600 patients in 2021-22.

CSF organizes activities throughout the year – and did so again in 2021-22, despite the difficult circumstances. On February 4, 2022, on the occasion of World Cancer Day, CSF participated in a high-profile event that was held under the patronage of Prime Minister Najib Mikati. During the ceremony, Mikati acknowledged Dr. Ali Taher and Ms. Dahdah Abou Jaber for their efforts to support cancer patients and thanked AUB president Dr. Fadlo Khuri for the university’s noble and humanitarian mission.



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