

Bethlehem- September 2026

Dear Mr. Pastor Fischer,
Dear Dr. Regina Steinau,
Dear Friends of Kassel Circle of the St. Familia parish,

Warm greetings from all of us at Caritas Baby Hospital in Bethlehem. As we approach the end of 2026, we find ourselves thinking often of the friends who make our work possible, and you are very much among them. Your faithful support over the past ten years has carried us through difficult times, and we wanted to take a moment to thank you for this longstanding partnership and to share some of what your generosity has made possible.

Despite an increasingly challenging humanitarian, political, and economic environment, Caritas Baby Hospital has remained steadfast in its mission to provide high-quality pediatric care while investing in its long-term institutional development.

In 2025, our doctors, nurses, and staff cared for more than 40,000 children. Many came from families in need and received financial support through our Social Services Department.

Behind each of those numbers is a child and a family who found quality medical care and hope within our walls. One of them was Karam, who was admitted to our intensive care unit after a relapse of severe pneumonia. After one week in our care, he went home healthy, and his parents asked us to pass on their heartfelt thanks to the people who stand behind us. We pass those thanks on to you now.

We are also glad to share some news from around the hospital. In May, the Palestinian Ministry of Health (MOH) announced that Caritas Baby Hospital has achieved a distinguished medical and administrative milestone by attaining Level 4 in the Patient Safety Friendly Hospital Initiative (PSFHI). This is the highest level of the PSFHI accreditation awarded by the World Health Organization (WHO) in collaboration with the MOH to healthcare institutions that adopt rigorous standards in quality of care and patient safety.

Level 4 reflects the hospital's success in building a management system that prioritizes patient safety and strengthens the partnership with patients by empowering them and their families to understand their rights and actively participate in treatment decisions.

Also, on 29 October 2026, we plan to open the Jubilee Wing for pediatric day surgery, a project you have generously supported with more than €120,000. The Jubilee Wing will address a critical gap in pediatric healthcare in Palestine by expanding access to specialized, child-friendly surgical services for thousands of children and their families.

From our staff, and above all from the children and their families, thank you. Please know that you are remembered here with deep gratitude. We look forward to welcoming you to Caritas Baby Hospital and Bethlehem in the near future, to see for yourself the fruit of your commitment to the children of Palestine.

With warm regards,

Dr. Ra'fat Allawi
Chief Medical Officer