

Dream Come true

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My name is Amir Halawa and I am a senior graduate this year, I have done multiple Personal Projects at my school. The Modern Montessori , which commits to its extra-curricular activities as they give students pride in their accomplishments.



Two years ago my personal project took place next to the Roman Amphitheater in Amman. There I met Samir Asali, Samir was born with a mental challenge. He worked for years at The Great Amman Municipality till he came to a point he could not meet the physical challenges of his position due to his diabetes. He had no options but to quit his job and lose his only source of income. Samir was unable to support his own family consisting of his wife (product of an arranged marriage to take care of him after the death of his parents), a healthy son who abandoned them, and his two daughters who are also mentally challenged.



Despite the fact that my personal project was completed, my family and I continued to visit Samir on several occasions. This past Eid before our visit, my brother and I started collecting from our family and friends donations to take with us for Samir. My parents also provided house hold supplies. Last Ramadan Samir thanked us and told me "son look at my mouth. I have no teeth and my dream is to get teeth and be able to eat and enjoy it again. This is my last wish in this life." Since then I have been thinking how to fulfill his wish.



Being a senior does not give me a lot of time to be creative, and since I am hoping to move to the States next year, I decided to do my last personal project with my little brother Karim who is 10 years old, and also loves to help in community activities. I decided to involve him more so he can understand the process and feel a sense of accomplishment and pride.

We began by sending Samir to the University Hospital to run some tests, the tests concluded he was suffering from diabetes and typical old age. Next step was to find a dentist willing to take and help with Samir's case. After researching about dentists in Amman, it still wasn't easy to and it wasn't really easy to find done to take this case. Luckily I connected with Dr. Sara Ajlouni who became emotional after seeing my last project and understand that I was raising money personally for Samir and his dream teeth. As a family that loves animals and my brother's dream of breeding pigeons, my mother helped us breed and in turn sell the pigeons on the net and the Friday market! After raising JD400, my dream came true to fulfill Samir's dream. Samir was over the moon and my brother Karim loved participating in the marketing, selling and collecting of funds. Most importantly he learnt that all it needs to fulfill a dream is to be creative and persistent. Like myself, he felt what it was like to make a difference in people's lives and give them a new start. He has become a partner in caring for others.





I'm thankful to the Montessori for making me look forward to the start of a personal project every year. It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”
— Mother Teresa

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, At all the times you can, to all the people you can, As long as ever you can." - John Wesley

Not only will it warm your heart by giving; it will warm the soul of those receiving.

PS: Samir has refused to take any pictures throughout the treatment.