

LAS Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Board Members, Team Members and Friends,
We are happy to share with you our latest release of the Lebanese Autism Society (LAS) Newsletter, from June 2011 to December 2011.



Small World

The Small World organization presided by Mrs. Salam Ghaith, organized an event in Abu Dhabi in March 2011. The amount of 7,514.3\$ was raised for the benefit of the Lebanese Autism Society (LAS).



Ali Tlais' Art exhibition

An Art exhibition displaying the Artwork of Ali Tlais was organized by ALFA the first Lebanese operator, managed by Orascom Telecom, as part of its CSR program "Alfa 4-Life", in coordination with Mrs. Rita Moukarzel, president of the Graphic Designers Syndicate. The event took place on the 20th of July 2011 at the Marc Hachem Gallery, Solidere, Beirut.



Ali Tlais' paintings were also displayed during the FIAC exhibition at the Orange foundation stand in Paris in November 2011.

Classification of Autism Spectrum Disorder at the Ministry of Social Affairs.

A press conference was held on the 23rd of August 2011 by the Minister of Social Affairs Mr. Wael Abou Faour to classify Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Ministry of Social Affairs.



Launching of the Autism Awareness Campaign

A press conference launching the Autism Awareness campaign in 13 regions of Lebanon, was held on the 27th of September 2011 at the Ministry of Social Affairs. The campaign was organized in collaboration with the Coordination Committee for Autism in Lebanon.



North Autism Center (NAC) - Zghorta

The North Autism Center in Zghorta opened its doors with 8 students and the multidisciplinary team on board. The Lebanese Autism Society will present its services in term of training.



Early Learning Center (ELC)

The Early Learning Center launched in November 2011 a campaign to support the Lebanese Autism Society (LAS). The campaign consisted of adding one US dollar on each bill.



“Your Day away” event

For the 4th consecutive year, the Lebanese Autism Society(LAS) organized “ Your Day Away” event. The purpose of this event, is to provide the parents with a recreational day away from their daily concerns. The Campaign was held on the 16th of November 2011 at the Hard Rock Café- Ain Mreisseh, Beirut at 4pm.



ALFA: SMS for life

For the 5th consecutive year, ALFA managed by Orascom Telecom launched the “SMS 4-life” campaign for the benefit of the Lebanese Autism Society (LAS) from the 21st of July till the 8th of August 2011. An amount of 15.000\$ was raised during the campaign.



Participation at the BLOM Beirut Marathon

In coordination with the AUB Awareness Club, the Lebanese Autism Society (LAS) participated in the Beirut Marathon on the 27th of November 2011.

Diamony

The Diamony company launched a campaign for the benefit of the Lebanese Autism Society (LAS) and other organizations (Oum El Nour, Red Cross, Brave Heart Fund, Alzheimer’s Association Lebanon). The campaign consisted of giving one US Dollar per transaction/bill to one of the organizations.





Participation of the Lebanese Autism Society (LAS) at a Christmas fair in the “Ecole Supérieure des Affaires (ESA)”

The LAS, represented by Mrs. Caroline Arabadji, participated in the Christmas fair held on the 2nd and 3rd of December 2011 at the ESA through the sale of Chocolate arrangements.



Breaking the Barriers in the International Day of Disabled

On the occasion of the International Day of Disabled, the Center for Civic Engagement and Community Service (CCECS) at the American University of Beirut is organizing in collaboration with arcenciel, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Lebanese Autism Society (LAS), Lebanese Down Syndrome Association (LDSA), Lebanese Physical Handicapped Union (LPHU) and Youth Association of the Blind (YAB) various activities on Dec 8, 2011.



Pre-screening “The Muppets show”

On the 10th of December 2011, the LAS organized the pre-screening of “The Muppets show” at the Concorde Cinemas.



Participation of the Lebanese Autism Society (LAS) at a conference about Autism at the Beirut Book Fair

On the 14th of December 2011, the LAS participated in a conference organized by Dar Annahda about Autism, in BIEL, during the book fair. Mrs Ghada Makhoul presented the LAS' projects and gave a brief definition of Autism.



Her Highness Sheikha Fariha Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah's visit

On the occasion of her visit to Lebanon and her participation in the 7th meeting of the Arab Network for Autism (ANA), Her Highness Fariha Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah visited, on the 15th of December 2011, the premises of the Lebanese Autism Society (LAS) in Sacre-Coeur Gemmayze.



HSBC donation

The HSBC bank assigned the total requested budget of 36.000 USD for the proposal entitled “Promoting the educational integration of children with Autism in Lebanon”.



Arab Network for Autism (ANA) 7th meeting

On the 16th of December 2011, the 7th ANA meeting was held at the UNESCO. The main outcomes were, the election of a new Board of Directors and to undergo a strategy plan to train the parents and the professionals dealing with Autism in the Arab World.



Jamal Abou El Hassan Musical concert

On the 16th of December 2011, the Lions Sea Side organized a Musical Festival at the American University of Beirut (AUB), all proceedings went to the benefit of the LAS.

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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