



# ANNUAL REPORT 2016



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# INTRODUCTION

The Daughters for Life Foundation (DFL) is a registered Canadian charity that provides scholarships, fellowships and awards to girls and young women from the Middle East regardless their ethnicity, nationality, or religious affiliation.

While our scholarship program helps female students to study in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Bangladesh, the financial awards we deliver supports young women attending universities in the Middle East. As to the fellowship program, it gives girls from universities in the Middle East the opportunity to participate in academic activities conducted by educational institutions around the world.

Recipients are chosen not only for their academic achievements, often in the face of socio-economic adversity and hardship, but also for their character and commitment to improving the lives of girls and young women in the Middle East.

Since the inception of Daughters for Life in 2010, we have helped nearly **400 girls** to realize their potential. **42 scholarships** have been awarded to young women to study in international universities. In addition, over **341 financial awards** have been given to support meritorious students continue their education in the Middle East. **4 fellowships** have also been awarded.

**Our goal is to invest in the potential of girls and young women from the Middle East to take on leadership roles in the future.**

**We want to support their dreams of becoming skilled professionals in whatever fields they choose to pursue.**





# VISION

To see all Middle Eastern young women accessing quality higher education, paving the way towards a peaceful world and an equal society through the power of education.

## MISSION

To advance, invest and promote the higher education of young women living in the Middle East.

## BELIEFS

Empowering girls and young women through education, is the key to long lasting peace in the Middle East and the rest of the world.

Quality Education is a human right for every girl in Middle East, regardless their ethnicity or religious affiliation

## HOW WE REACH OUR GOALS

We inspire our programs' recipients to challenge themselves as leaders and ambassadors for peace and the empowerment of women.

We demonstrate leadership in advocating peace and the empowerment of young women through rigorous admission practices, innovative funding and professional growth opportunities and good governance.

We develop and nurture collaborations and partnerships with educational institutions, business and community organizations and strategic partners to fulfill our objectives.



## MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER


Dear Friends,

Humanity today is facing challenges unparalleled in history. There are conflicts raging around the world over power, religion and territory. The Middle East especially is overwhelmed with violence and injustice. The natural consequence of such upheaval is disease and poverty. An entire generation of young minds staring at their destroyed communities rather than a bright future. We live in a small world today. The globalized world is one without borders. So we cannot ignore the troubling circumstances of the youth, especially of girls across the many nations which are in conflict in the Middle East. The plight of young girls in Syrian refugee camps losing their prime years without education has caught our attention. I am proud to announce that we are tying up partnerships with academic institutions to provide scholarships to several young Syrian girls to study in Canada. I am extremely hopeful of this endeavor. These are girls whose lives changed overnight. They went from being exceptional students to a refugee escaping war. We are not just giving them a second chance at a dignified future. But this is also an effort towards rebuilding a shattered Syria, still in the throes of war, by empowering its female citizens into becoming leaders of tomorrow.

I strongly believe that education is the key to escaping a life of unrelenting poverty and hopelessness. In particular, education of girls and young women can make our world a more humane, free and peaceful one. The more we invest in education the less we bleed in war. 2016 has been a productive year. We held a successful gala to raise funds for the foundation. We distributed a record amount of financial awards to female students in Gaza and Israel. We have three new academic partners on board. And I have actively engaged with the Canadian Government, often traveling with them to the Middle East to throw the spotlight on the urgent need to educate women living in conflict in the region. Our sentiments at Daughters for Life today are one of optimism and enthusiasm. Our Syrian scholars and our 2017 Program scholars will be arriving in 2017. And through that we hope to have helped the world become a better place for its daughters.

Thank you and God Bless All.

**Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, DFL Founder and President**



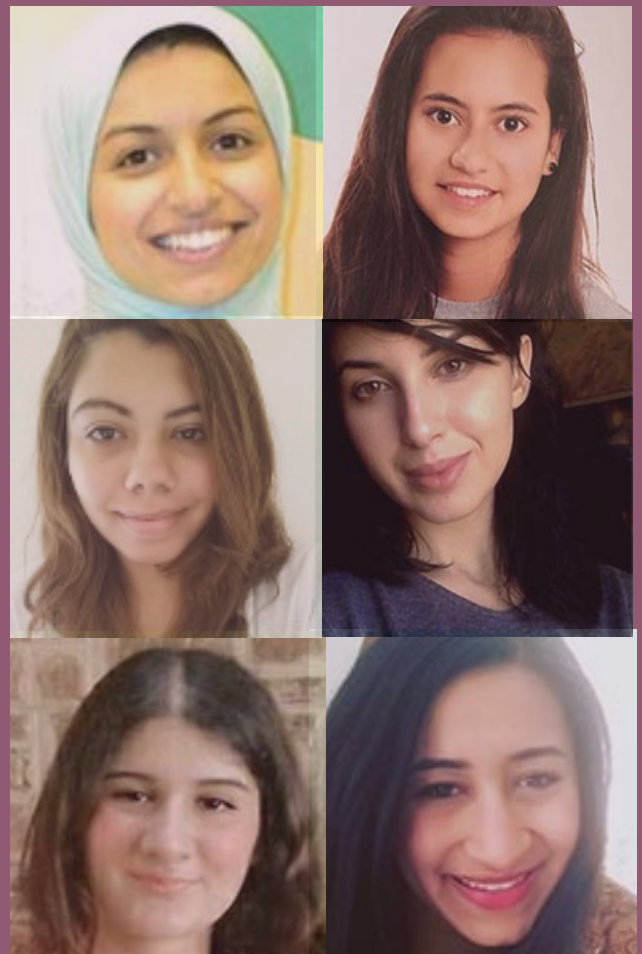


## Scholarship Program 2016-17

### 2016 has been another successful year for the foundation

Six young women from the Middle East arrived under our annual scholarship program to study in universities and colleges in North America and United Kingdom.

These young ambassadors carrying the message of women's empowerment are taking courses in pre-medicine, liberal arts, political science and graphic design. We are proud to be supporting their ambitions towards a future of purpose.





# Meet the Scholarship's Winners 2016

## Leen Sabounchi, Iraq

Graphic and Communication Design, University of Leeds, UK

Year of Graduation: 2018



*DFL Scholar Leen Sabounchi*

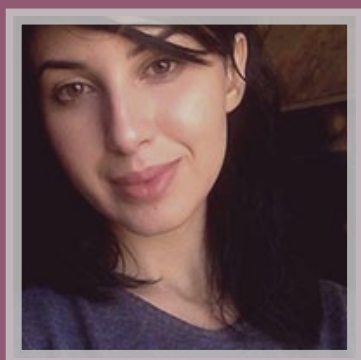
**Leen believes in creative methods of learning and communication.**

Leen is currently a second year Graphic Design student at the University of Leeds in UK. Apart from her course work in which she is scoring high grades, Leen likes to spend her free time tutoring students in the basics of Math, English and Art.

## Abeer Obaido, Palestine

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, New College of Florida, USA

Year of Graduation: 2019



*DFL scholar Abeer Obaido*

**Growing up in refugee camps, Abeer found herself driven towards art as a source of therapy.**

Abeer couldn't be happier pursuing the course of her dreams at the New College of Florida. At an exhibition recently, Abeer's sculpture work took the pride of place amongst advanced sculpture students. Abeer is also set to embark on an independent study on child development where she will explore the integration of art with education.

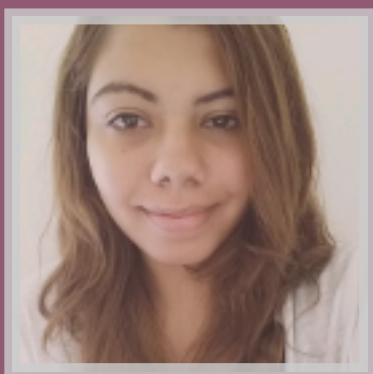


# Meet the Scholarship's Winners 2016

## Dalia Aita, Palestine

Molecular Biology, New College of Florida, USA

Year of Graduation: 2020



*DFL scholar Dalia Aita*

**Dalia believes that through education people can learn, thrive and live up to their potential.**

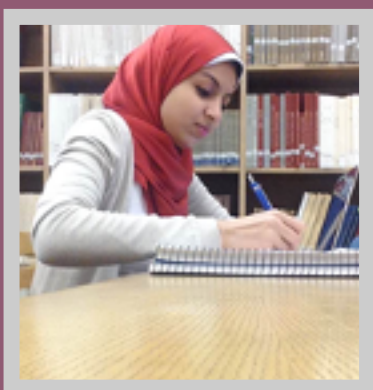
A Palestinian student from the Gaza Strip, Dalia spent her growing up years in a refugee camp in Rafah City.

Although her passion is Science, Dalia is keen on learning about world affairs, participating in many campus events on current issues in her first term. Dalia also enjoys playing Tennis and Soccer.

## Marwa Soliman, Egypt

Biology and Pre-Medicine, Manhattanville College, USA

Year of Graduation: 2020



**Marwa believes educated citizens can rebuild peace in the Middle East.**

Marwa is currently studying to become a medical professional. She is working as a Biology Lab Assistant and is also an active member of her College's Breast Cancer Awareness drive. Marwa wants to bring back the lessons she learns to her home community, and give back to girls and young women not afforded the same opportunity.

Marwa Soliman catching up on her course work at Manhattanville College

# Meet the Scholarship's Winners 2016

## Merehan Ayman, Egypt

Political Science, University of Rochester, USA

Year of Graduation: 2020



*Merehan, Hall Ambassador at University of Rochester*

**Egypt has never had a woman prime minister, but Merehan Ayman plans to change that.**

Passionate about the political rights of women in the Middle East, the 17-year old aspires to one day lead her country as a politician. At University, Merehan was recently elected as a member of the Hall Council that votes on campus issues. She has now decided to Triple major in Political Science, Business with a track in Finance, and in Language, Media, and Communications.

## Alaa Hajjar, Lebanon

Biology and Pre-Medicine, Manhattanville College, USA

Year of Graduation: 2020



*Alaa participating in campus events*

**Life brought Alaa Hajjar face to face with her destiny.**

Losing her grandmother to cancer stoked a fire in Alaa. She wanted to become a doctor and spare others the pain. In her just concluded semester, Alaa has scored an A in all her classes.

She is a member of the Biology and Chemistry Clubs at college. She also serves as a research volunteer at New York Medical College.



# Our scholars in 2016

**Hiba  
Miari**



**Biology  
Program**

Wilfrid Laurier  
University, ON,  
Canada  
Graduation: 2019

**Mayar  
Tharawat**



**Physics  
Program**

Wilfrid Laurier  
University, ON,  
Canada  
Graduation: 2019

**Eman  
Alatbash**



**Accounting  
Program**

College Boreal,  
ON, Canada  
Graduation: 2018

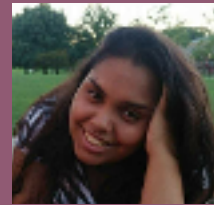
**Wardah  
AlAkrah**



**Biology**

Manhattanville  
College, NY, USA  
Graduation: 2019

**Waad  
Hassan**



**English  
Literature**

Manhattanville  
College, NY, USA  
Graduation: 2019

**Jaida Zafer  
AbuKhader**



**International &  
Area Studies,  
Pre-Business  
Program**

New College of  
Florida, FL, USA  
Graduation: 2019

**Diana  
Tarazi**



**Political Science  
Program**

New College of  
Florida, FL, USA  
Graduation: 2019

**Simona  
Rahi**



**Computer  
Science**

New College of  
Florida, FL, USA  
Graduation: 2019

**Rozana  
Jaber**



**Biology  
(Pre-Med)**

New College of  
Florida, FL, USA  
Graduation: 2018

**Leen  
Fatafta**



**Sociology and  
Gender Program**

New College of  
Florida, FL, USA  
Graduation: 2018

**Najla  
Fawwaz**



**Biochemistry  
Program**

New College of  
Florida, FL, USA  
Graduation: 2018

**Hanin  
Afana**



**BA.  
Environmental  
Science**

The Asian  
University for  
Women,  
Chittagong,  
Bangladesh  
Graduation: 2018

**Asmaa  
Abushabab**



**Public Health  
Program**

The Asian  
University for  
Women,  
Chittagong,  
Bangladesh  
Graduation: 2018

**Nour  
Alnajjar**



**Politics, Philosophy  
& Economics**

The Asian University  
for Women,  
Chittagong,  
Bangladesh  
Graduation: 2018

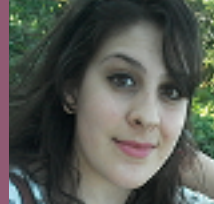
**Saba  
Attalah**



**Economics  
Program**

The Asian University  
for Women,  
Chittagong,  
Bangladesh  
Graduation: 2018

**Jamila  
Zaer**



**Politics, Philosophy  
& Economics**

The Asian University  
for Women,  
Chittagong,  
Bangladesh  
Graduation: 2018

**Reem  
Razzouk**



**Politics,  
Philosophy &  
Economics**

The Asian University  
for Women,  
Chittagong,  
Bangladesh  
Graduation: 2018

# Two of our scholars graduated!



## **Loureen Sayej**

**International Studies and Human Rights Program**

**New College of Florida, FL, USA**

**Year of Graduation: 2016**

Loureen is a great example of the dreams that Daughters for Life can help to achieve. After her graduation, she worked for the Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy as Lead Program Officer for Children's Peace Initiative – Kenya. Since August 2016, Loureen is Program Coordinator for the Palestinian Foreign Mission to the United States, in Washington.



## **Sarah Abu-Ramadan**

**Culinary Arts Program**

**College Boreal, ON, Canada**

**Year of graduation: 2016**

Since she graduated from College Boreal, Sarah has been working in the culinary field. She is now taking a serious step in her career, pursuing a further education in pastry. Sarah also challenges herself to create her own recipes notebook.

After she earned the Daughters for Life Foundation's scholarship, her dearest wishes seemed to unfold before her eyes.



# Daughters for Life Annual Awards 2016



On May 19, 2016, Kathleen Wynne, the Premier of Ontario, Canada graced the occasion of the Daughters for Life Annual Awards in West Bank and Israel. 49 postsecondary awards worth \$41,500 USD were presented to exceptional young women from the region to help them continue their education.

At a ceremony in Ramallah, 21 Palestinian women from the West Bank were presented with awards to study at Bethlehem University, Hebron University and Modern University College in Ramallah.

At a separate event in Jerusalem, 28 Israeli Arab and Jewish women were offered awards to study at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, University of Haifa and Achva Academic College.

*"I was honoured to be a part of the Daughters for Life award ceremonies — traveling from the West Bank to Israel to watch young women from different communities receive the same award was truly inspirational and uplifting. These awards rise above cultural barriers and are a clear demonstration that education and knowledge are powerful tools for creating peace and moving forward in a positive direction."*

Kathleen Wynne,  
the Premier of Ontario,  
CANADA



# New Academic Partners Signed

**Three new academic institutions have joined hands with the Daughters for Life scholarship program this year**



We signed agreements with York, McMaster and Brock universities this year to provide up to ten young women from the Middle East the opportunity to study in Ontario, Canada.

A memorandum of understanding was also signed with Brock University in June 2016 to provide the young women joining their Undergraduate program with ESL courses.

*"Such educational exchanges can help lead to peaceful coexistence."*

Peter Mascher, Associate Vice-President  
International Affairs, McMaster University



*"Contributing to the development of young women in Middle East for whom any higher education, let alone higher education abroad, is beyond their means, makes Brock a partner in positive change and the impetus for peace in that geo-political sphere."*

Jack Lightstone, Former President & Vice-Chancellor, Brock University



*"It was particularly special for me to sign an agreement with Daughters for Life, a foundation established by Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, who received an honorary degree from York University in October, as this partnership will help to advance access to education for young women in the Middle East."*

Mamdouh Shoukri, President and Vice-Chancellor, York University





# 2016 Fellowship Program

This year, Daughters for Life announced three new fellowships in diverse disciplines for talented female students from the Middle East. Our Daughters for Life Fellows receive a once in a lifetime opportunity to participate in academic activities that our partnered organizations run. We signed on the following three fellowships:

- ▶ TRIO Fertility Center Fellowship in Obstetrics and Gynecology
- ▶ Pediatric Surgery Fellowship at Toronto SickKids Hospital
- ▶ Advanced Medical Dermatology fellowship at the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.



# Launch of Scholarship Program for Syrian Girls

Aware of the grave humanitarian crisis that the Syrian war has spawned, the Daughters for Life Foundation has instituted a special scholarship program that targets Syrian girls who had to discontinue their education due to the war. The foundation will grant up to 15 girls from Syrian refugee camps a full-time scholarship to learn English at the International Language Academy of Canada (ILAC) and at the Culture Works language school. Following the training, the Syrian girls will be admitted into post-secondary courses at Brock University and at other academic institutions that we hope to partner with for this program.

As the Syrian girls begin arriving in Canada in 2017 to start their scholarship studies, the foundation seeks greater support from institutions and individuals. Daughters for Life welcomes colleges and universities from across Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and Bangladesh to partner with it in this noble cause. An academic partner will sponsor the education and living expenses of these future women leaders of Syria by opening the doors of their professional degree courses.

The foundation is currently running a fundraising campaign to help pay for their flight tickets, among other expenses. Our efforts include hosting fundraising pages on various platforms, a digital communication campaign and an online auction.

Get the latest news on this initiative and how you can help online, at <http://daughtersforlife.com/syrian-initiative/>.



# Daughters for Life 4th Gala 2016: A night for Peace and Inspiration

**It was a night dedicated to peace and humanity.** On May 25, 2016, Daughters for Life held its fourth Gala Dinner whose theme as always was to honor individuals who have devoted their lives to advancing the rights of girls and women around the world. Powerful personalities from the Government and academic sphere along with activists and artists came together to help Daughters for Life raise more than C\$100,000 in funds.

**A poignant ceremony, where in the memory of Bessan, Mayar and Aya Abuelaish, the Daughters for Life Luminary Awards were presented.** Malala Yousafzai, global icon for women's education and the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, was honoured with the Courage and Inspiration Luminary Award. Her parents received the award on her behalf.

First Nations author, broadcaster and, playwright **Maria Campbell** was presented with the Trailblazer Luminary Award. Ms. Campbell strongly advocates the rights of Aboriginal girls and women in Canada. For the first time, the Life Achievement Luminary award went to a couple, **Michele Landsberg and Stephen Lewis**, for their joint efforts in advocating the rights of girls and women.

There were several moments during the evening when our guest speakers moved the audience with their heartfelt words. Renowned radio personality Erin Davis lent her presence to the Gala as the emcee, sharing in her opening remarks how only a year before she had lost her own daughter. Erin remarked, "I am thrilled to support an organization whose mission is making sure that girls receive every opportunity to succeed through education. It's all we ever wanted for our own daughter."



From left Maria Campbell, Mayor John Tory, The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Dr. Abuelaish, Ziauddin Yousafzai and Tor Pekai

# Daughters for Life 4th Gala 2016: A night for Peace and Inspiration

The Guest of Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt raised some powerful questions in her address to the audience. She said, “why have we not fully engaged half of our population? Why would we limit the contribution of bright minds and of different perspectives and inspiring leadership when we’re faced with some of the humanity’s greatest challenges? Simply put, **“the inclusion of women is in everyone’s best interest.”** The Mayor of Toronto, John Tory was also a key figure from the Canadian Government attending the Gala

Israeli Journalist Shlomi Eldar, whose heart wrenching broadcast of Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish’s anguished call for help immediately after his three daughters were killed in an attack in Gaza in 2009, presided as the special guest. Stephen Miles, the Provost of the New College of Florida, one of the oldest partners of the Daughters for Life Foundation shared how rewarding it has been for their institution to host young female scholars from the Middle East.

**The Gala also celebrated and recognized the successes of our Daughters for Life Scholars like Loureen Sayej.** With her graduation complete, she revealed her plans for a Master’s Degree in Human Rights Law and how she wants to return to her native Palestine to work for the United Nations as an advocate of women’s rights.

Teen social activist Hannah Alper brought the evening to a inspirational close, speaking passionately about her experience as an activist and how role models like Malala inspire her to speak up for the voiceless.

Other highlights of the evening were an aerial art and circus performance and a live auction.





# Our Gala Sponsors

## Premier Host and Sponsor



The fourth Daughters for Life Gala Dinner was powered by the International Language Academy of Canada (ILAC) as the Premier Host and Sponsor.

2016 marked the sixth year of ILAC's partnership with Daughters for Life. ILAC is not just one of the longest but also one of the most generous supporters of the foundation, having contributed over C\$200,000 in scholarship funds and also hosting scholarship recipients at their Toronto Campus.



*Jonathan Kolber, Executive Director, ILAC with Toronto Mayor John Tory at the fourth Daughters for Life Gala Dinner.*

Jonathan Kolber, Executive Director at ILAC, says the goal of the Daughters for Life foundation to promote peace through international education resonates with that of ILAC.

**“There is no greater gift than the gift of education. In Canada, many of us are blessed with the opportunity to pursue higher education. To give this opportunity to someone living in hardship has a huge positive impact on the world, more than you can imagine,” says Mr. Kolber.**

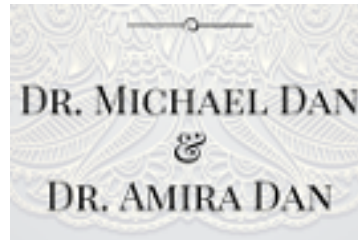
ILAC's partnership with Daughters for Life is now undertaking another noble cause. ILAC offers English education to young women who have escaped the war in Syria. At their Toronto campus, ILAC is providing a nine-month training in the English language to the young Syrian female scholars.

# Our Gala Sponsors

## Platinum Sponsor



## Gold Sponsors



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mediation solutions inc.

## Silver Sponsors



## TAKING OUR MESSAGE TO THE WORLD IN 2016

# Visit to the West Bank and Israel with Ontario Premier

On her trade mission to Israel and the West Bank in May this year, Ontario Premier, Kathleen Wynne was joined by Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish. Two ceremonies were held in Jerusalem and Ramallah to present 49 awards to young women to help them go to university in the Middle East.

Wynne attended a ceremony awarding post-secondary scholarships to 21 young Palestinian women who will be studying at the West Bank universities through the Daughters for Life Foundation.

A further deal was announced that will bring deserving young women to continue their education at York and McMaster universities.



*“Empowering women through education will not only help to build a lasting peace in the Middle East, it will support economic development and build a better society.”*

Kathleen Wynne,  
the Premier of Ontario,  
CANADA





# Daughters for Life On Board the Governor General's Mission

Dr. Abuelaish, was part of a special eight-day mission to the Middle East that was led by the Governor General of Canada, the Right Honourable David Johnston. The state visit covered Israel, Jordan, and the West Bank. And Dr. Abuelaish was part of a delegation of fellow Canadian leaders from education, business, and civil society to promote stronger innovation and education ties within the region.



Dr. Abuelaish's message of empowering young girls from the Middle East with education found resonance in the goals of the Governor General's Middle East mission. Visiting the Za'atari refugee camp in Jordan that houses 80,000 Syrian refugees, the Canadian delegation acknowledged the challenge and urgency of providing primary and secondary school education to thousands of children and youth who have been uprooted from their education.



While the Canadian Government is thinking of greater cooperation and investment in this regard, the Daughters for Life foundation has already set in motion its plan to take on board Syrian refugee girls and sponsor them for higher post-secondary education.



# Canadian Bureau of International Education, 50th Annual Conference

Spreading the foundation's message of peace through education of women in Middle East, Dr. Abuelaish delivered the keynote speech at the 50th annual conference of the Canadian Bureau of International Education (CBIE). Preaching the power of forgiveness by touching upon his own personal experiences, Dr. Abuelaish urged the CBIE to come forward to support the education of women growing up in conflict in the Middle East.

***“Education of girls and women will generate strong social return by breaking down psychological barriers and changing attitudes.”***



## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### 2017 - 18

After the success of the 2016 scholarship program, Daughters for Life is busy shortlisting its next batch of scholars. For the 2017 academic year we are inviting more brilliant female students from Middle Eastern countries to follow their dreams at universities in North America, South Asia and the United Kingdom.

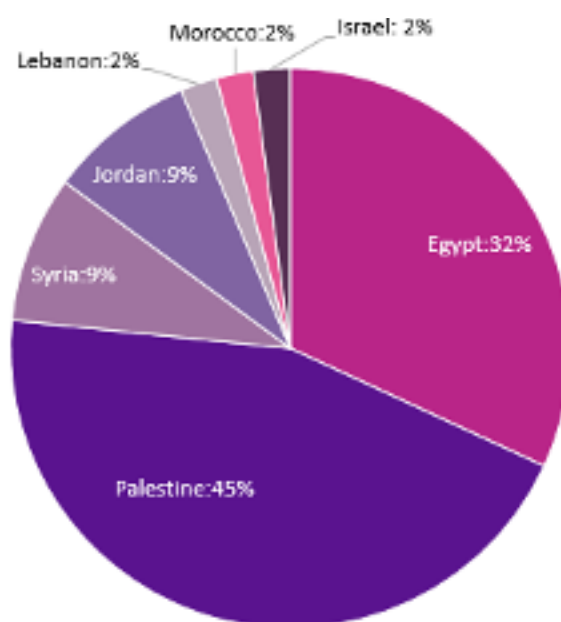
For the 2017/2018 academic year, the Daughters for Life Foundation is grateful to our three new partners in Ontario, Canada: Brock University in St. Catharines, McMaster University in Hamilton and York University in Toronto.

New College of Florida, who has been welcoming DFL scholars for three years and has been highly active in the Foundation's development, is hosting eight scholars this year. Additionally, College Boreal, the University of Rochester and the Asian University for Women in Bangladesh will be welcoming DFL scholars for the second time in the 2017/2018 school year.



# Applicants Facts & Figures

Where do the 2017-18 applicants come from?



What do the 2017-18 applicants want to study?



## Our scholarship affiliates

To help bring the gift of education to girls and young women from the Middle East, we enjoy the continuous support and patronage of academic institutions from around the world. We are proud of these partnerships that help us run successful scholarship schemes each year. To keep the momentum going, Daughters for Life seeks new collaborations with educational institutions so that each year we can take in more female students from the Middle East.



**New College**  
THE HONORS COLLEGE of Florida

**COLLÈGE BORÉAL**



**OXFORD  
BROOKES  
UNIVERSITY**



# Our Awards affiliates





# Board of Directors



### **Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, Founder and President**

A Palestinian-Canadian physician, Dr. Abuelaish is one of the most prominent international advocates of peace in the Middle East. He is often dubbed the “Martin Luther King of the Middle East.” Dr. Abuelaish’s internationally acclaimed book, *I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor’s Journey*, was inspired by the loss of three of his daughters – Bessan, Mayar, and Aya – to Israeli shelling in 2009.

The book has been translated into 16 languages and is a testament to his deeply held belief as a devout Muslim that non-violence is the only path to lasting peace. The foundation was also born out of his personal tragedy.

Today, Dr. Abuelaish is an Associate Professor at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto. He has received many awards and has been nominated for the Noble Peace Prize for his promotion of human rights and peace.



### **Dalal Abuelaish, Founding Director**

A founding member of the Daughters for Life Foundation, Dalal studied architecture for two years at the Islamic University of Gaza after graduating with honors from high school in Gaza. In 2015, she graduated from the University of Toronto, majoring in Electrical Engineering with a minor in Business. Then, Dalal worked as an Electrical Engineer at Metsco Energy Solutions, in Mississauga. She looks forward to “developing solutions to open-ended, real-world problems.”



### **Shatha Abuelaish, Founding Director**

Shatha graduated from the University of Toronto in 2015, majoring in Computer Engineering with a minor in Business. She is now Quality Assurance Lead at Multi-Health Systems Inc. in Toronto. She has a keen interest in graphic design and won a competition for best design representing the 2006 siege of Gaza.



### **Iman Yossef, Director**

Iman, is a dedicated hardworking Arab-Canadian woman, community activist, entrepreneur, business owner and manager of Amour Fragrances & beauty boutique and Best Canadian Liquidation (BCL). She is known as a business woman and a humanitarian activist who raises funds to support international causes. She participates in humanitarian and voluntary community work and is fully engaged in many charitable organizations.



### **Leslee Thompson, Board Director**

Leslee Thompson brings with her over two decades of senior executive and corporate board experience across multiple industries and sectors. She has led major business model shifts, global strategy design, mergers and acquisitions, and rapid business expansions within industry leading companies. Currently she is serving as the President and CEO of Accreditation Canada.



### **Adam Edris, Board Director**

Adam has spent his career within the alternative investment space, working in research capacities at an independent boutique, a credit hedge fund and most recently at a consultant advising a variety of institutional investors including endowments, foundations, pensions, and sovereign wealth funds. Adam holds both the Chartered Financial Analyst and Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst designations.

# Meet the DFL Team



***Jacklin Ibrahim***

***Program and Communications Manager***

Jacklin is the backbone of the Daughters for Life Foundation. With her long experience in communications, public relations, and projects management, she handles every aspect of DFL programs as well as the communications and the marketing endeavors of the foundation. Jacklin is a true champion of the Daughters for Life mission. Jacklin can be contacted at:

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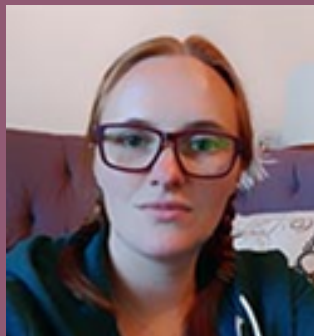
## Our volunteers



**Vasudha Sharma**

Editor and Copywriter  
Volunteer

Vasudha helps write and edit our public communications.



**Isobel Goddard**

Program Coordinator

Isobel handles the interview process of scholarship applicants.

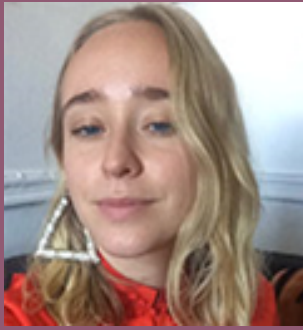


**Alex Stokes**

Fundraising Coordinator

Alex supports our fundraising activities





**Veronica Aronova**

Administration and  
Operations

Veronica ensures the  
smooth functioning of  
the foundation.



**Elodie Girardet**

Digital Marketing  
Coordinator

Elodie manages our  
Digital Marketing efforts.



**Sarah Delaney**

Fundraising Volunteer

Sarah coordinates the  
foundation's fundraising  
programs



**Carolyn Anthony**

Programs Volunteer



**Annemarie Evans**

Editor Volunteer



**Andrea Hall**

Website content Volunteer



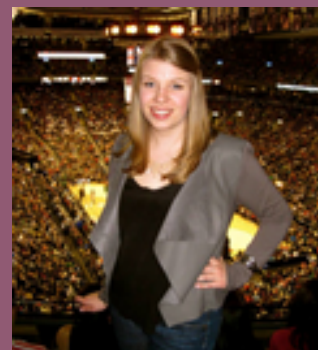
**Aswinnathan Kalaimani**

Website Volunteer



**Hadeel Aziz**

Administration Volunteer



**Sydney Jopling**

Fundraising Volunteer



**Andy Ruan**

Gala website Volunteer



**Yumi White**

Graphic Design Volunteer



**Rami Accoumeh**

Photos & videos  
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