



**"Education is the most powerful  
weapon which you can use to  
change the world"**

Nelson Mandela

*F07- Amer Abdallah School:  
Fourth graders waiting for our arrival at  
the school's entrance.*

Dear Donors and Supporters,

Springboard this year managed to turn an undesirable situation into unmitigated success. Challenging the status quo and the civil unrest Egypt has been experiencing, the team managed to meet the schools' visits schedule, assist in organizing a 2nd Fun, Run, Walk Day and provide maintenance services to 61 schools this year.

Seeing the girls content and enjoying the school environment inspires us to go that much further in the future and continue the battle against female illiteracy. On this festive season, we would like to thank you for your continued support which allows us to move forward with the Springboard Project.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

## Apache Runs for the Schools



This year's Fun, Run/ Walk day, organized on November 18, was a major success. Like last year, the event was in collaboration with Apache's Wellness Program and took place in Wadi Degla protectorate.

Apache announced prior to the event that for every 2.5 km a participant runs/walks, Apache will donate one-year' worth of school supplies for one school. To our delight, a greater number of participants signed up and joined the event this year. We are proud to announce that participants covered 330 kilometers, which will provide supplies to 132 schools. We look forward to distribute the materials to the schools and see the girls' reactions. We are really eager to see educational creativity the girls and their teachers will produce with these supplies.

# Springboard “Maintains” Its Promise



Over the past 12 months, 61 schools have successfully undergone renovations embracing the dreams of more than 2000 girls in Fayoum and Giza. The renovations included electrical and sewage system upgrading, furniture refurbishment, internal and external re-painting and low-impact flooring installation. As part of the schools renovations, steel

doors and window screens were installed in many of schools to insure the safety of the girls and prevent computers from being stolen. This is all in an effort to create a positive environment for the enhancement of education and the girls' learning outcomes.

## Honorable Mentions



Pictures taken at F75 – El Khatib School

In addition to the schools renovations, the generosity of Springboard supporters has always helped provide additional non-financial material. Our generous donors The Sackmann Family, The Giaquinta Family and The Oldani Family have donated computers and printers to the Springboard schools' project that went to three schools in Fayoum. The girls were excited to see the computers and their teachers were very grateful; these donations will inspire the girls discover and develop their potential. For many of the girls computers are the doorway to the outside world that is full of knowledge, information and learning. When

delivering the computers to the schools, the Springboard team spent the day with the girls and the teachers training them how to use these computers to improve their academic performance. Also, The Brennan Family has donated school supplies including pencils, exercise books, erasers, crayons, arts and crafts material, and many other needed items to their school, G13- El Hawanem. Such donations have empowered our girls utilize their artistic and creative skills.



# Springboard is on the Map



It brings us great pleasure to announce that Apache Corporation has been selected as one of the twelve finalists for the U.S. Secretary of State's prestigious 2013 Award for Corporate Excellence (ACE).

The Secretary of State's Award for Corporate Excellence (ACE), established by the State Department in 1999, recognizes U.S. companies that achieved outstanding accomplishments in the field of corporate social responsibility on the international front.

The Springboard Schools' project, acting as the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of Apache, was set up in 2003 in an attempt to give back and benefit portions of the Egyptian community that need assistance. Apache realized the country's need for quality education targeting underprivileged Egyptian girls living in remote rural areas and thus, Springboard was initiated. The project is committed to fighting illiteracy and early marriage by providing educational platforms for girls to explore their potential and discover doors of opportunities.

Springboards Schools' Project was the reason behind Apache being nominated amongst 41 other companies which were submitted by U.S. ambassadors around the world for the ACE award. Out of these 42 companies, 30 have been eliminated leaving us with 11 other companies in the final stage. We are being nominated amongst top corporations in the world such as Coca Cola, Citibank, Boeing and others.

U.S. companies are nominated by Chiefs of Mission worldwide and the winners are chosen by the Principals' Award Selection

Committee. The Committee, chaired by the Under Secretary for Economic, Energy, and Agricultural Affairs, includes a representative of the Secretary, the Under Secretary for Global Affairs, the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, and various Assistant Secretaries. It also includes senior officials from the U.S. Agency for International Development, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, MCC, and Department of Commerce. Winners are recognized with a handsome, copyrighted award statue unveiled in a formal ceremony hosted by the Secretary of State. Former Secretaries of State Condoleezza Rice, Colin Powell and Madeleine Albright presented the ACE awards during their tenures.

We, the Springboard team, cannot express enough gratitude for your continuous support that enabled us to reach new limits and get recognized on the international level. On behalf of 7,000 girls, we sincerely say THANK YOU.





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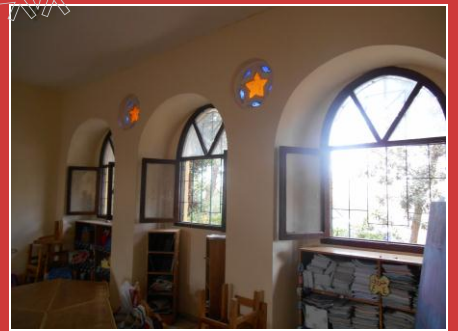
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*"The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives."*

*Robert M. Hutchins*



**G31 - Abou Kilani**

**Dear Donor and Supporter,**

Your donations have assisted in the education of more than 50,000 girls in three Egyptian governorates in the past eight years and continue to enable Springboard to reach a greater number of girls every year. We look forward to your renewed commitment to the Springboard schools' project and join us to promote and educate an educated generation of Egyptian women eager to bring change and make a difference in their country.

Your contribution can and does make a difference in the lives of these young girls!

**Tax deductible contributions can be made to Springboard**

**You can send a check to:**

**Springboard – Educating the Future**

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**Houston, Texas 77056. USA.**

The underprivileged girls of Egypt thank you for your support and for enabling their dreams to become reality.

**The Springboard Schools Team**

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