

Program Highlights

May 2009

- The annual leadership conference with local partners was hosted by the Al-Adessieh non-profit organization on May 16th.
- *Jonathan Reckford* visited Jordan for the World Economic Forum and spent the day of May 17th visiting Jordan's historic site and meeting with our local partners in Ghor Al Safi. He also visited a homeowner family in Ghor Al Safi.
- *Dani El Tayar*, National Director for HFH Lebanon was invited to Jordan by our National Director, Thomas Stocker, to share best practices, create synergy between both programs and introduce Thomas to some of his contacts in Jordan.

June 2009

- *Yasser*, HFH Lebanon Finance Manger was in Jordan for a week customizing the Middle East loan tracking system for HFH Jordan and training accountants from local partners on how to use the system.
- HFH Jordan relocated to a *new office* at the City Center building on First Circle in Jabal Amman.
- HFH Jordan was able to tithe US\$ 5,000 to HFH Lebanon.

July 2009

- Thomas Stocker, our National Director, met with Mr. Brahim at the Ministry of Social Development to discuss plans to start working with a new jamayat or local partner.

August 2009

- Our National Director visited several new potential local partners in the North of Jordan together with Mohammed Malkawi.

September 2009

- HFH Jordan successfully hosted regional director Ezekiel Espisu's first visit to Jordan.



Dani, Thomas and Jonathan pose for a picture with a local family in Ghor Al Safi



Annual Leadership Conference hosted by Al-Adessieh

A Place to Call Home and Raise a Family

Homeowner Story: Haitham Ibraheem and Amal Awad



Homeowners, Amal Ibraheem Mahmoud Awad, 24 and Haitham Musa Hasan Ibraheem, 31

Haitham and Amal used to live with 10 other family members in Haitham’s father’s home. His father Musa, his mother Rasmyieh, his brothers Mahmoud and Yehia, his sisters Umayma, Wafa’a, Tasneem, Salsabeel and Islam, mother of his 3 year old nephew, Hasan. This surely was an overcrowded living condition for a newlywed couple who looked forward to raising a family of their own. Today, Amal is six months pregnant.

Overcrowded living conditions like these are common in Jordan with about 83% of the population living in urban areas. This number continues to increase due to refugee inflows, continued migration to the cities and high urban poverty levels. These living conditions endanger the health and well-being of occupants and the lack of privacy increases family tension.

HFH Jordan has continued to work diligently with its affiliates to improve living conditions in Jordan and partnered with Haitham and Amal to help them build their new home. The couple was delighted when they were approved for a 2475 JOD (approx. \$ 3535) loan in May of 2008, with a monthly homeowner payment of 45JOD (approx. \$64). His father, Musa, contributed with the land title and allowed his son to build on his roof top. The project included installation of drainage system, kitchen, and bathroom, in addition to plastering, tiles, windows and doors. The homeowner, Haitham, contributed with the installation of electricity.

Most recently, Haitham and Amal got a visit from the Women Leaders of Minnesota which included Sandra Pappas, the Senate District 65’s senator for St. Paul, Minnesota. The ladies were given a warm welcome and shown true Jordanian hospitality, when offered juice, coffee and candies.

Visit from Women Leaders of Minnesota



KEY FACTS

521 families served

136 loans paid off

\$ 1,085,242 housing fund

80% on-time repayment within 90 days

Homeowner’s finished bedroom, living room and kitchen

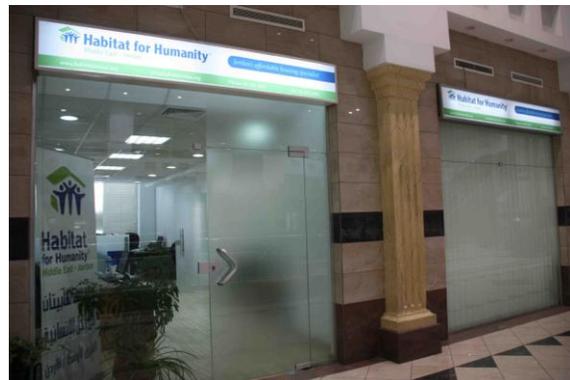


Staff Update

- On September 27, 2009, Sharif Sami joined the HFH Jordan team as our new accountant. Mr. Sharif has more than 7 years experience in financial management and controlling. Mr. Sharif previously worked as a chief accountant at an engineering company, a finance manager at a construction company, a senior financial officer at an international logistics company and as a senior financial controller at a credit card company. Sharif Sami holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and an MBA in Bank Management.
- At the end of October, Susan Jauregui joined the HFH Jordan team as the Resource Development and Communication Coordinator volunteer. Ms. Jauregui is a sales and marketing professional with 11 years' experience driving growth and raising assets under management. Prior to joining Habitat for Humanity Jordan, Ms. Jauregui was Director of Sales and First Vice President at BiscayneAmericas Advisers, LLC ("BA"), an investment advisory company specializing in the investment management of emerging market portfolios in Miami, FL. Ms. Jauregui was responsible for direct global marketing and sales of all products and services across North America, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Prior to BA, Ms. Jauregui was a private banking officer at Banco Santander International, Spain's largest bank and Europe's 3rd largest. In addition, Ms. Jauregui has worked at Merrill Lynch and the University of Miami. Ms. Jauregui has a Bachelor of Business Administration in International Finance and Marketing with a Minor in Computer Information System from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, FL.



Susan Jauregui and Sharif Sami



HFH Jordan's new office in Jabal Amman

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Life's most persistent question is "What are you doing for others?" -Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

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- ◆ **Connect with HFH in Your Community**
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- ◆ **Spread the Word and Encourage Others to Donate, Advocate or Volunteer**