

St John Eye Clinic
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We are the five nurses from the St John Eye Clinic in Gaza who were honoured to receive the Human Rights Award for Nursing Ethics by the International Centre for Nursing Ethics.

Of course we were very disappointed that Fouad and Mohammed were at the last minute not able to leave Gaza to go to receive the award, but unfortunately this is part of our life here and we are always prepared for disappointments and everything is “inshallah” or “God Willing.”

But we were pleased that our Matron, Mrs Jaidy, was able to be there on our behalf and that she was able to pass on our best wishes to all those who were responsible for our award and to thank them on our behalf. We are proud to work for an organisation like St John which works only to help the people – especially those with eye disease in Palestine. We thank also our Hospitaller, Mr Anthony Chignell and Sir Godfrey Milton Thompson, the previous Hospitaller, who also supported our award, as well as Dr Magauran, Dr and Mrs Alec Harden and Mrs Holmes, and Mr Khalil Jaidy, who went to the presentation to support us.

We are very grateful for the cheques we received, and would like everyone concerned with raising this money to know that we express our thanks and gratitude to them and we hope to carry on with our work in a way which will always justify the award.

We respect all those who attended the conference and admire their position on international nursing ethics.

We want only to live in peace and carry on our lives and our work normally.

We also want this for all the people of the Middle East, and especially at this time, our neighbours in Lebanon.

Yours sincerely,

Fouad Najjar	Hanan Zaalan	Ghazi El Baba
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