

Dear Partners & Friends,

Giving is that true blessing that highlights our human nature at its best; that action that benefits the recipient and honors the benefactor alike. It is exactly in that same spirit of giving that OpenMinds held its auction titled “Together For One Cause.”

“Together For One Cause” was a rare and unique auction in which sought-after artists, luxury designers, and generous supporters selflessly joined hands to donate exceptionally unique and exclusive creations to help us raise funds. All of the proceeds will entirely go towards assisting individuals with Special Needs.

The members of OpenMinds sincerely thank each and every artist, designer, creator, and giving angel who heard our message and helped with our mission.

Furthermore, with the sole mission of supporting those in need, OpenMinds launched the **“Together for One Cause, Together We Run”** campaign leading up to the Beirut Marathon in November 2022. We joined forces with seven other similar NGOs and gathered them under one unifying umbrella in order to fortify our message of awareness. Over 500 runners participated in supporting our cause.

When we all come together, we empower those who are an essential part of our society and humanity. We empower ourselves.

Wishing you all good health, and a blessed 2023.

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“TOGETHER FOR ONE CAUSE” AUCTION



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OPENMINDS FUND – AUBMC SPECIAL KIDS CLINIC

TOGETHER FOR ONE CAUSE
From 14th till 16th December

Payments are made in fresh dollars or international wires.
Please contact us if you wish to pay in local dollars.

NADA BOULOS
Auction

TOGETHER FOR ONE CAUSE
OPENMINDS ONLINE CHARITY AUCTION



Bidding Starts:
Wednesday, December 14, 2022,
at 11 AM

Bidding Ends:
Friday, December 16, 2022,
at 5 PM

Viewings:
From Wednesday, December 7
until Friday, December 16
Monday to Saturday 10 AM till 7PM

M Square Gallery
Rome-street, Sarayeh, Beirut, Lebanon
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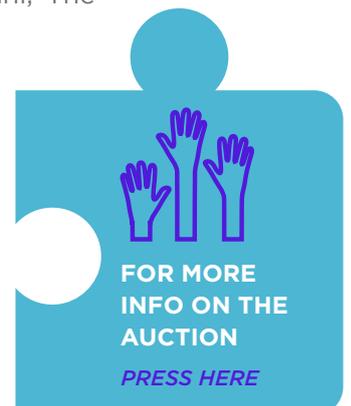
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“Together For One Cause” took place from the 10th until the 16th of December, 2022, where everything related to this sale was accomplished on a pro bono basis and no additional buyer’s premium nor taxes were applied.

OpenMinds kindly thanks Nada Boulos Auction for organizing this sale, M Square Gallery for providing the space, and Artscoops for promoting the auction. We also thank AD Home Collection, Elie Saab, Nuun Jewels, Butterfly Social Club, Donna Hourani, Talita, Fadia Ahmad, Beya Khalifa, Nour Hammour, Nada Debs, Jean-Louis Sabaji, Sylvie Saliba, Nadine Kanso, Selim Mouzannar, W. Salamoon & Sons, Noor Fares, Lina Shamma, Elie

Gharzouzi, Ghida Raad, Nevine Bouez, Hala Matta, Yataghan Jewelry, Ribal Molaeb, Jamil Molaeb, Rawia Zantout, Samir Tamari, Jean Boghossian, Marwan Sahmarani, The Alfred Basbous Foundation, Sara Group, and the various anonymous private collectors and philanthropists for providing the lots and making this sale possible.

The auction was indeed a great success, thanks to your genuine and selfless efforts. The astounding \$230,000 raised will go to benefit Special Needs individuals with medical and therapy packages at the AUBMC Special Kids Clinic, and to cover scholarships for students being mainstreamed in regular schools.





“TOGETHER FOR ONE CAUSE... TOGETHER WE RUN” MARATHON COLLABORATION



TRACCS movie: a unified message



Thank you for sharing our cause!

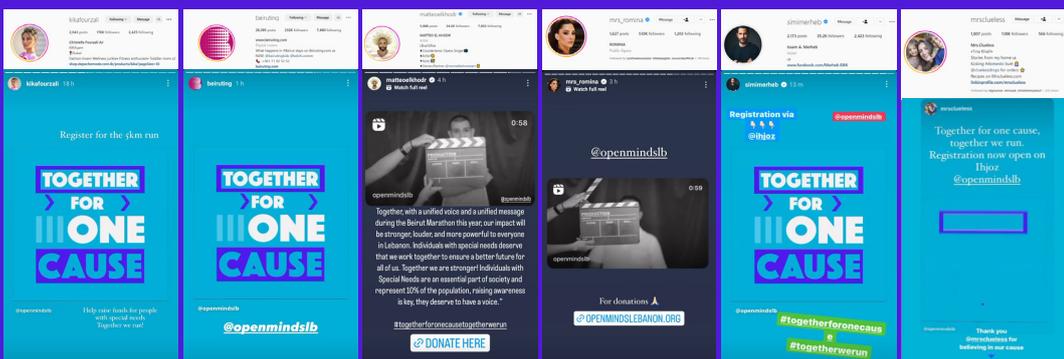
OpenMinds brought together seven Lebanese NGOs in support of individuals with special needs during the Beirut Marathon on November 13, 2022.

In “**Together for One Cause, Together We Run**”, generously sponsored by areeba Lebanon, we joined forces with CARE Lebanon, Lebanese Autism Society, Mosaik, Next Step at AUB, Step Together, Trait d’Union, and The Diet Center’s Udiversity.

All eight NGOs were present during the marathon with a dedicated booth, water, and cheerleading station to engage, interact, and create more awareness. More than 500 runners, including The Diet Center’s Udiversity students’ fun runners and four semi-pro runners, supported our cause, ran for this great initiative, and for Beirut.

With a unified voice and message, our impact is stronger and more powerful. Individuals with special needs represent 10% of our society and must be integrated for everyone to benefit, as Temple Grandin aptly said, “The world needs all kinds of minds”.

With this initiative, OpenMinds set a formidable example hoping to inspire other NGOs to join forces and collaborate for the greater good.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE MARATHON COLLABORATION

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2 TV INTERVIEWS, 46 PORTALS AND SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS, AND 17 INFLUENCERS COVERED THE CAMPAIGN



OPENMINDS SCHOLARSHIPS

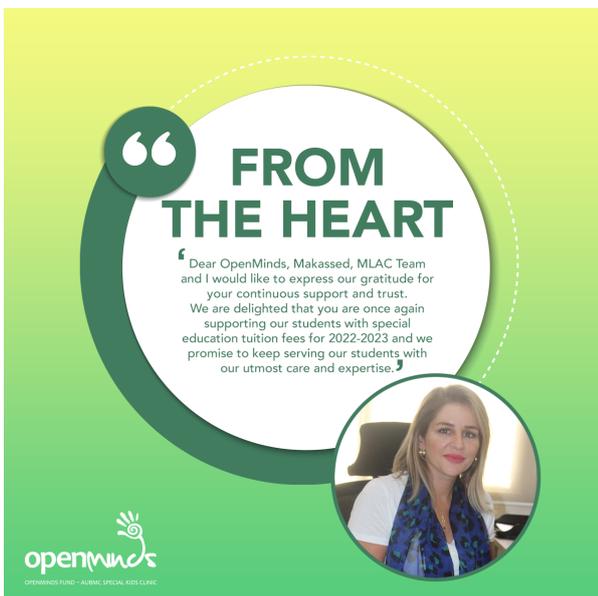


OpenMinds offered 238 scholarships this year to individuals with special needs, thanks to the continuous support of our donors. The demand for scholarships is rising at an alarming rate.

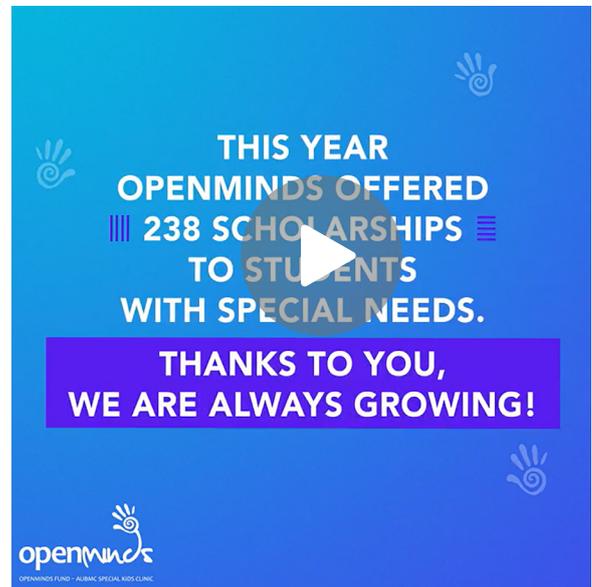
OpenMinds is proud to have been able to help 64 new students this year.



Sharing gratitude - Mr. Moukkadem - Cedars High School principal



Jinan Khaywa Al-Kassem, MA - Director of Makassed Learning Abilities Center (MLAC) - Principal of Makassed Khaled Bin AlWalid College and Special Education Consultant for Makassed Educational Directorate



Scholarships awarded by OpenMinds

Schools provided with special needs educational scholarships 2022-2023 include:

- 1 • Shouf National College
- 2 • Cedars High School
- 3 • Lebanon Evangelical School for Boys and Girls
- 4 • Khaled Bin Al Waleed Al Horch Makassed School
- 5 • Beirut Baptist School
- 6 • Collège Notre Dame des Sœurs Antonines Hazmieh - Jamhour
- 7 • Sagesse Brasilia School
- 8 • Heritage College
- 9 • Lycée Khadija Al Kobra
- 10 • Step Together Association

OPENMINDS 2022 CLINICAL PACKAGES



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT MEDICAL CENTER COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

In November, December, and January, we ran an electronic banner campaign in all hospital buildings.

OPENMINDS CLINICAL PACKAGES

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NEW VERSUS ADDED PATIENTS			
YEAR(S) TOTAL	NEW PATIENTS	ADDED PATIENTS	TOTAL PATIENTS
2022	64	54	118
2014 - 22	594	180	774

OUR KIDS' PROGRESS IS REMARKABLE!



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Nabil's progress video



HIS SKILLS ARE DEVELOPING, SO HERE'S A NEW UPDATE.

Mohammad's progress video



OPENMINDS INTEGRATION UPDATES

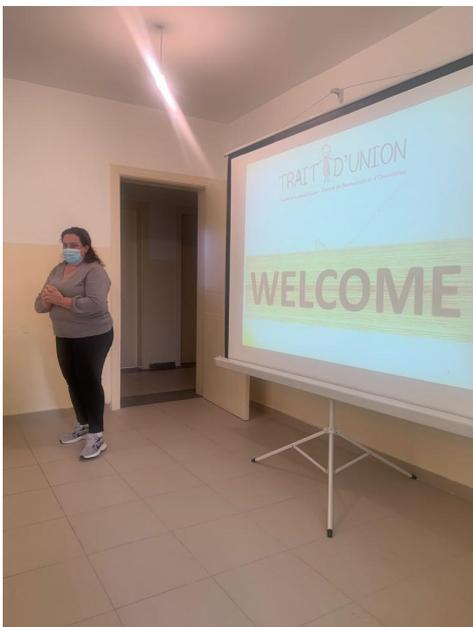


Trait d'Union - A new fundamental project in education and inclusion

In spite of the challenges facing Lebanon, Trait d'Union succeeded in establishing a new project in education and social inclusion with the support of OpenMinds.

Since its creation in 2008, Trait d'Union has pursued academic inclusion. The main objective is to implement inclusive practices within regular schools, in order to reduce early school dropout and allow all children with special needs to have access to quality education. The center adopts a holistic approach involving students, teachers, parents, school directors, and a number of medical and paramedical staff.

After its success among regular academic schools, Trait d'Union is now targeting technical institutions by implementing inclusive practices in both academic and professional aspects.





OPENMINDS INTEGRATION UPDATES

OpenMinds continues to collaborate with Step Together, for the second year, on the “I Can Be Productive Project”.

This program was established to train adults with special needs, ages 22-30, on employment skills, helping them transition from instructional school settings to actual work.

It also provides psycho-emotional support for neurodiverse young adults and families to overcome emotional distress due to the current situation in Lebanon.



The purpose of this project is to enhance self esteem and independence of young adults with special needs.

Through practice, training, and visits to workshops and factories, they experience first-hand various work environments.

Currently, the program’s 15 participants attend daily workshops on soap-making, gardening, and embroidery.



Step Together Association - I Can Be Productive Collaboration 2022-2023

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