St. Barbara Lebanon Relief Fund

NEWSLETTER
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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
When we first started the St. Barbara Lebanon Relief Fund, we never imagined how far this journey would take us. We took one step at a time, trusting God to guide us and praying that our efforts would reach out to those most in need in Lebanon. Looking back, we can see that God has continually provided help to His children during some of the most difficult times in the country's history, and this is through the generosity and love of the faithful. What began as a desire to help has grown into a ministry of compassion, providing relief through food, medicine, hospitalization, doctors' visits, diagnostic tests, medical equipment, diapers, baby formula, heating oil, cash (distributed to clergy and families who remained in South Lebanon during the war, and to people in the Bekaa living in remote areas where there is a lack of large supermarkets), assistance with school tuition and school supplies for children in need.
We are deeply grateful for the opportunity God has given us to serve along with all of you! Your loving support restores people's dignity and reminds them that they are not forgotten!

With Gratitude,
Ramona Zaini Blanski,
St Barbara Lebanon Relief Fund, Chair

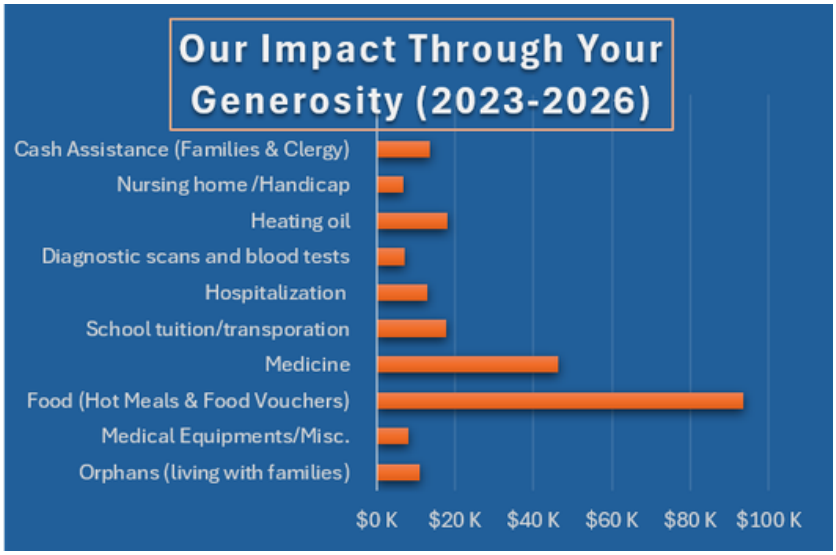
St. Barbara Lebanon Relief Fund, 3 1/2 years of Impact in Lebanon



Children sending a message of love to SBLRF, before departing for Mar Shaaya farm in Broumana.
(Orthodox Youth Movement, Social/Medical Center in Ashrafieh, Beirut)

Bringing Smiles Back to Children Faces who have been Traumatized by War

On August 4th , 2026, marking the 6th commemoration of the Beirut Port explosion, the Medical/Social Center in Asharfieh, Beirut, with the support of SBLRF, took 38 children on a bus trip to Mar Chaaya farm in Broumana, where children were able to feed animals, do art, and eat a zaatar and eggs breakfast at the farm! Later, they had lunch at McDonald's in Mansourieh.



THE IMPACT OF YOUR GENEROSITY

In the past 3 1/2 years, over $250,000 worth of aid has been distributed throughout Lebanon- bringing relief, dignity, and hope to thousands of people in need.

WHERE WE SERVE

Serving communities across Lebanon from the North to the South, from the Bekaa Valley to Mount Lebanon, and throughout Beirut.

Your Donations In Action



Food/sanitary supplies Distribution to 82 displaced families living in their cars, in Cornish Beirut (April 2026)



Children feeding animals at Mar Shaaya Farm in Broumana. (August 2026)



Hot Meals Distribution in Zahle, (Christmas 2025)



Food distribution
for displaced families living at Amioun High School (April 2026) *House of Family and Youth*

" Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance... (2Co 9:7-8 RSV)"



The Two Fish and Five Loaves Kitchen in Mansourieh received an Industrial Kitchen Hood. *The ladies can cook now without being cooked! (July 2026)*

Why Lebanon Still Needs our Help

- Lebanon continues to face a severe humanitarian crisis.
- Political Instability, and widespread displacement.
- Twenty percent of school-aged children are out of school.
- Damage to healthcare, water, and other infrastructure.
- Deepened unemployment crisis in 2026. Based on a report by the International Labour Organization (ILO, May 2026), 33% of private-sector workers lost their jobs after the renewed conflict, and avg labor income fell by 40.4%.

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Do You Want To Get Involved?

Your Support helps us continue providing food, medicine, and relief to families in need across Lebanon.

Here is How You Can Help:

- Volunteer your Time
- Donate or Pledge any Amount
- Help us Fundraise

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