



"All our dreams can come true...if we have the courage to pursue them."

Walt Disney

Picture of Fayoum's Graduation Ceremony

Dear Donors & Supporters,

As we approach the end of the year, it is important to reflect our achievements and give thanks to all our supporters who made this year's activities possible. It is really important that we reassure you all that we remain committed to the best possible educational service that we can offer to Springboard students, teachers and graduates. It is also important that we remember that Springboard was established in 2004. This was a time when underprivileged girls had limited perspective on what their roles could or would be. We as Springboard Team helped change this perspective and we continue to move forward in that spirit. This year we celebrated the graduation of 70 Springboard girls who have great dreams that they want to pursue. As we follow up on the students' progress, we monitor the schools that need maintenance. We usually maintain 60 schools per year but this year we achieved a new record of 70 schools. We are also happy that we will be able to support 16 schools with laptops and this wouldn't have been done without the participation of many Apaches and their families in this year's Fun Run/Walk/Cycle Day.

As another successful year draws to a close, it is amazing how much has been achieved by the students, parents and partners. We are happy to share with you these achievements in this newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading it. We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Thank You For 5 Years Of Support!

This year marks the fifth anniversary of the Fun Run/Walk event. This event is organized yearly by the Wellness Program team and the Springboard Team. The goal of the event is not only to promote a healthy lifestyle for Apaches and their families, but also to raise funds to support the Springboard Schools.

The 5th Fun Run/Walk/Cycle Day took place at the Wadi Degla Protectorate on November 17th where a number of Apaches and their families gathered to walk, run and cycle. The participants covered a cumulative distance of 640 kilometers which allowed us to purchase 16 computers for the Springboard Schools.

On behalf of the Springboard Schools, Springboard Team would like to thank all the participants for every covered kilometer. Thank you for allowing us to integrate technology in more schools. Over the past two years, your participation has led to the purchase of 74 computers that were distributed to schools in the Fayoum, Minya and Giza governorates. Thank you for adding more 16 computers.



A NEW RECORD: 70 SCHOOLS MAINTAINED



Every year, Springboard Team maintain around 60 schools. This year we are happy to advise that we exceeded our yearly quota and we were able to maintain a total of 70 schools. The 70 schools are divided as follows: 48 schools in Fayoum and 22 Schools in Giza.

The maintenance activities include: internal and external painting, plumbing and electrical repairs along with furniture refinishing.

Our main focus this year was to check that all our schools are connected to water and electricity. Water motors were installed in some of the schools and electricity connections were repaired. Furniture repairs were also carried out in 35 schools. The desks and chairs were either refurbished or replaced to provide a comfortable environment for the girls to learn. The 70 schools now look great; they all provide a great atmosphere for the girls to learn and grow.

Honorable Mentions



Supplies donated by the Versfelt family



Laptop donated by the Konecki Family

It is always so heartening when we receive a donation from a generous donor that allows us to say "yes" to more students' and teachers' needs. Every day Springboard provides girls the opportunity to transform their lives, and build a better world for themselves and for all of us. We, as the Springboard Team, truly could not do this without the support of our donors. On behalf of Springboard Schools, we would like to thank our continuous supporter Ms. Rana Mostafa for sending clothes and books to our school girls. We would also like to thank the Versfelt family for their donation that allowed us to purchase one-years' worth of school supplies for three schools in Fayoum: F70 El Qariya 10, F78 Dar El Salam, and F80 El Qariya 1 schools. The supplies will help the teachers develop interactive educational tools and will help the students engage in the learning process. The Versfelt family's donation will also allow us to organize a competition between two schools in Giza. The winning Team will win a field trip to one of the amusement parks "Dream Park". We are planning this trips for the end of January during the students' winter vacation. On behalf of G27 El Rahawi School girls and teachers, Springboard Team would like to thank the Konecki family for donating a laptop to the school. The students were very excited to receive the laptop and they promised us that they will use it efficiently. Your support means so much to us, but even more to the girls. People like you make it possible for us to continue Springboard's mission of delivering sustainable educational services to the girls of Egypt. Thank you for shaping the future of many.

CONGRATULATIONS!

October 5th, 2016, marks a very special day for Springboard. It is the day we honored 70 graduates from 35 Springboard schools in Fayoum who are currently enrolled in high schools to continue their education. The purpose of this celebration was to commemorate the road that Springboard Team, students and teachers have traveled together.

A graduation ceremony is always a special event - the culmination of years of hard work; the realization of goals attained and the acknowledgement of successes achieved by the students and their teachers.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Adel Abd El Moneim, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education- Fayoum Governorate, Mr. Yasser Omar, the Undersecretary of Fayoum's Educational Administration, Mr. Magdy Abd El Ghany General Director of community schools at the Ministry of Education, Mr. Ashraf El Damhougy, Fayoum Schools Supervisor at the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM) and Mr. David Chi, Vice president and General Manager of Apache Egypt along with other guests from Apache, Sinopec, Khalda, and Qarun. The students' parents also attended this celebration to witness their daughters' being honored.

At the beginning of the celebration, the attendees stood up and sang Egypt's national anthem. Then, a wonderful song was performed by some of Springboard students. They also performed a play that showed the history of Springboard schools and how everything started.

The event was organized by Springboard, the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM) and Fayoum's Educational Administration.

After the students' great performance, Apache Egypt Vice President and General Manager as well as the Chairman of Springboard-Board of Directors, Mr. David Chi gave a speech to the students and teachers encouraging them to dream and aspire. *"Apache know that you have big dreams and aspirations, we saw that when we honored some of the students from Minya earlier this year, we were surprised how ambitious they are and of course you are not different, which gives me the opportunity to tell you that Apache will try to help you achieve your dreams even after your graduation from the Springboard schools as long as you chase those dreams."*, mentioned Mr. Chi.

After his speech, Mr. Chi handed the awards and certificates to the students and their teachers. Mr. Chi also handed awards to Fayoum's educational administration team appreciating their efforts towards the schools and the students.

It was a happy day to see all the great minds gathered in one place. All of them have big dreams. They already took a huge step when they decided to join Springboard Schools and they all encountered some trials and obstacles along the way to become what they have become today.

We are very proud of them and we are assured that they will continue to work hard to make a brighter future for themselves and their communities.





Dear Donor and Supporter,

We would like to thank you for your continued support to Springboard. Due to your generosity, we are able to further our mission in bettering the lives of many girls across Egypt. Your contribution is used to provide many needs such as: medical support, educational games, art supplies, clothes, field trips and computers.

Your support has repeatedly played a key role in our success in providing a healthy learning environment for Springboard girls. Your contribution can and does make a difference in the lives of these young girls!

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

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