

2022-2023

# Newsletter

January Edition



## BREAKDOWN OF THE PAST SIX MONTHS

Since launching in July 2021, we have assisted over a hundred patients and their families in accessing the healthcare they need. We would like to take this time to highlight our gratitude for Egatha's Lebanon-based team, which includes three volunteers and our doctor, Dr. Afaf Minari. Their dedication and commitment to putting everything into real, tangible action are greatly appreciated. And as always, **THANK YOU**, our loyal supporters, for continuing to spread Egatha's message and services.

**Egatha has supported the following patients and their respective needs since December 2021:**

- 8 patients' Hospitalization/ER Care
- **64 patients' medications**
- 4 patients' laboratory work
- **2 patients' radiology tests**
- 1 patient's dental procedure
- **8 patients' consultation fees with KZ Dispensary**
- 10 families supported for monthly medical care

**We are proud of these numbers, and the impact we have been blessed to have on these individuals in need!**

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## Highlights

### 2021 in Review

- Learn about what we have accomplished in only six months of operation!

### Our Success Stories

- See who we have helped in the last month!

### Plans for February





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80 YEARS OLD

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Egatha's Patient

This patient came from a middle-class background until the series of crises sent Lebanon into an economic depression. His story is similar to that of many Lebanese who are now unable to afford the fees of inpatient care. Upon the request of a Daughters of Charity nun, Egatha covered a portion of his hospitalization so that he could be discharged with dignity and respect.

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Egatha's Patient

“ ANONYMOUS  
24 YEAR OLD

The patient originally had her psychiatric illness under control until her family had to interrupt her medications for several months due to financial and availability issues. A follow-up consultation to adjust her prescriptions was too expensive. After receiving news of this patient's situation, Egatha bargained with a local psychiatrist to follow up with the patient on a regular basis. Egatha also reached out to several pharmacists to hunt down the patient's necessary medications amidst the ongoing shortage of drugs.



## February Goals

Because of the severe drug shortages in Lebanon, Egatha has made strides to cover as many over-the-counter and prescription drug needs as possible.

**Our plan for February through March is to increase the amount of basic, diabetic testing we already provide to patients.** Moreover, our hope is to begin running this program where an endocrinologist will monitor these patients' labs and medications once a month to follow-up. Drug assistance is only as beneficial with follow-up procedures, and most of Egatha's patients cannot afford the increasingly expensive cost of private consultations.