

2025

Annual Report

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CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF EMPOWERING FUTURES



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For Life
FOUNDATION



OF EMPOWERING FUTURES

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Introduction

Founded in 2010 in Toronto, Canada, the Daughters for Life Foundation (DFL) is a Canadian nonprofit organization with a mission to empower Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) women who face disproportional socioeconomic disadvantage and economic marginalization. Our programs provide access to world-class higher education programs and are delivered in partnership with top universities in North America, Europe and beyond.

Namely, the foundation's fully-funded Scholarship Program, Financial Award Program and Fellowship Programs address the disparity between women and men's education by investing directly in young women across MENA to even the playing field. Committed to equity, diversity and inclusion, the foundation has transformed countless lives, and opened doors to opportunity that would've otherwise stayed closed to young women with dreams of a brighter future.

DFL was created by Prof. Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, a Palestinian-Canadian physician, scholar and author. The organization was **founded in loving memory of his three daughters, Bessan, Mayar and Aya Abuelaish who were killed in 2009, during the shelling of their family home in Gaza, Palestine.**



Their legacy is embodied in DFL's work, **carrying forward a father's grace along with his daughters' love for learning.** Through the foundation's activities, Dr. Abuelaish has taken steps to create a safer, more equitable world, where young women like his daughters are free to pursue any field of study, grow without constraints, all without worrying about the financial barriers that deter so many every year.

In 2021, marking the Foundation's 11th anniversary, Dr. Abuelaish launched Daughters for Life: Europe (DFLE) in Brussels, Belgium, establishing DFL's first chapter outside of Canada. Since its inception, the chapter has awarded full scholarships to more than 13 women, supporting their enrollment at leading universities across Belgium.

For 15 years, nearly 600 program beneficiaries have been supported by DFL and DFLE's programs, reflecting the foundation's growing effort to uplift and empower more women across MENA each year.



How We Reach Our Goals

DFL is driven by a mission rooted in **equity, access, and the dismantling of systemic barriers**. We believe deeply in the boundless potential of the women we serve. Our target demographic spans the diverse Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, and we are guided by this core belief as we unlock that potential through intentional investments and targeted programs that create life-changing opportunities.

Bridging academia, gender equity, and economic empowerment, DFL is a unique leader in the higher education investment space.

In partnership with top universities around the world, we reaffirm our mission to expand our impact,

BELIEFS

Education is a human right that should be accessible to every woman across the Middle East, regardless of faith, nationality or ethnicity.

MISSION

We champion and support young women from the Middle East and North Africa with transformative education and leadership opportunities, enabling them to become agents of change in their communities and beyond.

VISION

A generation of educated, confident, and compassionate women leaders from the Middle East and North Africa, rising to shape a freer, brighter, and more just world.



Message from the Founder

2025 marked the **15th anniversary** since the **founding of the Daughters for Life Foundation (DFL)**. In these 15 years, the foundation has grown, evolving with the times. Today, it stands as an organization eager to meet this unique moment.

Women's education continues to stand at a crossroads in the global south, but specifically the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). As a key indicator of national development, standing and modernity, many women around the world experienced a 2025 that took them steps back, rather than helping them leap forward. Women bear the heaviest burden during times of civil unrest, economic uncertainty, and diminished opportunity, and this rings true in the academic world as well.



By taking an intentional approach rooted in equity, empowerment and education, DFL is working to cultivate a future where women around the world can rely on forward momentum, progress and justice. Born and raised in Gaza, my life has been defined by the women who have had a hand in shaping my future, my success and my story. I have seen firsthand what it's like for a woman to give up her dreams, just to keep a family afloat, but today, things are different. Opportunity does not have to be out of reach, if we come together to ensure it reaches those who deserve it most.

In 2025, DFL worked to bridge gaps, bring communities together and daring to envision a brighter future. **6 new scholarships were awarded, 100 women enrolled at Gaza University received bursaries totalling \$30,000 USD, new partners joined our expanding network**, and likeminded leaders of industry, education and government convened to explore pathways to open more doors for more women across MENA, focusing on the most disadvantaged and marginalized.

Committed to dismantling barriers, DFL remains ambitious despite declines in charitable giving globally. We intend to move forward while centering gratitude for our partners and pride in what we've achieved so far. This work remains critical, and I look forward to the ways we can continue to transform lives through education.

Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish

Founder and President,
Daughters for Life Foundation



Our Scholars

2025/26 Scholarship Winners

During the 25/26 cycle, **6 new scholarship recipients were awarded**. They've since begun their studies at distinguished institutions across Canada and Belgium.



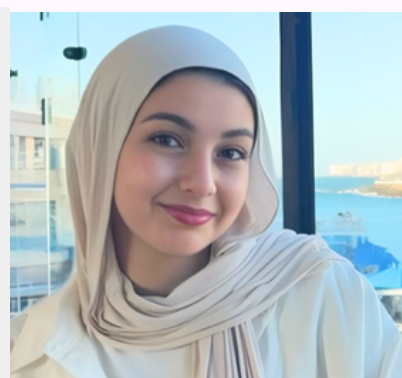
Maram Al-Tamimi, Jordan,
York University

Bachelor's in
Engineering



Nehad Zaqout, Palestine,
University of the Fraser
Valley

Artificial Intelligence & Machine
Learning, Post-Baccalaureate
Diploma



Layan Algharbawi,
Palestine,
University of Antwerp

Bachelor's in
Social-Economic
Sciences



Hajer Radwan, Egypt
Ghent University

International Master's
in Textile Engineering



Alaa Alhourani, Palestine,
KU Leuven

Master's in Education
Studies



Sara Albhaisi, Palestine
Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Master's in International
Business



Our Scholars

Returning Scholars

DFL's **returning cohort of 8 scholars** have each made major strides in their academic and personal growth journeys, marking productive years of achievement, learning and professional development.



Lina Shehada, Palestine
Université libre de Bruxelles

Master's in Computer Science



Rahma Elsaid, Egypt
University of Antwerp

Bachelor's in Social-Economic Sciences



Noran Khafaga, Egypt
University of Antwerp

Master's in Physiotherapy
Specializing in Neurological Conditions



Ola Redwan, Palestine
Ghent University

Master's in Pharmaceutical Engineering



Wafaa Hayek, Jordan
York University

Bachelor's in Psychology
Specialized Honors



Maryam Anabtawi, Palestine
York University

Bachelor's in Biomedical Sciences



Farah Baliki, Syria
York University

Bachelor's in Engineering



Alaa Abdallah, Egypt
University of the Fraser Valley

International Business, Post-Baccalaureate Diploma



2025 Graduates

DFL's Graduating Class of 2025

Over 2025, DFL was proud to celebrate the graduations of 3 scholars, expanding our blossoming network of DFL Alumni, while reflecting on their individual paths towards success.

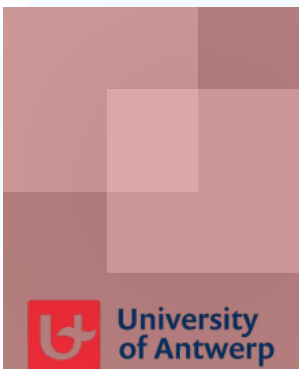
Following along for each of their transformative journeys continues to inspire and fuel DFL's ambition to open more doors for young women across MENA.



Grace Hanna, Syria
Université Libre de Bruxelles

Master's in Computer Science

ULB



Nancy Khaled, Egypt
University of Antwerp

Master's in Physiotherapy



Chifaa Bouzid, Morocco
University of the Fraser Valley

International Business,
Post-Baccalaureate Diploma

UFV



Scholar Highlights

A Strong Debut Into Published Health Research



Noran Khafaga

Egypt, MSc in Physiotherapy specializing in Neurological Conditions,
University of Antwerp

In 2025, Noran made her research publication debut with a co-authored title published in **Sensors**, an international, peer-reviewed, open access journal established in 2001.



[A Systematic Review of the Accuracy, Validity, and Reliability of Markerless Versus Marker Camera-B](#) was published in June 2025, marking a major moment in Noran's burgeoning research career.



Scholar Highlights

Ending with Excellence: A Master's Thesis Defended



Grace Hanna

**Syria, Master's in Computer Science,
Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)**

In 2025, Grace Hanna **successfully defended her master's thesis, achieving an incredible score of 17 out of a total 20 points, reflecting high distinction** per the conventional grading system used throughout Belgium.

This achievement is the embodiment of Grace's tireless commitment to her studies, and a demonstration of her work ethic.

We're incredibly proud to have been along for her journey.



Scholar Highlights

Growing Abroad: World Health Summit Attendee



Ola Redwan

Palestine, Master's in Pharmaceutical Engineering
Ghent University

In 2025, Ola attended the [World Health Summit \(WHS\)](#), which unfolded in Berlin, Germany between October 12th and 14th 2025. Advancing her interests in pharmacy, medicine and community health, Ola had the opportunity to engage with multidisciplinary stakeholders from around the world who convened to envision a healthier world under the theme “*Taking Responsibility for Health in a Fragmenting World.*”

It was a highly enriching opportunity for Ola, who had a wonderful time.

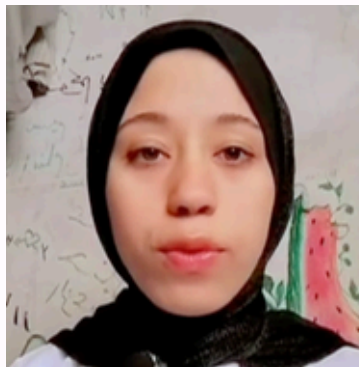


30K

USD
Invested

100

Female Students
Supported



Award Program 2025

The DFL Award Program returned in an exciting way for the foundation's 15th anniversary year. The program was reimagined, and brought back intentionally in response to acute need being faced by students in Gaza, Palestine, whose educational progress has been impacted by recent events.



In partnership with one of DFL's valued partners in the region, DFL delivered an unprecedented level of support, reflecting the foundation's largest single-institution contribution in the program's history.



Gaza University, one of the top universities in Gaza, returned as a long-running Award Program partner, to jointly deliver the revitalized version of the program during the summer of 2025.

DFL invested a historic \$30,000 USD into the university's eligible female student body, with 100 recipients receiving \$300 USD each in support of covering their tuition and academic fees.

Many students seeking higher education in Palestine and across MENA face financial barriers that prevent them from proceeding to their graduations, despite years of resilience and hard work.

By investing in students directly, DFL lifts that final hurdle, allowing the students to commit themselves fully to their remaining studies, while looking ahead of a brighter future with one less burden to carry.

The Daughters for Life Foundation is proud to have supported these students, and looks forward to new ways to implement programs to benefit the greatest good in the MENA region.

Click the play button to hear from the winners through our
[Voices from Gaza University Series on Youtube.](#)



Our Scholarship Academic Partners

We're grateful for our international network of academic partners, who jointly delivered our programs. **We were joined by 6 distinguished institutions for the 2025 scholarship Program.** Their ongoing support affirms a shared commitment to advance MENA women's education.



Across
Canada & Belgium



Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish: A Year of Global Impact

Dr. Abuelaish's Top Highlights of 2025

The 15th anniversary of the Daughters for Life Foundation marked an important milestone, but it was only one of many achievements in Prof. Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish's remarkable year. Throughout 2025, he continued to advance global dialogue on health, peace, education, and social justice through groundbreaking research, academic leadership, international collaboration, and public advocacy.

SUMMER 2025

Advancing Interdisciplinary Health Research in Belgium

In June, Dr. Abuelaish marked a major milestone. **For decades, Dr. Abuelaish has undertaken extensive research into the socio-medical phenomenon of hate**, establishing the world's first framework for analyzing it as a medical condition, in addition to the sociocultural occurrence.



Image: Dr. Abuelaish pictured with Prof. Severine Vermeire, Rector of KU Leuven

In partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO) and Belgium's top university, KU Leuven, he established **the Global Institute for the Study of Socio-endemic Diseases, Hatred, Health and Peace (GISED)**, which is a multi-disciplinary academic hub for the stakeholders and global academics, convening to address hate with the goal of its future elimination.

Dr. Abuelaish sits as the founder, inspirational leader and co-director of the institute, and is supported by Professor Dr. Chris Van Geet, KU Leuven's co-director of Academic and Research Affairs who manages the institute.

During the summer, **Dr. Abuelaish also reprised his role as an opinion columnist at the Globe and Mail**, penning two timely articles advocating for peace in Gaza and shedding light on the challenges faced by citizens navigating conflict.

THE GLOBE AND MAIL

Click the logo above read his 2025 publications.

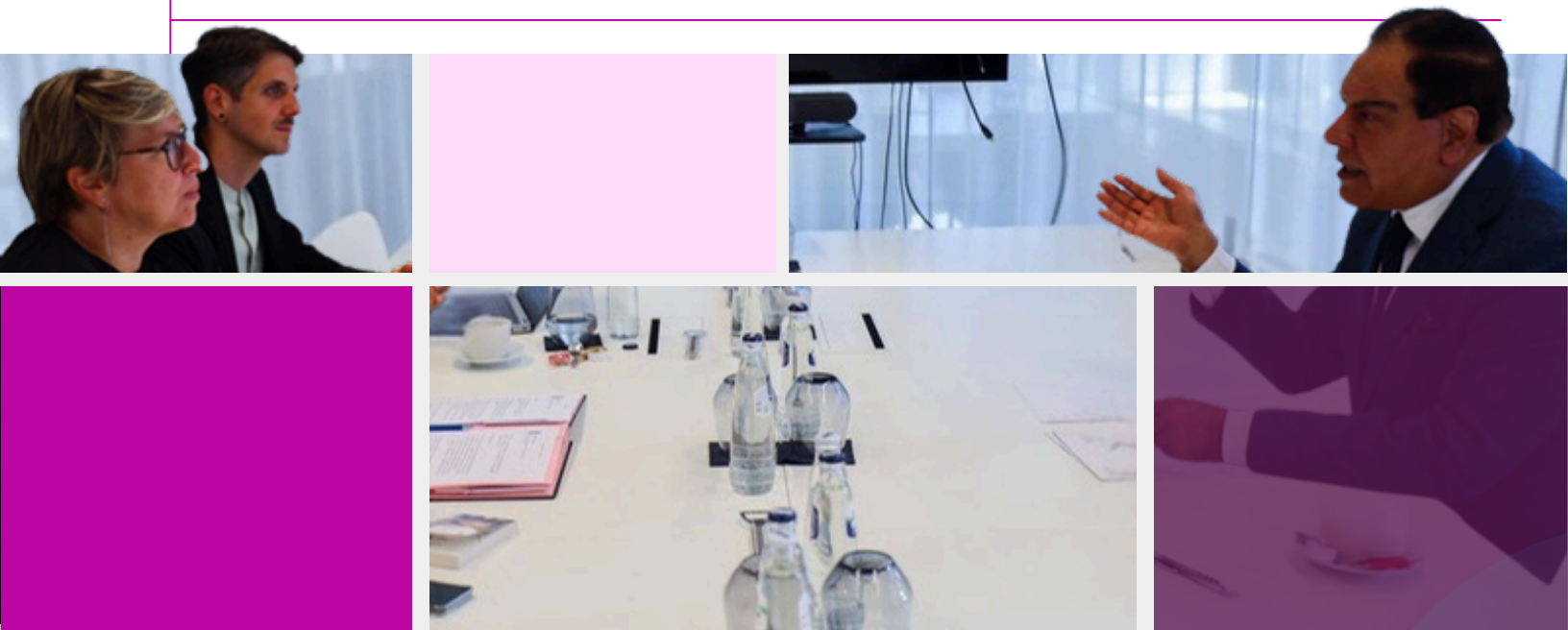
[Opinion Column, October 2025,](#)
[Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish](#)

FALL 2025

Visiting Professorship at KU Leuven, Dept. of Public Health and Primary Care

In September, Dr. Abuelaish began his official visiting professorship at KU Leuven's Department of Public Health and Primary Care, where he serves as an educator and mentor, as he has at more than six universities worldwide.





2025-2030 Strategic Plan

Over the course of 2025, DFL began implementing its 2025–2030 Strategic Plan following a comprehensive review of program impact, beneficiary outcomes, and organizational priorities. Guided by a data-informed and future-focused approach, **the Foundation identified five strategic priorities to strengthen its programs, organizational sustainability, governance, communications, and stakeholder engagement.**

Early progress has already been made across each of these priorities, laying a strong foundation for DFL's next phase of growth and impact.



Regional Growth

DFL took the first steps toward expanding its reach across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), laying the foundation for future program growth in alignment with its 2025–2030 Strategic Plan.

Strategic Priority 1



Expanding Academic Partnerships

DFL welcomed Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) as a new academic partner and laid the groundwork for future collaborations through discussions with additional institutions.

Strategic Priority 2



Strengthening Scholar Engagement

DFL relaunched its Mentorship Program for 2026, recruiting a record 17 mentors and receiving nearly 50 mentee applications to strengthen scholar and alumni engagement.

Strategic Priority 3



Building Organizational Capacity

DFL launched recruitment for its first Fundraising & Development Officer, receiving more than 100 highly qualified applications to strengthen its long-term fundraising capacity.

Strategic Priority 4



Digital Transformation

DFL began implementing Salesforce as its central CRM to strengthen operational efficiency, donor management, and organizational effectiveness.

Strategic Priority 5

Together, these initiatives represent the first phase of DFL's 2025–2030 Strategic Plan, positioning the Foundation for sustainable growth, stronger partnerships, enhanced operational capacity, and greater impact for the young women it serves.



DFL Events in 2025

Virtual Events Across the Year

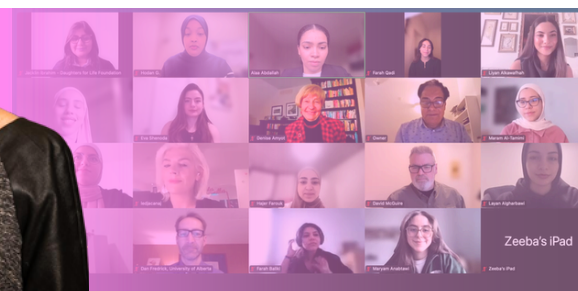
DFL held 2 successful virtual events that convened members of its global audience and network of stakeholders in a show of community and shared commitment to women's education.

SPRING WEBINAR

Resilience in Times of Crisis

While Navigating Your Career and Growing Your Leadership

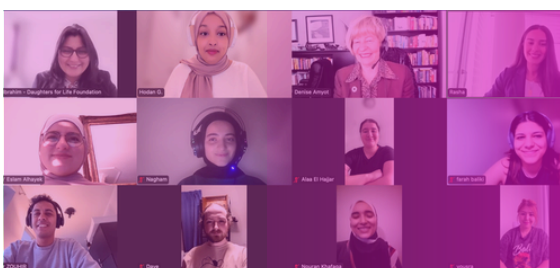
May 24, 2025



In the spring, **DFL held the first of two webinars designed to support its growing alumni network. Distinguished guest speaker Denise Amyot**, known for her decades of experience in executive coaching, public service, and private-sector leadership, joined DFL's diverse audience to share her insights and offer practical guidance to emerging leaders across the DFL network.

The theme of the conversation was resilience, and Denise graciously offered her guidance, time and expertise to scholars and DFL community members in attendance.

FALL WEBINAR



DFL Leadership & Growth Forum

A Year-End Community Gathering featuring a Scholar and Alumni Speaker Panel

November 29, 2025

To close the year, **DFL hosted the Leadership and Growth Forum, a virtual event celebrating the foundation's 15th anniversary while fostering community and alumni engagement.** Held on November 29, the webinar featured an interactive keynote address by returning speaker Denise Amyot, who journeyed through her career, and journey in leadership, alongside scholar and alumni-led panels, where students and graduates had the chance to share their stories authentically.

The event highlighted leadership through Denise's reflections and guidance, and growth through scholars' and alumni members' academic and professional journeys, creating a supportive atmosphere of encouragement and community, featuring an audience composed of donors, scholars, alumni, and members of the general public.



DFL Events in 2025 ...Continued

In-Person Global Gatherings

Intimate gatherings were interspersed between digital projects throughout the year, in recognition of the irreplaceable role that face-to-face communication, engagement and connection plays in DFL's philosophy and approach.

GATHERINGS IN BRUSSELS



Brussels, Belgium
February 2025

Brussels, Belgium
December 2025

Early in 2025, a group dinner was organized by Daughters for Life: Europe (DFLE)'s leadership team, inviting board directors, scholars and the founder to convene for an evening of thoughtful exchange and a communal goal-setting to set the tone for a productive year ahead. Host and organizer, **DFLE Board Director Leila Wafi**, invited the team to her home in Brussels, welcoming scholars and members of the team on a cold, but memorable winter's evening meal.

To close the year, the **DFLE team and scholars reconvened for a year-end dinner**, reflecting on a substantive year of progress, growth and community.

DINNER IN TORONTO



Toronto, Canada
December 2025

In keeping with the theme of community, **DFL Executive Director Jacklin Ibrahim organized a year-end dinner** with invitations extended to members of DFL's community. The event was the first in-person gathering in Canada of its scale since DFL's last annual gala which was held in 2019.

At a restaurant in downtown Toronto, **DFL board directors, donors, valued guests, scholars and alumni convened** to reflect on a meaningful 15th anniversary year, reaffirmed their commitment to DFL's mission, while looking ahead to a bright new year on the horizon.





2 Successful
Annual
Campaigns

Fundraising Campaigns in 2025

Implementing
New
Fundraising
Approaches

DFL's 2025 Fundraising Recap: A Year of Effective Strategies

15-FOR-15 ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

DFL organized a unique fundraising challenge that invited supporters and members of the community to commemorate the foundation's 15th anniversary by choosing from diverse contribution options.

The campaign was launched with a customized web page built cohesively around the anniversary theme, aligning with DFL's brand identity and future-focused outlook. This campaign raised an approximate total of **CAD 12,654.56** in donor-led funding, which directly enables the continuity of DFL's programs.

Raised
\$12.6K
from March to
June 2025

GIVING TUESDAY & YEAR-END CAMPAIGN

During Q4, DFL held strategic year-end fundraising bids, including an official Giving Tuesday campaign in early December. The foundation leveraged original visual assets and its digital presence to raise awareness about the foundation's work, while seeking for each a broader audience.

The year-end campaign that continued throughout the month of December was a major success, yielding approximately **CAD 41,717.56** in donation revenues, across standard and security donations.

Raised
\$41.1K
by December
31, 2025



Our Grant Funders in 2025

The Daughters for Life Foundation (DFL) extends its gratitude for the trust and investment of its major grant funders who've propelled the foundation's mission forward. **In 2025, the foundation received USD 155K in critical funding** that has enabled the ongoing operations and program expansions undertaken by the foundation.

*Adrian Family
Foundation*

\$30K USD

in grant funding
provided in 2025

As a trusted, long-term funding organization, **the Adrian Family Foundation's belief in DFL's mission has reshaped countless lives.**

In 2025, they generously provided **USD 30,000** in grant funds which have been allocated to DFL's programs, directly supporting its beneficiaries.

**Goldman
Sachs**
Gives

\$125K USD

in grant funding
provided in 2025

Another valued grant provider was the Jason M. Brown Annual Giving Fund, processed through Goldman Sachs Gives (GSG), an organization operated by CAF America.

Returning as a major funder in 2025, the fund contributed **USD 125,000**, strengthening the foundation's long-term sustainability.



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International
Corporate
Donors

2K CAD

in Corporate
Donation
Funds Raised

AAB
HEALTH



Corporate Donations in 2025

We're excited to recognize **AAB Health**, founded and owned by Alexa Alhout (DC, LAc) in New Jersey, USA and **Herbert Günther Real Estate**, based in Kitzbühel, Austria, as DFL's top corporate donors in 2025.

Between both contributing organizations, over **CAD 2,000** was raised in 2025, which has contributed directly to the continuity of the foundation's programs.

The Daughters for Life Foundation is grateful for the support of international enterprises, and seeks to build strong corporate partnerships with likeminded organizations to advance investment in MENA women's education.

We remain open to building connections, long and medium term sponsorship models and collaborations to the fulfill corporate social responsibility goals of prospective partners through investment in a meaningful and timely cause.



Your Support in Action

Top Annual Metrics, Made Possible With Your Support

6 Scholarship
Winners
in 2025



6

Scholarship
Academic
Partners in 2025

435

Donors in
2025

12.7K Volunteer
Hours
in 2025

Program
Applicants
from

10

MENA
Countries
in 2025

100 Award
Program
Winners in
2025



168
Competitive
Applicants

applied to the
2025/2026
Scholarship
Program

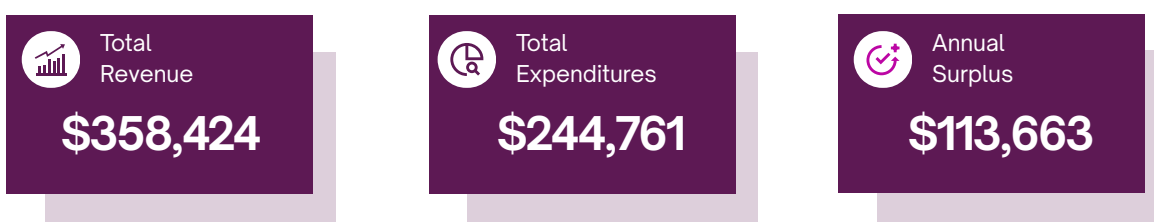


Financial Facts: Jan-Dec 2025

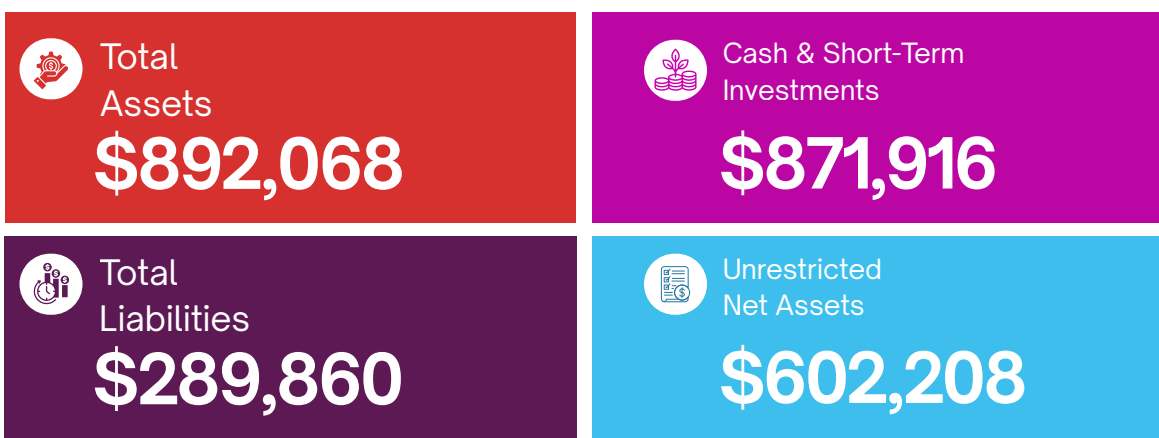
The Daughters for Life Foundation's programs are made possible through the generosity of our donors and the invaluable partnerships of leading academic institutions around the world. **Together, these partnerships provide life-changing educational opportunities for exceptional young women from the Middle East and North Africa.**

While DFL's audited financial statements reflect only the Foundation's direct revenues and expenditures, the overall value of the educational opportunities delivered each year is significantly enhanced through substantial in-kind scholarship contributions from our university partners.

REVENUE AND RESULTS

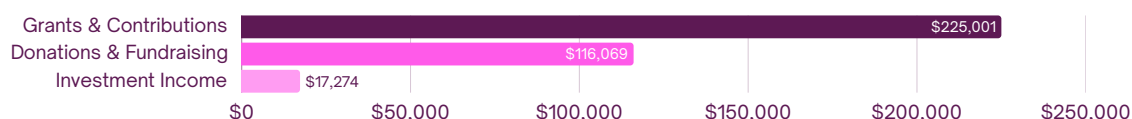


FINANCIAL POSITION



REVENUE SOURCES

All currency values are represented in Canadian dollars (CAD).



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

DFL remains committed to the responsible stewardship of donor funds and the long-term sustainability of its mission. Because our highest priority is ensuring uninterrupted educational opportunities for our scholars, the Foundation maintains sufficient unrestricted net assets to support approximately one year of operating activities. This prudent financial approach enables DFL to honour its commitments to scholars while remaining resilient during periods of economic uncertainty and unforeseen global events.



Our Donors & Supporters in 2025

We're grateful to our donors and all contributing organizations for their belief in our mission. Thanks to the generosity of our donor community, DFL received nearly **CAD \$116,000** in individual giving during 2025, helping create life-changing educational opportunities for young women across the Middle East.

By investing in women's education, you have opened doors, created greater opportunity, and transformed the lives of the young women we serve. Your generosity continues to inspire hope, expand access to higher education, and empower the next generation of leaders.

TOP DONORS

Recognizing our largest individual gifts in 2025.

Aysha Lockhat
Celine Mabile
Dietlinde Forster
Margueritta Kluensch
Martha Fraser
Paul Gooch
Thomas Miller
Zeeba Loxley

MAJOR DONORS

Individuals who contributed more than CAD \$100 in 2025.

Ahmad Qadori
Anonymous
Aysha Lockhat
Brian Muirhead
Carolyn Sutterle
Celine Mabile
Dietlinde Forster
Judith Messenger
Kerry McKeon
Khun Poh
Kip Cates
Margueritta Kluensch
Martha Fraser
Millie Morton
Paul Gooch
Peter Moodie
Rhodante Ahlers
Samira Kanji
Steve Blakey
Thomas Miller
William Butt
Zeeba Loxley

SUSTAINED SUPPORTERS

(Monthly Donors)

Barbara Landau
Caitlyn Mullen
Catherine Aenishanslin
David Boyd
Deanna Kox
Dietlinde Forster
Giovanna Longhi
Jeji Varghese
Joan Sharp
John Bluntschli
Karyn Ruel
Laveena Kamboj
Linda Darwish
Miriam Thorn
Nate Worrell
Peter John Robertson
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Prof. Faroque A. Khan
Roy Cottage
Sandy Wynia Katz
Susan Pamela Gale
Timothy Moody

**CORPORATE &
COMMUNITY DONORS**

**AAB
HEALTH**

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**Herbert Günther
Real Estate**



Testimonials



Becoming a DFL Scholar did not simply support my education; it made it possible. DFL opened doors that otherwise would have remained firmly out of reach. It allowed me to step into classrooms, communities, and networks that I could never have accessed on my own. The scholarship gave me freedom from financial constraints and the confidence that someone believed in my potential deeply enough to invest in it.

Liyan Alkawafhah,
Alumna, 2025 Leadership &
Growth Forum Speaker

Being part of the DFL family has been a turning point in my life. It gave me the chance to study abroad, grow academically, and discover new opportunities I never thought possible. I feel proud to represent the values of the program and grateful for the constant support.

Rahma Elsayed,
DFL-UAntwerp Scholar



I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the DFL Family for their unwavering support and guidance throughout my journey. My experience so far has been both challenging and rewarding, and the encouragement I received from the DFL team has made a significant difference in my academic and personal growth. I am proud of what I have achieved and look forward to continuing this journey with the same dedication and commitment.

Ola Redwan
DFL-Ghent University Scholar



Testimonials

...Continued

I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity. As an award recipient, I feel a profound sense of honor and gratitude. This award is more than just financial assistance; it is a symbol of hope and a testament to the belief in the power of education to transform lives. The partnership between DFL and Gaza University has created a pathway for me and other young women to pursue our academic aspirations despite immense challenges.

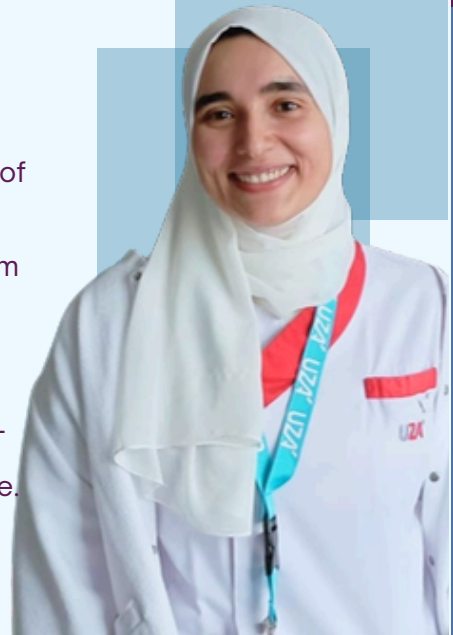
Lina AbuShaban,
2025 Award Program Winner

I am deeply grateful to the DFL Family for the tremendous support and opportunities I have received throughout my journey. This experience has not only helped me grow academically and professionally but has also shaped me personally, teaching me resilience, adaptability, and the value of community.

Living and studying in Belgium, meeting people from diverse backgrounds, and facing and overcoming challenges have all enriched my perspective and strengthened my confidence.

I look forward to continuing to give back to the DFL community and supporting future students so they can benefit from the same life-changing experience.

Noran Khafaga,
DFL-UAntwerp Scholar



I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Daughters for Life Foundation and Gaza University for this incredible opportunity. Being selected as an award recipient has been a turning point in my academic and personal journey. Your support has not only eased my financial burden during an extremely difficult time but has also renewed my hope and determination to pursue my dreams. Thank you for believing in me and in the potential of young women in Gaza. I will carry this experience with pride and responsibility, and I hope to give back to my community in meaningful ways, just as you have given to me.

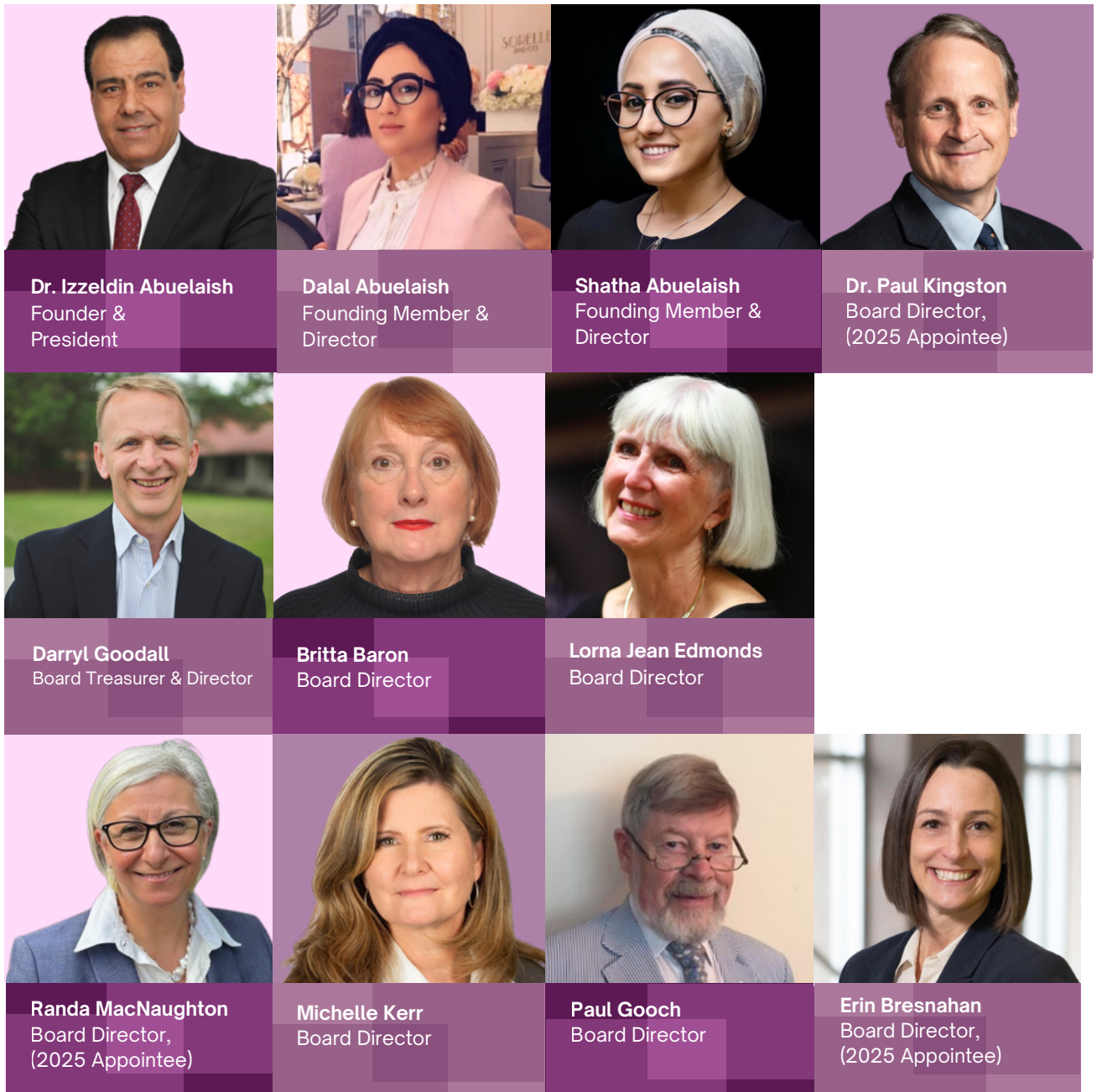
Loreeen Qandael,
2025 Award Winner



Board of Directors: Canada

The Daughters for Life Foundation is grateful for the leadership and dedication of its Board of Directors, whose guidance and expertise continue to advance our mission and support the Foundation's strategic growth.

In 2025, we were pleased to welcome **three new Board Directors**, further strengthening our governance and leadership.



Leadership

Behind every DFL success is a dedicated team of professionals and volunteers whose expertise, commitment, and shared belief in education make our mission possible.



Jacklin Ibrahim
Executive Director

Provides strategic leadership for the Foundation, overseeing operations, partnerships, fundraising, governance, and program development.

Professionals & Volunteers

Professional Services

- **Hodan Garbiye** – Program Coordinator

Volunteers

- **Agnes Hui** – Social Media Marketing
- **Galleca Villaflores** – Graphic Design & Web Design
- **Joy Khalil** – Research & Content Development
- **Lana Kayyali** – Administration, Operations & Alumni Engagement
- **Dave Benner** – Donor Management & Data Analytics
- **David Venneri** – Program Coordination
- **Hiba Ahmed** – Content Writing & Editing
- **Abdallah Abuelaish** – Community Outreach
- **Youssef Makary** – Events & Graphic Design



Board of Directors: Europe

Daughters for Life Europe is grateful to its Board of Directors and General Assembly members for their continued commitment and support. Their involvement helps guide DFL Europe's work and contributes to the Foundation's broader mission of expanding educational opportunities for young women.



Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish
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Board Director



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Omar Zouhir
Board Director



Tomas Van Respaille
Member of the
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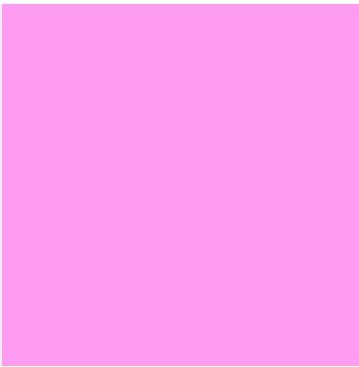


Valerie Barlet,
Member of the
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Alexis Deswaef
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