

January 24, 2022

Rich Kirkham Pocatello Rotary Club Pocatello, Idaho

Dear Mr. Kirkham:

I thank you and the members of the Pocatello Rotary Club for your support of the Spafford Children's Center (SCC) in East Jerusalem. Through your donation of \$3,312 to the American Friends of the Spafford Children's Center (AFSCC) 40 children have been able to receive tutoring at SCC in Arabic, English, or math for an 11-week semester. These classes are critical to the children as they have lost valuable school time due to the pandemic and many were without internet access and computers. At the SCC the teacher creates an individualized plan to meet the needs, and build on the strengths, of each child. In classes of two or three the students make amazing progress. At the end of 11 weeks the child is assessed again and most children have gained one or more grade levels and many return to SCC for another semester.

The videotaped stories the Pocatello Rotary Club sent to the SCC will soon be part of the curriculum for the English teacher and her students. The way the videos were edited so that the children can see the entire page as the story is read to them will be so helpful to the teacher.

I hope that the partnership between the AFSCC, SCC, and your club will continue in the new year.

With sincere thanks,

Wendy Whiting Blome, PhD

Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors

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Chair, Board of Directors

Spafford Children's Center-Jerusalem