2021 - 2022 1<sup>st</sup> annual newsletter



"We can do a líttle alone, but we can do a lot together. ~Helen Keller"

Haneen Al-Majd for rehabilitation & training become established and legally registered in December 2021, by Majd Kawar & Khadeja Al-Amaireh who had the vision in the region to serve the deaf-blind community in Jordan, and individuals with various disabilities of all ages. As we have been doing voluntary work in Jordan for over 2 years to visit the families and children who have lost their privileges of education, rehabilitation, and training due to the pandemic (Covid-19) and families' financial issues.

Dear friends and families,

In this newsletter, we would like to introduce ourselves and give you a little background of how our vision and work began, also summarize our activities, events, and accomplishments in the past great year, that's after welcoming and greeting you and thanking you for your encouragement and for your beautiful words expressed every time we shared our work with you, as we are getting more enthusiastic and active through your participation, encouragements, and support.



Mr. Majd Kawar coming from the United States with a diverse ethnicity cultural background in non-profit organizations and involvement within foundations, he has a wealth of experience in directing, managing and developing projects. With his experience, far vision, and developing mind set. He has a strong calling to serve. He is the founder and director of the organization to ensure every individual receives the best care, service, love and equality, with a long background working with various disabilities.

Mrs. Khadeja Al-Amaireh has a wealth of knowledge and over 15 years of experience serving and teaching deafblind people. She is one of the authors of the Tactile Touch Sign language Dictionary, she is the co-founder, as she is bringing and providing high standard quality management, service and some of the most effective ways to educate and train deafblind people to communicate effectively, as well as establishing training programs for the deafblind, and parents.



Our vision started back in 2020 to reach every person with usher syndrome, deafblind individuals of all ages to visit them at home and provide different services to them and their families. As our work has expanded in the past two years, we also started visiting people with other disabilities and providing them and their families with their needs focusing on education, rehabilitation, and training to the disabled and their family members, also providing physiotherapy, occupational, and speech therapy. We started at the beginning by visiting 8 deafblind families on a monthly basis, now we visit over 16 families all over Jordan with multiple disabilities. It has been such a blessing and a great opportunity to stay in touch with the families and teach, advise them and help their children and families to grow, and as we focused on their inclusion in society, we have done many things to include them with us and to be part of our society, so we were of a good collaboration to involve them with different organizations such as churches, deaf, blind, arts and heritage and also other organizations, schools, centers, and ministries in Jordan.

Miscommunication between deafblind children and families was a big issue that we faced because most families are not able to communicate with them to have a language to communicate and since they are messing their vision and their hearing senses, they use and rely on their sense of touch to be able to communicate. With our long experience working with them, we were able to teach many of them tactile (touch) signing in order for the families to communicate with their children effectively. So we have done many things such as teaching the deafblind and their families tactile (touch) sign language to be able to communicate effectively, also we taught Braille and Lorm alphabet. We also published a book (The Universal Guidance to the Arabic Tactile (touch) Sign Language for DeafBlind - Part 1) in English and Arabic languages, as we provided free copies to the parents and families to help them learn the touch language, so they can communicate better with their loved ones. We also taught many children how to do such unique arts by recycling unused materials as we took their work to different Bazaars and festivals to sell their products and provide them with pocket money to help them. We participated in many activities and workshops to have them be included. We focused on Awareness in the community and advocating for them, so we did many TV shows and programs, as well as participating in local radio stations to speak about our work and make knowledge of them, also we did many seminars and webinars locally and internationally to speak about our work as well. We also had the pleasure to create videos to teach tactile sign language in 4 different languages for the first time ever, so it can be spread and taught to everyone, and what an accomplishment that was. We were also able to teach for the first time ever 4 different languages in 1 educational program (Sign language, tactile sign language, Braille, and Lorm) to teachers and trainers to be able to use to serve others. As well as wring educational materials and training programs and

teaching them to schools, universities, and other organizations. Our goal is inclusion, and teaching them self-reliability.

With many, many different activities we have done in the past years to help others, educate, rehabilitate, train, and spread awareness. We can say that it has been a great busy year with great successful results.

We will share with you now some of the work as we thank you so much for your interest, collaboration, encouragements, gifts, support, and sweet words to take you on a journey step by step to how we started until today, and as we look forward to bringing more and help more families in the next years...

We are looking forward to your support in the next upcoming years to help more, and show the work and the love of God through us to provide people with disabilities and their families more help and faith...

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. ~Helen Keller"



We started by conducting visits, getting to know the families, building trust, and finding their needs



Participation in local TV and program shows, spreading awareness through the community, and conducting awareness seminars and webinars at different centers, churches, schools, universities and much more...



















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Teaching and giving training programs in tactile sign language, sign language, Braille, and Lorm to different universities, schools, centers, churches, children, teachers, and care givers, etc...



Participation in different Bazaars, festivals, and teaching arts such as recycling materials and others. Inclusion of deafblind in the community, as well as participation in different activities such as cooking, etc...





Collaboration with many organizations, giving back to the community and gifting presents during the holidays, and helping others





Creating educational videos to teach tactile sign language to the deafblind, parents, and on social media, in 4 different languages (Arabic sign interpreter, Arabic spoken, English subtitles, and Arabic tactile signing)



Lots of fun and inclusion of deafblind with other disabilities and the community



We have provided you dear friends and family some of what we have done and worked on from activities, education, training, helping, collaboration and services to our fellow deafblind and people with disabilities.

Tactile sign language, sign language, Braille, Lorm alphabet, and our publications are available anytime, we do encourage you, dear reader, that you have been wanting to communicate and cooperate with this category and offer your best for them you're welcome to provide gifts for the children as we can help you with that. We really appreciate you and your time given to read our news for 2021-2022, we will continue to communicate with you through our publications, social media, phone, inperson, and emails...

You can contact us anytime at the address below.

With Our best regards...



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