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## PROGRAMS YOUR DONATION WILL SUPPORT

Unlocking the Door of Opportunity for Holy Land Youth

The Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land exists to provide critical, life-sustaining opportunities to Christians in the Holy Land. One of the pillars of the Foundation's mission is to support access to education for young people.

Investing in education for deserving young Christian scholars in the Holy Land, ultimately leads to economic advancement and stability as more Christians can afford to remain in the Holy Land.

"I am thankful to my sponsors.
As a result of the education that
I received from my scholarship,
not only will I improve my own
life, but also the life of my
children and future generations."

- Carine Koussa, Former University Scholarship Recipient

By supporting these education programs with your generous gift, you can make a lifelong impact on generations to come.



The Elementary and High School program offers a life-changing opportunity for children in need. Children receive crucial support for their education, including school tuition, books and uniforms. For many parents, financial strain makes it difficult to provide their children with an education that instills Christian values, teaches religious instruction and fosters a sense of social justice. With your help, all children are given an equal chance to receive a quality education.

The Magnificat Institute in the Holy City of Jerusalem promotes musical knowledge with focused attention to the cultural heritage of various local communities in the Holy Land. The Magnificat Institute aims to create opportunities, both choral and instrumental, to break down the cultural, religious and linguistic barriers and promote peaceful and friendly relationships in the Holy Land between children of different backgrounds.



Since 1997, FFHL has given full, four-year university scholarships to hundreds of students who were economically marginalized but had strong academic talent. Educational scholarships provide necessary skills for successful employment and afford students the opportunity to remain in the Holy Land The scholarship program pays for four years of college tuition and books.

For students who wish to learn a trade or skill, FFHL includes vocational and technical education for Holy Land Christians who desire to learn a specialized field. Students study at two-year vocational and technical schools such as the Notre Dame School of Cooking and the Lutheran World Federation Vocational Training Center in Jerusalem.

## EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO THE FUTURE



At the beginning of the 20th century, Christians accounted for a quarter of the population in the Holy Land, today they account for under 2%.

The Christian exodus from the Holy Land can be attributed in large part to a lack of formal education. Without this access, Christians encounter difficulties in securing meaningful employment, which ultimately leads to a lifetime of financial struggles. Solving this gap in education begins with ensuring younger generations have access to education. These Christian children represent the future hope of permanence in the Holy Land, beginning with early access to education, then a higher degree, and ultimately a lifetime of stable income.

Considering the investment in school tuition, books and uniforms, the cost for the full seven years of this education is \$3,500. The Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land depends on our loyal and generous donors to help offset these costs so more Christian children can receive the gift of an education at our Catholic schools. Supporting the equivalent of even one child's education can impact generations of our brothers and sisters who are able to remain in the Holy Land thanks to your generosity.

"The Catholic faithful must support Christians in their needs, so that the names of Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem will inspire in the spirit of today's and tomorrow's Christians, sentiments of gratitude for the ineffable mystery that took place there, and the news of salvation that, thanks to the first communities of believers, reached the whole world from that land."

– Pope John Paul II

The Terra Santa schools, administered by the Franciscan Custody, bring a unique approach to uniting individuals through educational activities without bias toward social class or religion. The schools integrate societal and family life values as well as serve children who are physically, morally and economically deprived.





Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land (FFHL) is a worldwide organization founded in 1994 under the auspices of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land.

FFHL was created to safeguard the basic human rights and continued presence of the Christian minority living in the Holy Land by providing academic programs, subsidized housing and employment opportunities, while preserving, protecting and restoring the Holy Sites of Christianity.

For information on the Christian Student Education Program or our other efforts, please contact us:

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