

Newsletter

SALSABEEL CHARITY



December 2024



Here's what has happened in the last year and what's to come!

Welcome to Our First Charity Newsletter! We are thrilled to share the latest updates on our mission to create a positive impact in Egypt.

First and foremost, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to all our donors. Your generosity and dedication have made a significant difference in the lives of those we support.

This year brought an incredible milestone: after two years operating as a non-profit corporation, we were officially registered as a tax-exempt charity under the Canadian *Income Tax Act*. This means we can now issue tax receipts for donations, further enhancing our ability to support those in need.

In Fall 2024, we organized a successful trip to Egypt. During this visit, we identified and provided assistance to students, individuals facing medical challenges, and others in need.

We are delighted to announce our next big initiative—Abbotsford's first-ever Arab Bazaar on February 1! This free event will feature local vendors and handmade Egyptian products available for purchase, with proceeds going toward our charitable efforts. We hope to see you there!

Our work relies on the kindness and support of our community. Whether through donations of time or resources, your contributions make a world of difference. If you'd like to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for being part of our journey. With your continued support, we can transform lives and bring hope to those who need it most.

Enjoy this year's newsletter, and we look forward to sharing more updates with you soon!

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Nehal Azab +
Eiad El Fateh

Charitable status—A huge milestone for Salsabeel!

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Ottawa ON, K1A 0L5		
Date		Sep 10, 2024
Account Number		79906 1411 RR0001
Reference Number		CH232741724499
ATTN: EIAD EL FATEH 14414519 CANADA FOUNDATION 35850 GRAYSTONE DRIVE ABBOTSFORD BC V3G 1G1		
Subject: Notification of registration as a charity for 14414519 Canada Foundation		
Eiad El Fateh,		
We are pleased to inform you that 14414519 Canada Foundation meets the requirements for tax-exempt status as a registered charity under the Income Tax Act.		
Along with the privileges of registered status come some obligations. This letter includes important information about how a registered charity is required to operate and what it is obligated to do. Please take the time to review this information and keep this letter for future reference.		
You should also give a copy of this letter and any enclosed materials to the person responsible for filling out 14414519 Canada Foundation's annual Form T3010, Registered Charity Information Return.		
If you have questions, please call our Client Service Section at 1-800-267-2384 .		
Yours sincerely,		
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After two years of operating as a non-profit organization, Salsabeel is proud to announce that we have been granted official charitable status under the Canadian Income Tax Act. Achieving this milestone required several months of dedicated effort, but the outcome was well worth it!

This new status means your donations are now tax-deductible in Canada, potentially allowing you to save over 40% of the value of your contributions on your income taxes.

Looking ahead, we plan to explore obtaining similar charitable status in the United States and the United Kingdom, enabling us to extend the impact of your generosity even further.



Liason in Siwa: Omar Diab

This year, we officially welcomed Omar Diab as our liaison in Siwa. Omar is deeply passionate about volunteering for Salsabeel and plays a key role in identifying local individuals in need of support. A graduate of the University of Alexandria, he returned to Siwa to contribute to its development through his work in the tourism industry.

Outside of his professional endeavors, Omar recently got married. Nehal had the privilege of attending the wedding in early December, and we wish him all the best as he begins this new chapter as a husband.



01 February 2025 Ramadan Bazaar

Join us for Ramadan décor, delicious food, clothing, accessories, and more!

 **Date:** Saturday, February 1, 2025
 **Time:** 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
 **Location:** OPEX Fitness,
1575 McCallum Rd, Unit #100
Abbotsford, BC

Salsabeel will feature handmade Egyptian products, with all proceeds supporting our charitable initiatives. We will also provide free booth space to local vendors to showcase their products.

A special thank you to OPEX Abbotsford Fitness and Wellness for generously offering the venue free of charge.

See you there!

Project Highlights from 2024



Assistance with school fees

This year, we covered the school fees for more than 50 students who were unable to afford them, ensuring they could sit for their exams. This support has provided these students with the opportunity to continue their education and work toward a brighter future. We formed a partnership with the principal of a local school in Siwa, working together to support students in need. We look forward to strengthening this collaboration and expanding the program in the coming year.



Ramadan Food Distribution

During Ramadan, we organized a food distribution initiative to support families in Siwa, ensuring they had access to essential provisions during the holy month. This included staples like rice, oil, and sugar, as well as fresh produce to help families prepare nourishing meals. As part of the effort, we also purchased a lamb, which was shared among multiple families, providing them with a valuable source of protein and enhancing their festive celebrations. This initiative not only brought relief and joy to many households but also embodied the spirit of community, generosity, and togetherness that lies at the heart of Ramadan.



Clothing Distribution

This year, we distributed hundreds of dollars' worth of clothing, primarily in Tala, a small city in the Nile Delta. The donations included a mix of everyday items and business attire, helping individuals not only stay warm but also prepare for professional opportunities. We look forward to continuing these efforts in the future.



Electronics for business and school

This year, we distributed more than \$1,000 worth of electronic equipment, including laptops and smartphones, to support students and local small businesses. These tools are helping students access online learning resources and enabling small businesses to improve their operations and reach wider markets.



Stories of Impact: Supporting 12-Year-Old Mohammed Ahmed's Recovery After a Car Accident

Mohammed, a 12-year-old boy with four siblings, was struck by a speeding car while walking in his local neighborhood, a common occurrence in Egypt due to the lack of proper traffic infrastructure and enforcement. The driver offered the family only about \$60 in compensation, and they did not have the means to pursue a larger claim in Egypt's slow-moving legal system.

The accident caused a compound fracture in Mohammed's right leg. As a result, he was unable to walk, which greatly impacted his ability to attend school and help his family. His father, a day laborer, had to reduce his working hours to care for Mohammed and cover his medical needs.

While the initial surgery was mostly covered by the Egyptian medical system, the severity of the injury required a follow-up surgery and extensive rehabilitation, which were not covered. Fortunately, Salsabeel charity was able to provide over \$1,000 to cover these additional expenses—an amount equivalent to nearly a year's salary in Siwa, far beyond the family's means.

We are happy to report that Mohammed is recovering well and should be able to walk properly in a few months. He is also looking forward to returning to school in the new year. Thanks to the support of our donors, Mohammed and his family have been able to navigate this challenging time, and we are hopeful for his full recovery and a bright future ahead.

In 2024, we raised over \$11,000, and we're aiming to exceed that goal in 2025. If you'd like to support our cause, please consider making a contribution via Interac e-transfer to eiad@salsabeelcharity.org, or visit our website to discover more ways to get involved. Your generosity makes a meaningful impact! Remember, your donation is tax-deductible and could be worth up to 40% back on your taxes.

Every dollar Salsabeel receives goes to support those in need, with all expenses being covered by our two founders, Eiad and Nehal.

Thank you for reading!

