



Nazareth Project INC

Partnering with Nazareth Trust in Nazareth and surrounding areas



A time to look back with gratitude and to look forward with hopes and dreams for the future

The Nazareth Hospital story begins with an Armenian born in Constantinople, who, after training in Edinburgh, traveled from Scotland to Nazareth. The year was 1861 when Dr. Karloost Vartan set up a four-bed clinic in then Ottoman Galilee. That clinic grew into the Nazareth Hospital, which has grown to a 150-bed facility, employing 700 people and serving as the main trauma center offering acute care in Nazareth.

As Nazareth Trust CEO, Richard Mayhew looks back at those who have left their indelible mark on Nazareth Hospital, he notes that Hospital leaders from past and present have dedicated their lives to following in Jesus' footsteps.



"I see the faces of the people who laid the foundation of our Christian ministry and also those who helped it grow by funding new developments. If I look even closer, I am taken back to last year, and all I see is the bravery and commitment of those who fought against Coronavirus in our hospital."

Waseem Dibbini, Deputy CEO, reflects on the past year and half with gratitude. "I thank God for guiding me and providing me with patience, inner peace

and energy to deal with the constant challenges of COVID-19. Thanks to God, we've passed these turbulent times with minimal losses."

Standing at the 160-year mark, Mayhew, Dibbini and other senior leaders look forward with a vision for Nazareth Hospital that continues to serve as the main trauma and acute care hospital in the area and as a leader in medical research and education. They also envision a

Dr. Kaloost Vartan →
Richard Mayhew ↘
Waseem Dibbini ↓



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widening of spiritual care services for patients, visitors and staff.

A major growth project for the next five years is a new Emergency Room. Currently the Hospital has 21 stations in the ER; the Nazareth Hospital Master Plan calls for an ER with 70 stations.

By expanding the size of the ER, the Hospital will reduce the number of patient transfers to other parts of the country. This way, Nazareth Hospital can offer high-quality and culturally sensitive service to patients and their families close to where they live.

The Israeli Ministry of Health has supported the Master Plan and offered financial support for the new ER.

The development of the new ER will be a multi-phase process with the initial phase including the construction of a new chapel for the Hospital. The current chapel is in a building that will be removed prior to the construction of the new ER.

In honor of the 160th anniversary of the Nazareth Hospital's work in the hometown of Jesus, the Nazareth Trust has launched a special appeal, offering supporters the opportunity to become part of the unique history and invest in the future of Nazareth Hospital and Nazareth Academic School of Nursing.

NPI and the Trust recommend a special donation of \$100 per month for a period of 60 months.

[Please use the enclosed envelope or NPI's online donation portal to respond to the 160th appeal.]

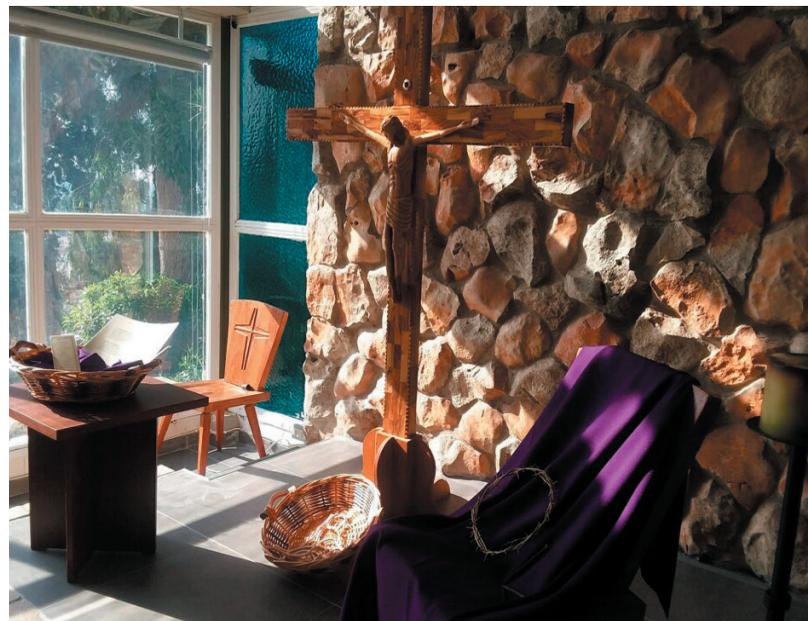
Dr. Bob Martin comments on the 160th

At the 160-year mark, Dr. Bob Martin was asked: 'What makes the Nazareth Hospital unique compared to other hospitals in Israel?' he responded with a focus on Christian faith:

"To be honest with you, Jesus makes the difference: the compassion, the love and the care that He demonstrated - that's not to be said it's not found in other faiths. Our aim at the hospital has been to give testimony to the life of Jesus.

"In addition, the Hospital's standard of care has improved greatly; it's excellent! It's been there for 160 years and has been there as a presence during many wars. The people of Nazareth Hospital have led us through these difficult periods that helped the hospital grow and develop. Our goal has always been to be a reconciling presence: we're open to all people! "

Drs. Bob and Nancy Martin served in Nazareth on three assignments during 1965 – 1995. Nancy provided critical leadership to the School of Nursing as it developed an RN program and obtained formal registration with the government of Israel. Bob served as a physician and, later, the General Director of the Hospital.



The Hospital chapel has been an important place of gathering, prayer and worship for the Hospital community. A new chapel will be built as part of the ER project.

Opportunities for designating your 160th anniversary monthly gift:

- ✓ \$100 per month for 60 months to support the expansion of the School of Nursing
- ✓ \$100 per month for 60 months to support a new chapel for Nazareth Hospital

Unique charitable ways to give to NPI

There are many giving strategies that can help you to increase your impact on NPI's important initiatives while also building charitable tax advantages. Along with Everence, we invite you to consider these options:

- **Charitable IRA Rollover**

If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you're likely familiar with the requirement to withdraw a certain percentage from your account beginning at age 72. Supporters aged 70 ½ and better may consider an IRA charitable rollover (up to \$100,000) to a qualified charity and not have that transfer count towards their taxable income in the same year. Charitable rollover amounts could count toward the client's required minimum distribution.

- **Making a Distribution from your Donor Advised Fund**

A smart way to extend your generosity is to establish a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) through Everence®. A DAF is the equivalent of a charitable investment account. After you make an initial tax-deductible contribution to the account, you can recommend distributions to NPI (or other charitable organizations) now and/or in future years. Any funds that remain in the account are invested tax-free in order to grow your charitable impact over time. If you have a donor advised fund with another Foundation, now is a great time to consider a gift to NPI from your fund.

- **Becoming a Sustaining Donor**

In honor of the 160th anniversary of the Nazareth Hospital's work in the hometown of Jesus, the Nazareth Trust has launched a special appeal for you to donate \$100 for 60 months. This important monthly commitment will assure future growth and

sustainability of Nazareth Hospital and Nazareth Academic School of Nursing.

- **Giving an Appreciated Asset**

You can make a big impact when you make a charitable gift of appreciated assets like stocks, bonds, retirement assets and real estate. In addition to receiving an immediate charitable income tax deduction, your gift of appreciated assets may allow you to also reduce capital gains taxes.

We'd love to talk more with you about smart giving options and the ways they can benefit NPI's mission. For more information, please contact Howard Good, Executive Director, Nazareth Project at howardgood@nazarethproject.org or 717-290-1800, or Elyse Kauffman, Everence Charitable Consultant, at elyse.kauffman@everence.com or 717-653-6662.

NOTE: Please consult with your accountant or financial consultant for specific information about and potential strategies for your personal situation.



Updates on postponed events

Nazareth Village reopened on **Nov 1** after nearly 20 months of closure due to the Covid-19 pandemic. If you are traveling to Israel, don't miss a visit to Nazareth Village!

The 2022 Nazareth Challenge bike ride and Jesus Trail hike are scheduled for **Oct 23-29, 2022.**

A special service of thanksgiving for the 160th anniversary will be held in Nazareth on **Saturday, Oct 22, 2022.**

NPI has tentative plans for a tour to Israel/Palestine during **Oct 12-23, 2022.** The tour will be in Nazareth on Oct 22 for the anniversary celebration.



▲ Nazareth Village is an open-air museum set on the grounds of the Nazareth Hospital. Visitors experience biblical teachings and reenactments of village life in the time of Jesus. The village features houses, terraced fields, wine and olive presses, all built to replicate those that would have been in a Galilean village in the 1st century. Since its official opening in 2000, the Nazareth Village has welcomed more than one million visitors.



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At the 160-year mark, Nazareth Hospital remembers the past with gratitude and looks to the future with hope and dreams.

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Give \$100 per month for 60 months to:

- ✓ Expand the School of Nursing by 40%
- ✓ Phase 1 of building a new Emergency Room -- a new chapel to replace the current chapel which will be displaced by the new ER

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Unique charitable options for you to support NPI

◀ *Nazareth Village reopens.*