



# *Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation*

The Holy Family Hospital is a maternity hospital owned and operated by the Order Of Malta. It is located in Bethlehem, in the West Bank between Jerusalem, to the north, and Hebron, to the South. (Located 500 yards from the birthplace of Jesus)

The French Daughters of Charity founded Holy Family Hospital in 1888 to minister to the sick and needy of Bethlehem. For nearly 100 years, the Daughters of Charity provided medical care under the most difficult conditions. In 1985 they were forced to close the Hospital due to insufficient funding. In 1990 the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, in their tradition of devotion to both the sick and the poor, re-opened the site as a maternity hospital. In 2001 the hospital expanded by opening an outpatient clinic which performs over 15,000 consultations to women and children a year.



This thriving medical facility is located in a region where tense political conditions and an unstable economy create impoverished and destitute ways of life. The Holy Family Hospital is the only facility that can safely handle the complicated births, which result from the physical stress of living under such extreme conditions. Holy Family Hospital provides state-of-the-art maternal child health care, modern birthing facilities and a comprehensive neonatal intensive care unit for premature infants who cannot be referred elsewhere.

The Holy Family Hospital provides high quality care to all, regardless of race, religion, culture or social condition. In a region that has no health insurance or welfare system, patient payments only cover 33% of the operational costs. Since the Hospital is an official work of the whole Order of Malta the remaining operational costs are covered by National Associations in France, Germany, Ireland, Switzerland and the U.S. Foundation.

The U.S. – based Holy Family Hospital Foundation is a 501(C)(3) charitable organization which receives donations and makes annual distributions to the Hospital. It is a co-operative effort of all three U.S. associations of the Order.



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