

Friends of MS at AUBMC Fundraising Event

Beirut, January 2015: The Multiple Sclerosis Center and friends of MS at AUBMC organized a fundraising event for the 3rd consecutive year on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at the Four Seasons Hotel, Beirut under the patronage and the attendance of Mrs. Lama Tamam Salam.

Mrs. Salam expressed her pride in supporting the Multiple Sclerosis Center at AUBMC, which reflects the center's commitment to delivering the highest quality of care to this community. "It is a noble goal because this center, managed by Dr. Samia Khoury and her highly dedicated and specialized team, is the only center in Lebanon dedicated to MS patients and their families, supporting them psychologically and financially," she added.

The Minister of Public Health, Mr. Wael Abou Faour, attended the ceremony, and thanked the entire team at the AUBMC MS Center, "Multiple Sclerosis is a disease that is not well-known to the Lebanese, hence the need for awareness campaigns, follow-up, and research. We have to be supportive of the patients on the financial level to provide them with reliable and affordable treatment. Patients who face difficulties in paying for their medication or treatment should not hesitate to come forward to the ministry in order to receive the appropriate assistance and help. After all, the Ministry of Public Health is responsible for the healthcare of all the Lebanese citizens."

Dr. Samia Khoury, professor of neurology and director of AUBMC's Abou Haidar Neuroscience Institute (AHNI) and Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Center, delivered a speech explaining the symptoms behind multiple sclerosis and pointed out that this disease is more common among women than men. She also highlighted 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 to help in the treatment of the disease, with the future goal of minimizing the dependency on research conducted in Europe and the US.

It's worth mentioning that along with Mrs. Rola Safa, the Master of the Ceremony, George Khabbaz, a talented Lebanese artist and comedian, who's supporting the center, was also in attendance. He spread a convivial atmosphere among the attendees and expressed his pride towards this specialized and unique center in Lebanon that demonstrates the Lebanese fortitude in progressing in various fields especially those related to diseases, medical researches, and special treatments. Attendees were enchanted by the Lebanese violinist Habib Alberto who was present and has performed his latest creation 'Ziveli'.

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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.