

Friends of MS at AUBMC Fundraising Event

Beirut, February 2016: On Saturday, February 6, 2016, Friends of MS at AUBMC organized a fundraising event for the 4th consecutive year at the Four Seasons Hotel, Beirut under the patronage and the attendance of Mrs. Lama Tammam Salam to support needy patients diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

Mrs. Salam expressed her pride in supporting the Multiple Sclerosis Center at AUBMC, reflecting on the center's extended commitment to delivering the highest quality of care to this community. "It is our duty to support and help this center, being the only center in Lebanon dedicated to MS patients and their families, in fulfilling its promise to deliver the best patient care to patients with multiple sclerosis. Since its inception, the center, led by a highly dedicated and specialized team, has supported more than 150 patients both psychologically and financially," she added.

Dr. Samia Khoury, professor of neurology and Director of AUBMC's Abou Haidar Neuroscience Institute (AHNI) and Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Center, explained the symptoms, although unpredictable, for the disease which is more common among women than men. She also emphasized the support and contribution of the Ministry of Public Health in the treatment of patients as well as the extensive research conducted by the center in an effort to further advance the treatment of the disease.

In his note, Dr. Bassem Yamout, Director of Clinical Research at Nehme and Therese Tohme Multiple Sclerosis Center at AUBMC, stressed on the efforts initiated towards accelerating research to understand the local etiology of the disease and find appropriate treatments to hinder its progress.

Mrs. Hind Khodr Saab, member and representative of Friends of MS at AUBMC, shed light on the latest achievements accomplished over the past three years. She presented an overview of the plan of action that has been set to kick off in 2016 through organizing several awareness campaigns and providing sufficient funds to support patients with MS.

It's worth mentioning that along with Mr. Wissam Breidy, the Master of the Ceremony, Junaid Zeineddine and Rojo Del Libano, were also in attendance. They offered the attendees amazing performances and a memorable event.

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Note to Editors

About AUBMC:

Since 1902, AUBMC has been providing the highest standards of care to patients across Lebanon and the region. It is also the teaching hospital for the Faculty of Medicine at AUB (established in 1867) which has trained generations of medical students and physicians, and its graduates can be found at leading institutions around the world. AUBMC is the first medical institution in the Middle East to have earned the three international accreditations of JCI, Magnet, and CAP, attesting to its superior standards in patient-centered care, nursing, and pathology/laboratory services.

The Faculty of Medicine has graduated over 4,000 medical students and physicians; the Rafic Hariri School of Nursing provides excellent education for the nursing staff, and the Medical Center meets the health care needs of over 300,000 patient visits annually.