



January 2018

Dear donors, sponsors, friends,

As we're starting a new year, let us first wish you all the best for 2018, and report on our 2017 activities and audited accounts.

Work on the ground

We are happy that 93% of children schooled in hospitals passed class in June 2017, thanks to the dedication of our teachers who never let a hospitalized child miss a day of school.

We currently school 124 children and employ 13 teachers in 6 hospitals.

Since inception in 2010, we have schooled 508 children undergoing treatment for life-threatening illnesses.

We welcomed Mrs. Adla Kokoni as our new Hospital Coordinator.

Financial accounts: USD 64k deficit

You can view our audited accounts by clicking here.

- Disbursements of \$218k were mostly allocated to pay teachers in hospitals. Disbursements have been stable since 2015 as we are present in all hospitals where it is relevant.
- However, fundraising dropped to \$154k (down by \$135k) due to lower donations.
- We consequently incurred a USD 64k deficit.

Testimonials from children and parents

Myschoolpulse teachers and pupils study in an environment of unspeakable difficulty and pain but where somehow, hope, success, smiles and thanks are frequent. Here are a few testimonials:

- "I'd like to thank Myschoolpulse and its teachers from the bottom of my heart. Words aren't sufficient to express my gratitude and appreciation for what you do. Thank you for all your efforts, Myschoolpulse is a great association and the teachers are amazing." Issam Okar's mother (Hariri Hospital)

- "Lynn, 12 years old, always brings her school bag along to her weekly treatment. She's always eager to sit with her teachers and finish her assignments before the end of her treatment. Her parents are grateful that Myschoolpulse teachers are always available for Lynn". (Saint Georges Hospital).
- "Mohamad, 7 years old, is at Notre Dame des Secours in Jbeil. With his teacher, he worked hard on science and math subjects. When they were working on multiplications, he was studying with such pleasure and motivation that even his parents were surprised. Mohamad added: "I wish I could take her with me so I can study with her every day".
- Many parents tell us that their child looks forward to seeing his/her teacher. Doctors also find patients easier to treat as they enjoy the time spent with the teachers.

Events in 2017

- **December:** Dine for Myschoolpulse's 4th edition occurred during the holiday month, spreading the cheer with every donation made. Santa visited 6 hospitals and every child received a gift from his wish list. The nurses, whose devotion is boundless, were also offered a gift.
- **October:** "Pulses of Happiness", an exhibition displaying art produced by children at the Notre Dame des Secours hospital in Jbeil.
- **July:** "Pulse 5K & 1K", our 8th edition gathered 1,660 participants in Faqra Club. Our next edition (9th) is on Sunday, August 5, 2018.
- **April:** "Swimathon", in association with the Lebanese International Swimming Academy (LISA), gathered children from various schools to participate in a fun swim fundraising race.
- We would like to extend special thanks to our other 2017 fundraisers: Alice Moghabghab who gave us the proceeds of a movie within the Beirut Arts Film Festival, the Lycée Libanais Privé de Dubai, and the Hocus Pocus Association, among others.

We thank you very much for your continued support.

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