



“If HLID were not here deaf students would not be able to achieve anything. We’d go back to what we had before - being in the streets and not knowing anything, being illiterate. I might have been illiterate if HLID had not been here for me.”

HLID Assistant Principal Fadileh Al Hiary
HLID alumna and the second deaf person to obtain a university degree in Jordan

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 STUDENT STORY EACH WEEK
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\$1,000 fully supports Farah or one of her classmates for one month at HLID. Your generosity pays for academic education, vocational training, room and board, and therapeutic services.

\$5,000 supports a deaf or deaf-blind child for a full semester at this life-changing school. Your caring gives a child and her family hope.

Give the gift of hope for a productive life to a deaf or deaf-blind child in the Holy Land during this Easter season.
 What better time for us to join in service with our brothers and sisters in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

**EASTER
 APPEAL
 2021**

Celebrate the hope of the resurrection by supporting the life-transforming ministries in the Holy Land. In this most challenging time, Farah and her classmates depend on your generosity more than ever.



“As the season approaches when we turn our eyes toward the Holy Land, please help us meet our goal of raising \$100,000 to keep ten students at the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf. Your gift will make a profound and immediate difference in the lives of these vulnerable children.”

The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, *AFEDJ Chair and Bishop of Olympia*

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HOLY LAND INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF

Salt, Jordan



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM

Six thousand members in 27 parishes and more than two dozen humanitarian institutions – schools, hospitals, and centers for children with disabilities – in Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria.

A safe haven for 110 children and young people ages four to 25, the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf offers a full range of therapeutic services for hearing-impaired, deaf, and deaf-blind students, a K-12 academic boarding program, and vocational training.

HLID serves some of the most impoverished families in Jordan. Often parents' livelihoods are affected by their own deafness, leaving them unable to pay HLID's modest tuition. HLID receives no government funding and is subsidized by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, which has been deeply impacted by the economic downturn brought on by the pandemic.

This Easter the AFEDJ community is working to raise \$100,000 to support ten deaf and deaf-blind students for a full academic year. As the pandemic-driven economic downturn in Jordan persists, your generosity is needed to keep these children at HLID.

“What shall we do? Shall we turn them away? Tell them to do the best they can? My brothers and sisters, if we are to be faithful servants of Christ, we cannot send these children away.”

Archbishop Suheil S. Dawani
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

Since 1988 American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem has built a network of individuals and church communities whose caring and generosity help sustain the humanitarian institutions of the Diocese. Our mission is to raise awareness about the hope these remarkable ministries in the Holy Land offer vulnerable and marginalized families every day. We believe peace and prosperity can be achieved when people have access to comprehensive healthcare and when children receive a quality education. We believe in the hard work of building hope.