



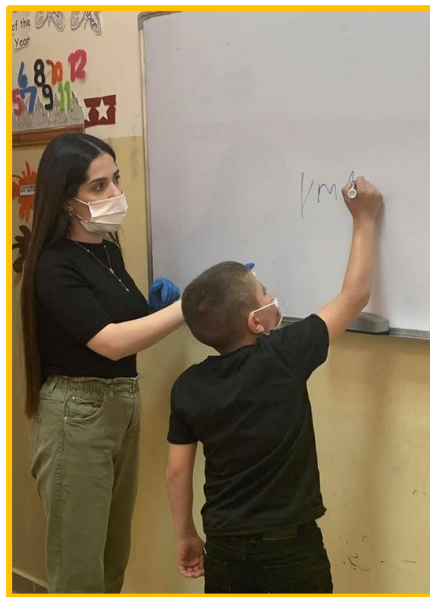
Summer 2020

## *There Are Smiles and Joy Behind Those Masks And Your Donations Make the Smiles Possible*

The Spafford Children's Center closed by order of the local authorities in mid-March. By early-June the Center had been disinfected, the face masks and sanitizer stations were in place, and the parents and children returned for lessons in Arabic, English, and math; speech therapy, occupational therapy, and art projects and fun games. Palestinian children, particularly those with special learning needs, were not well served by the minimal online classes offered by their schools, so they were eager to return to SCC and see their beloved teachers and friends. The SCC PhD psychologist is conducting comprehensive assessments every week and the teachers and social worker are evaluating children new to SCC so they can move right into existing classes.

On Fridays SCC offers "Open Days". They are 90 minutes of art projects, fun with a clown, games, and play that is attracting children new to SCC.

SCC coordinated with the local schools to determine what content was missed during the virus closures and is offering six weeks of intensive, structured lessons, that started July 1, to help children catch up over the summer.







## *Safety First at SCC*

Everyone, except children under 7, must wear a mask in SCC (per health guidelines), all must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon entering the building and between classes or activities, and parents must sign the Contact Tracing sheet so that they can be notified if anyone tests positive for the virus.

## *Please Help*

Many poor Palestinian parents lost their jobs, students missed months of valuable education, and children experiencing trauma reactions were not able to get the counseling and support they need. Now SCC is open and urgently needs your help.



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With thanks for your support,

*Matthew Dayton-Welch*

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