

# Lebanon Social Project

Inner Wheel friendship as its very best !!!



Thanks to the generous donors all over the world we got  
**about CHF 71'000 (~USD 77'000)**  
and we could offer our help to two hospitals in Beirut.



There was an urgent need for medical instruments and Inner Wheel are proud to have been able to help fulfil some of your wishes.

Examples :



IW members with some of the offered instruments.



Our helpers in Beirut,  
Rula Karam  
and  
Marie-Rose Eid,  
rose to the challenge and without their fantastic help Inner Wheel would have been unable to succeed.



Our friends visited several damaged hospitals and after much discussion they chose The Geitawi and the Hôpital des Soeurs de Rosaire. Both of these hospitals are not governmental but are accepted by all health insurances.

A little celebration was held in the presence of the hospital directors and three members of each Inner Wheel Club of The Lebanon.



Each of the instruments has a fixed plaque with our Inner Wheel logo this was done by our Inner Wheel friends.



We purchased medical instruments to the sum of USD 70'000. Money was also given to The Geitawi Hospital to enable them to purchase a new generator

**Gemma and myself would like to take this opportunity of thanking all our Inner Wheel friends who helped to realise this wonderful project. Inner Wheel in the True Spirit of Friendship and Fellowship.**



Angelika Walde,  
Board Director 2019-2021

Gemma Pirondini,  
Board Director 2020-2022

*Below you'll find a thank you letter from Rula Karam.*

## Letter of Rula Karam, IW Lebanon Coordinator 2020-2021

*Dear President Bina*

*Dear IIW board directors*

*Dear IW friends all over the world*

*The mega explosion in Beirut on August 4<sup>th</sup> was a shattering blow to our nation, and obviously to all other nations. But dear friends like yourselves were there to pick up the pieces with us. Through Angelika Walde's initiative and Gemma Pirondini's combined efforts and your utmost support and generosity, the Swiss bank account was able to sustain substantial donations to two destroyed hospitals in the area.*

*Through your contributions, we were able to buy them medical equipment of a value exceeding 55'000 \$, equipment they were in dire need of.*

*Once all equipment was delivered, we organized a small reception in both hospitals, to celebrate the joy of having been able to lend a hand. We had both celebrations on the same day to make it easier for the Lebanese IW ladies to attend. There were representatives of all eight clubs, plus the directors of each hospital. In the Rosary hospital were also attending a few Rotarians, and in the Getawi hospital some of the staff were present.*

*We started each ceremony by adding the IW name and logo to all instruments. Then followed the speeches and the cake cutting. And of course, we took a thousand pictures since we were so thrilled of this gigantic achievement.*

*At the last minute, before we left the Getawi hospital, Angelika Walde sent word that some additional funds had just been deposited in the account. The director was asked what they needed and it was decided they will be getting a brand-new generator soon.*

*That was an epic day for IW Lebanon !*

*We can never thank you enough for being there for us. We are lucky to belong to such a big circle of friendship. We know we are not alone. We know you are there for us when we need you.*

*With friendship and gratitude*

*Rula Karam*

*IW Lebanon Coordinator 2020-2021*