





SESOBEL has never given up

A new year is looming with its share of worries... What awaits us still? Will the sun finally shine on the horizon?

Will we ever wake up from this heavy nightmare that has plagued us for over 4 years?

The devaluation of the Lebanese Pound, the rising cost of living, essential or life-saving medicines unavailable or unaffordable, and exorbitant treatments...

Everything must be paid in Fresh dollars: salaries, fuel, gasoline, food, maintenance, and repairs...

Managing the institution has become increasingly difficult today.

SESOBEL takes care of more than 1300 children in various programs. The required budget for 2022-2023 amounted to around 2,000,000 USD-fresh.

The anguish of the parents is unbearable; most of our children suffer from severe disabilities. Their presence at SESOBEL three days a week is invaluable support for their helpless parents.

The team members also experience the difficulties of the country and have their own problems... Today, they receive only 35% of the salary they were earning before the crises that have befallen the country.

The salary they receive no longer covers their essential needs... Resignations occur every day, and we cannot blame them. Those who remain take on the burden of those who leave in addition to their responsibilities.

How can we cover our expenses and deficits? How can we continue to function and support these parents and their children, as well as the team members?

How can we get out of this difficult situation?

We have redoubled our efforts, working morning and night to find solutions. Our committee of volunteers (among others) has been working tirelessly to help us find resources and cover our deficit...

We have invested time, energy, effort, creativity, awareness campaigns, and communication, emphasizing the role of our children and youth with disabilities. Unfortunately, we feel that, for many, their cause is not a priority... What more can we do?

In addition to the challenges, anxiety pervades us!

It is easy to give up and send the children home, to lay off a team of 220 people and close the institution.

But SESOBEL has never given up.

SESOBEL has always relied on Providence, Set El Beit the Virgin Mary, the dedication of its team members, and the generosity of its friends...

It is already 5 o'clock in the morning... We will not give up. Not as long as we live...

Not as long as there are *families* counting on us! Not as long as all of *you* are by our side!



Fadia Sali President & CEO



OUR MISSION

SESOBEL takes all possible steps to implement a coherent and monitored service of assisting children with disability and to accompany their families as partners in facing life's challenges, and works equally hard with all elements of society for them to recognize the value, dignity, & respect for children with disability.



For "shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for the people and the planet, now and into the future", we follow 2 of the 17 interlinked Sustainable Development Goals by the United Nations.

~ International call for action ~

"Towards a brighter future"



AWARENESS CAMPAIGN #مين_قدك #مين_حدك

Shedding light on the Talents of Children and youth with disability instead of always focusing on the disability itself.



SESOBEL launched an awareness campaign, strategic campaign that purposes entirely at increasing public visibility and awareness for the cause of children and youth with disability : spreading the word about its mission, explaining why it matters, and show supporters how they can get involved.

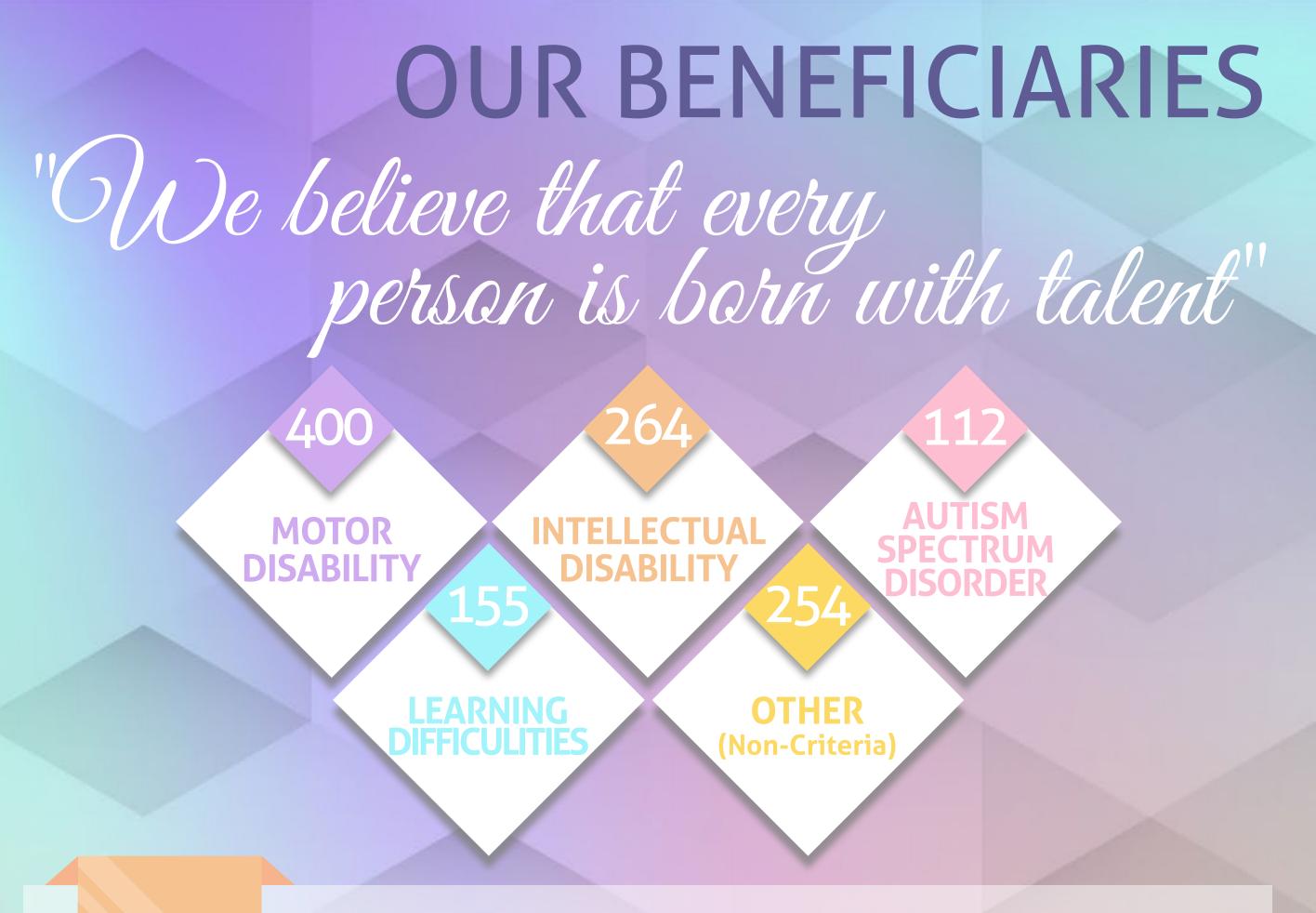
Following its 5-year strategic vision that emphasis on culture, values and purpose of care, SESOBEL launched its new motto: Dignity in care, the crowning value of human rights with the hashtag **#DignityInCare**

Dignity in care is the ultimate foundation of human rights. All humans are entitled to be treated with respect; as ends rather than means; to be recognized as of equal worth, and to be permitted to fulfill their inherent potential.

This means providing care that supports the self-respect of the person, focusing on the value of every person as an individual, recognizing their capacities and ambitions, and does nothing to undermine it.

A sense of self-worth, which we have a duty to develop and respect in ourselves and a duty to protect in others.





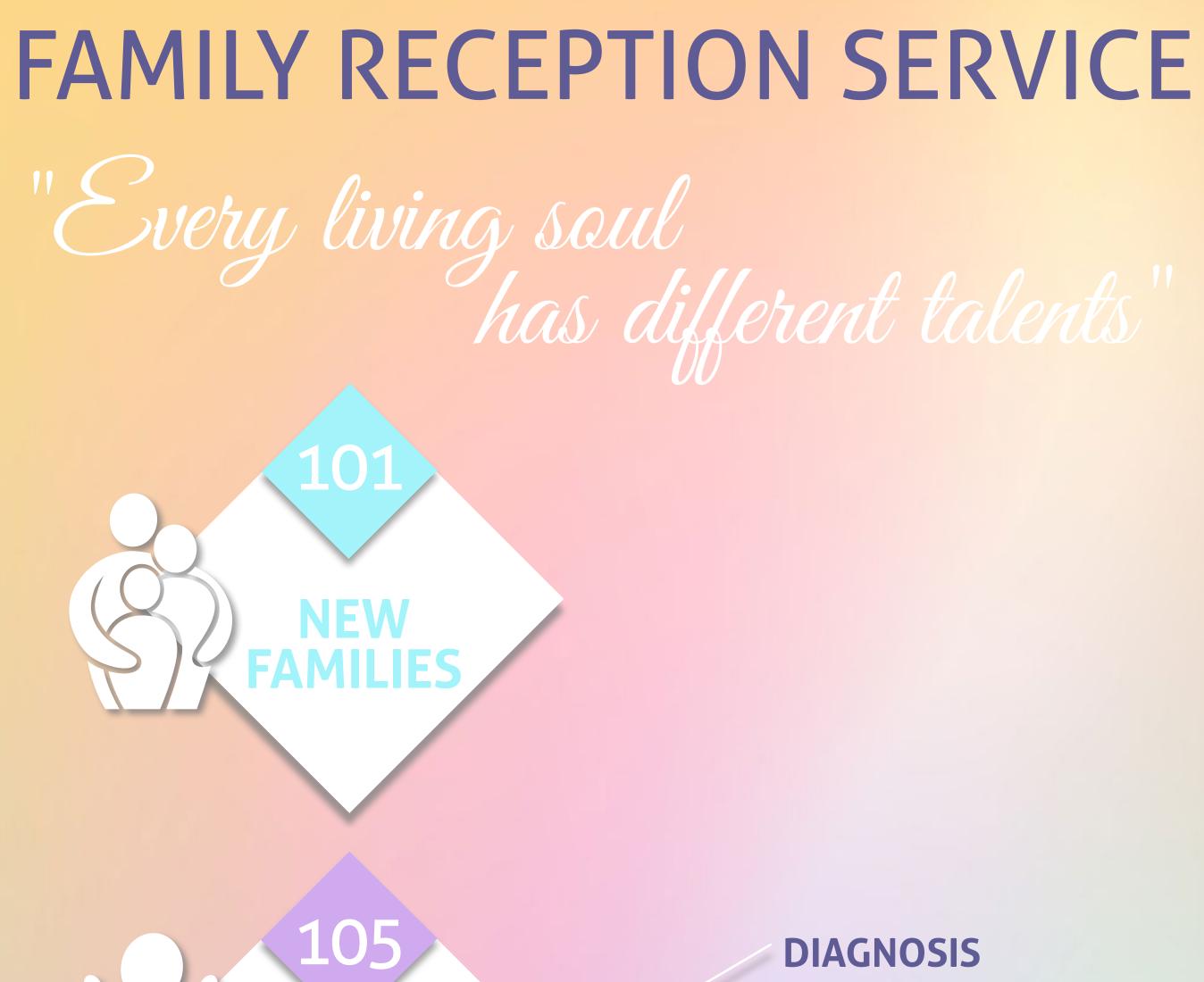


CHILDREN & YOUTH WITH DISABILITY from **1,109** families, have been covered by the various SESOBEL programs:

* FAMILY RECEPTION SERVICE

- * SOCIAL SERVICE
- * EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
- * SCHOOL INCLUSION PROGRAM
- * MEDICAL AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM
- * ADULT PROGRAMS:
 - VOCATIONAL AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM VRP
 - CENTER FOR SOCIALIZATION AND SUPPORT CSS
- * CONTINUOUS TRAINING CENTER FOR RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT
 * OUTPATIENT SERVICES





CONSULTATIONS

NEW CHILDREN

ASSESSMENTS MEDICAL CARE REHABILITATION CARE



SOCIAL SERVICE

Family is the main partner in the child's journey. For a better family life and for the child's well-being, SESOBEL's social intervention takes a holistic approach and aims to develop parenting skills, strengthen family autonomy, and raise awareness within the community.

"True happiness involves the full use of one's talents"

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FAMILY GUIDANCE

FAMILIES

1946 SOCIAL ACCOMPANIMENT
• Individual & group meetings.
• Families' requests, families &

siblings'meetings.

We mobilize the siblings to defend the cause, act as an agent of change in the society, acknowledge their role, and live in harmony.

SIBLINGS



"SESOBEL is a place where all humans are equal no matter how different they are"

SIBLING TESTIMONY

I started with "FRATRIE" (siblings) more than 10 years ago when I was 9 years old. At that time there were only 2 groups. A group from 6 to 15 years and another one from 16 to 22 years. I still remember my first meeting with "FRATRIE". I was feeling weird because it was my first time in a new community like SESOBEL, people from different cities and religions but I was happy and meeting after another I settled in and now I feel that "FRATRIE" is my 2nd family.

The first 3 years with "FRATRIE" were more like an activity that I do for entertainment. But after 3 years, things started changing especially when a third group was created from age 10 to 15 years. We started different activities. We started talking more about topics that concern our siblings at "SESOBEL", talking about ourselves and that's what we were doing for the last 2 years. And when I attended the last group "FRATRIE", the topics became more for adults, let's say.

The last part is the camp and it is the most exciting activity that I used to do with "FRATRIE". At camp we have fun and do activities that make us more independent. We learn how to rely on ourselves and how to be organized which is very important.

My experience with "FRATRIE" is incredible. I am really enjoying the meetings and that is why I am still involved with this community. I want to thank all the social workers for the effort and the hard work that they are putting to have continuity as "FRATRIE".

Fady Chreicheh Brother of John-Paul



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The core of our mission is to accompany each child in his difference and his particularity. Whatever the disability, we believe that every child is important and has value - a message of love to share.

The educational programs welcome children and youth with disability aged 18 months to 20 years. Five units regroup them according to their age and needs.

EARLY STIMULATION

MOTOR DISABILITY 30

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

POLYHANDICAP & SEVERE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

"Everybady is blessed with a certain talent ... push it to the limit

SCHOOL INCLUSION

The School Inclusion Program, pioneer program in Lebanon since 2006 in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education MEHE, welcomed 17 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY at the Jezzine Public School in southern Lebanon:



MEDICAL AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM

PHYSICIANS PARAMEDICAL HOSPITALS UNIVERSITIES TRAINEES CENTERS

Were involved in the development and implementation of the therapeutic plan of the child.

16,599 SERVICES PROVIDED

*** 474 ASSESSMENTS**

- *** 14,615 TREATMENTS**
- * 270 ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AIDS
- * 177 MEDICAL EXAMS
- **5** SURGERIES

* 551 CONSULTATIONS
* 507 PARENTAL GUIDANCES

"Be a strength hera for yourself & others"



OUTPATIENT SERVICES

Our goal is to serve more people with disability and to meet their specific needs in order to ensure a better quality of life. We collaborated with 134 EDUCATORS & THERAPISTS of different specializations distributed in all regions of Lebanon.

18,362 SERVICES PROVIDED 864 CHILDREN / YOUTH BENEFICIARIES

* 30 ASSESSMENTS
* 6 CONSULTATIONS
* 1 MEDICAL EXAM
* 29 EDUCATION SESSIONS
* 152 ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AIDS
* 18,144 REHABILITATION SESSIONS



ADULT PROGRAMS

A quality support for adults with disability in respect of their age, their dignity, their impairment and their deficiency.





The adult programs offer a diverse range of recreational, expressive, personalized, and collective support. They aim at ensuring the well-being of our youth by providing:

*** DAILY ACTIVITIES**

- *** LEISURE ACTIVITIES**
- *** INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP SUPPORT**
- * MEDICAL CARE REHABILITATION AND SOCIAL SUPPORT
- * PHYSICAL WELL-BEING AND SENSORY-EMOTIONAL COMMUNICATION
- *** PARENTAL GUIDANCE AND FOLLOW-UP**



-vrp- VOCATIONAL AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM

We provide a safe work environment, where 50 youth can be involved in professional activities that match their capacities. Our goal for them is to live their lives to the fullest whilst developing self-independence that guides them to a better, integrated and purposeful life.

between the ages of 20 & 54, work at the various SESOBEL workshops: (Each youth can join more than a workshop).

This year 2 youth integrated work market.

Sewing:		Stock: 1 YOUTH
Laundry:	2 YOUTH	Kitchen: 5 YOUTH
Copy Center:	2 YOUTH	Secretariat: 1 YOUTH
Prepress:	3 YOUTH	Land 7 VOLITH





-css- CENTER FOR SOCIALIZATION & SUPPORT

The CSS welcomes youth and adults from the age of 19 with heavy and severe motor or intellectual disability, as well as youth with heavy autism spectrum disorder not associated with a behavioral disorder. This center offers our youth and adults fulfilling activities adapted to their age, as well as accompaniment with therapeutic aspects.

were accompanied in different activities:



Physical Well-Being



Handyman's Creativity



Music Therapy







CONTINUOUS TRAINING CENTER FOR RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Our main objective is to improve the intervention and the expertise of professionals working with children with disability.



INTERNSHIP IN FRANCE FOR 1 PROFESSIONAL OF SESOBEL: C

Discovering the functioning of facilities welcoming individuals

with autism spectrum disorder, the methods and tools used in

daily support, and the observation and evaluation assessments.

INNOVATIONS



COLLABORATION WITH PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES

Contribution to research with organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Society of Wheelchair Professionals (ISWP) to develop standards and new international recommendations for wheelchair performance.



DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL REHABILITATION AND EDUCATIONAL SHEETS

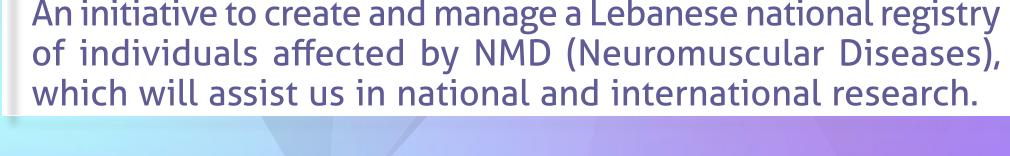
To address the needs of young individuals with motor disabilities and neurovisual impairments who face challenges accessing traditional rehabilitation and educational sheets, a digital format has been developed.

These digital sheets cater to their learning needs related to written language and cognitive abilities (such as attention and memory).

The digital format allows easy accessibility on the technological devices they use, such as computers, eye-trackers, iPads, etc.

These initiatives demonstrate SESOBEL's commitment to innovation and inclusivity, ensuring that individuals with disabilities can access appropriate resources and services to enhance their development and quality of life.

LEBANESE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF PEOPLE WITH NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASES



ACHIEVEMENTS

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"Ofes, we are talented"

BOOK LAUNCHING

More than three years ago, we discovered the talent for writing in the young Aala' Awada. Through writing, he expresses his emotions, feelings, problems, and daily experiences. The idea emerged to encourage him to develop his texts and compile them into one file. The project was presented to the management of SESOBEL, who warmly welcomed the idea. SESOBEL greatly encouraged Aala' to continue writing, planning a book signing event for him.

On December 1st, 2022, *Aala'* signed his book "Whispers from the Heart," while surrounded by friends, supporters and media.

Congrats!

Book available at SESOBEL's shops



PROFESSIONAL INCLUSION

Georges Karam and **Patricia Ghantous** completed their training and began working at Agonist coffee shop on July 2022.



ACHIEVEMENTS



LET ME TALK

Orestas does not communicate verbally at SESOBEL due to "selective mutism." Despite this, he has chosen to express his needs and opinions joyfully during speech therapy sessions using the smart application "Let me Talk" on his electronic device.

Way to go Prestas !



IDAFA EVENT

On the 27th of October 2022, Mr. Sam Saad organized the "IDAFA Festival" at Casino du Liban, during which he honored individuals with disabilities for their achievements.

From SESOBEL were recognized:

Elissa Harik for her creativity in photography.

Sarah Khalifeh for her successes and international medals in swimming. *Graziella Tarabay* for her exceptional participation in the TV series "Aa Ismak." *Gabrielle Issa* crowned as "Miss IDAFA" for the year 2022.



ACHIEVEMENTS



SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2023

SESOBEL participated with *Elissa Harik* and *Sarah Khalifeh* in the Special Olympics Lebanese team at the World Championship for Special Needs in Berlin, Germany. The delegation comprised 17 athletes competing in seven sports.

The preparation and training leading up to the championship were intense, but what stood out the most was the self-confidence exhibited by the girls, enabling them to shine and face the challenges ahead.

The competition was fierce, and it was undoubtedly a high-level world championship with great professionalism. *Elissa* competed in the 25-meter breaststroke and the 50-meter freestyle races. After surpassing the preliminary and quarter-final rounds and reaching the semi-finals, she finished sixth in the 50-meter freestyle event.

Sarah participated in the 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle races. In both competitions, she managed to reach the finals and achieved a well-deserved second place, earning two silver medals.

Thank you, *Sarah* and *Elissa*, for representing Lebanon and SESOBEL at the highest level. You were outstanding with your presence, laughter, and unwavering belief in your abilities and energy.

This is yet another milestone in your journey!



"God gives people different talents. Wherever He has you, He has you there for a purpose"



CUMMINS







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MRS. YOLAINE GUERIF DIRECTOR OF PARTAGE -FRANCE





FRENCH VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEERS AT THE



FRENCH VOLUNTEERS

SUMMER PROGRAM

"As a way of life"

VOLUNTEER TESTIMONY

I had the great opportunity to become a part of SESOBEL's family and volunteer there as an occupational therapist for 6 months. Today, I realize everything the children have brought into my life: simple joys, increased self-confidence, and a different perspective on certain aspects of life. I learned to nurture my creativity during therapy sessions, adapt games, engage in manual activities, & provide techniques for greater daily autonomy.

It has been a very enriching experience as I accompany children with various disabilities, and those with autism have left a profound impact on me. It was a first for me. They touch your heart directly with their simplicity and affection.

I deeply admire all the educators who do outstanding work & dedicate their time despite the current situation. I love this interdisciplinary work, and the exchanges with others help me grow.

Being at SESOBEL is not just a job but a way of life. I already feel changed by what I have seen, learned, and felt in Lebanon.

Thank you all.

Marine de Septenville **French Volunteer**

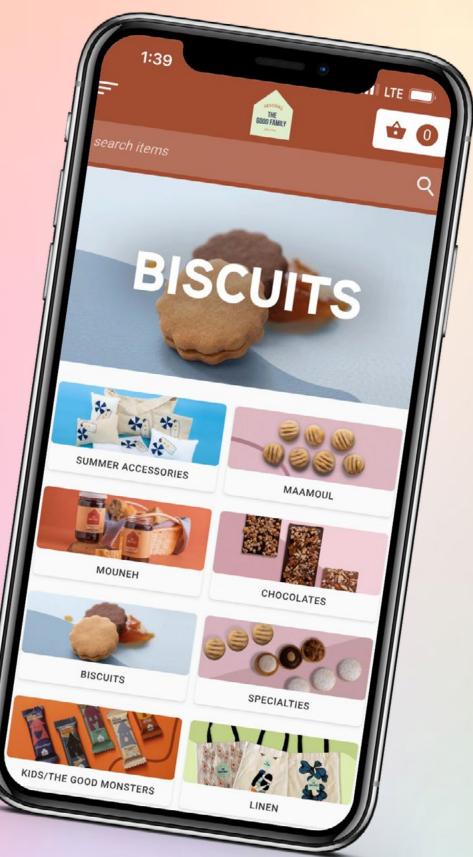




OUR PRODUCTS

We are a family joined by dedication. We are a family gathered by love. We are a family united by the will to make things better. You are a part of our family for supporting us for so long and continue to do so. We are "THE GOOD FAMILY".

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SESOBEL

FLASH INFO A Shining Might

Every year, at the same time and in more than fifty countries, the SKILD Foundation organizes a special dinner for individuals with special needs or disabilities.

After a four-year hiatus due to the country's circumstances and the COVID-19 pandemic, SKILD resumed its activities and hosted a dinner on February 8, 2023, at the Habtoor Hotel. Five members of SESOBEL's youth participated: Roudy, George, Mia, Bernadette, and Rita.

Each of our young members dressed in their finest attire, and they met various media and artistic figures. Together, they spent an enjoyable evening that began with getting dolled up (hair, makeup, and nails) and concluded with a dance-filled dinner.





Educators Committee

Monday, March 6, 2023, was a remarkable day. In the presence of Mrs. Fadia Safi, Miss Anita Al-Hajj, and unit supervisors, we prepared for the most delightful & friendly elections, competing for the educators committee board.

Aftervoting and counting the ballots, the "Ambassadors Union" list emerged victorious, comprising the following representatives:

Jocelynne Nakhle for the Early Intervention Unit Tony Youssef for the Poly-handicapped and severe intellectual disability Unit Lara Shakhtoura for the Motor Disability Unit Manuela Shahoud for the Intellectual Disability Unit Liliane Sakr for the Autism Unit We also want to mention our colleague Nada Yazbek, representing the adult program.





FLASH INFO

A Journey towards Humanity

Since I joined SESOBEL, I have remained committed to its cause. I never imagined that one day I would write a testimonial for my 35 years because when I started my journey, I was amazed to find people who had been here for 10 years, and I envied them for the many experiences they have had that I have only just begun to witness.

These 35 years have left their marks on me because SESOBEL has been for me "The school of life". Here, I learned that every descent has an ascent, and every difficulty eventually leads to relief. During every crisis we faced, and whenever we joined hands, there was always someone supporting us, watching over us with a vigilant eye.

Now, as I pause with myself, I realize how fortunate I am to be part of this family that completes me as a human being, giving me life and value, regardless of our professions. Our journey at SESOBEL is a journey towards humanity, no matter what our roles may be.

[...] Lastly, I thank the Lord and SET EL BEIT, the Virgin Mary, for everything, and I ask them to bless us all with good health so that we can continue this journey together.







SENIOR ACCOUNTANT



Collaboration with La Rose de Sim for the design of pouches and cross bags featuring paintings by our children:







Collaboration with students from the Lebanese University of Fine Arts and Architecture, Branch 2, for the design of chocolate boxes and new packaging ideas:



Introducing our new line of coasters featuring artwork created

by our youth Mirna Fares:



Stylish beach bags with painted portrait created by our youth Mirna Fares:



Activities over the Year: 8 Exhibitions / Beirut Marathon 2022 / Brunch / Movie night "His Only Son"



FLASH INFO



This year, the Tournesol Unit has expanded into two teams: Caravelles Tournesols & Guides Tournesols.

"Caravelles Tournesols" includes girls aged over 18 years, while the new team, "Guides Tournesols," comprises girls aged between 12 and 17 years.

The mission of both teams is to offer a single Scouting experience that is suitable for the age of each girl, enhance their integration into society, and develop their physical, social, spiritual, artistic, and personal skills within the framework of the basic principles and values of the Lebanese Guides Association.



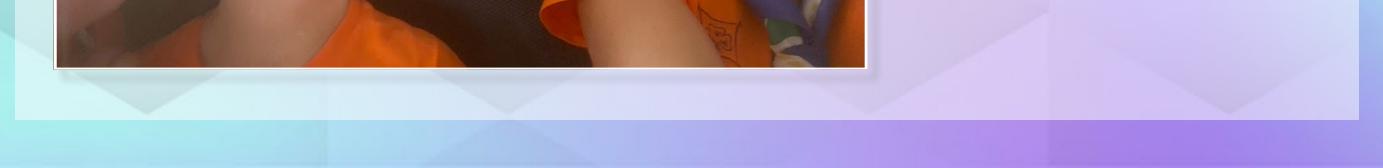






2022 - 2023







"This year, following the same approach, we organized a celebration and exhibition at the end of the academic year to highlight the talents of our children and youth.

This event had three objectives:

The first goal was to showcase the achievements of our children, whom we taught not to give up in the face of difficulties and to always look forward to achieving their aspirations, talents, and dreams.

The second goal was to introduce the 'CLAP' program, which will welcome our youth with the aim of teaching them independence outside the home and providing support to parents when needed.

The third goal was to present the awareness campaign that we have been running and which you have been seeing on media and social platforms, including Grand Cinemas.

The celebration was hosted by the media personality **Dalia Freifer**, who was joined by the **SESOBEL Choir** in performing some songs and hymns. The recital presented by the choir received admiration from all the attendees.

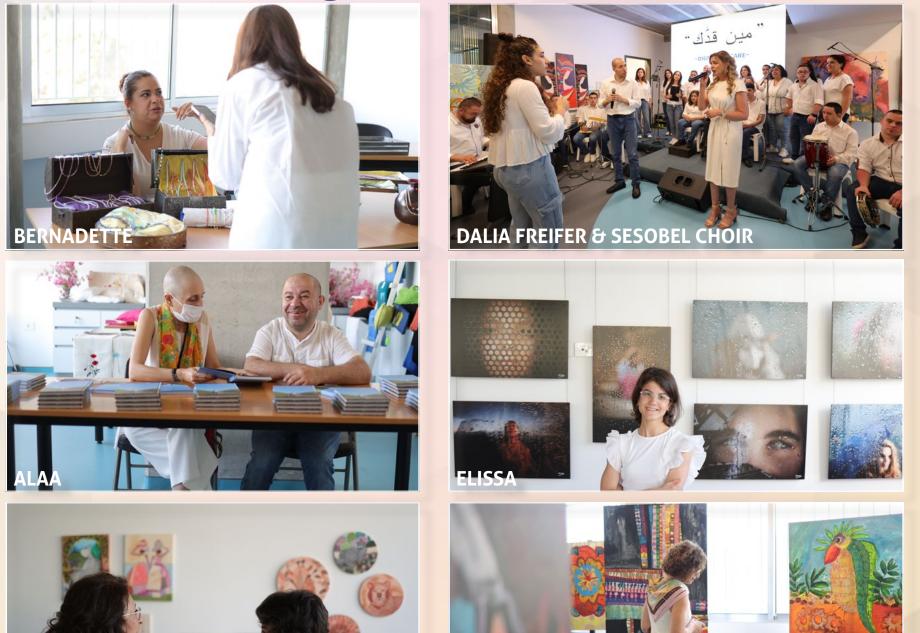
Elissa Harik showcased photographic works that she prepared with the contribution of the professional and creative photographer, Suhail Semaan, who accompanied and taught her photography techniques.

Bernadette Richa displayed works of art, including beaded necklaces and bracelets, which were greatly admired by everyone.

Mirna Fares presented her amazing pen-drawn paintings, which she herself invented.

Alaa Awada presented his book "Whispers from the Heart," which we published at the beginning of the year.

We also collaborated with **Mr. Raja Habache**, the owner of the **"Rose de Sim"** brand, who loved our youth's paintings and chose some of them to be printed on the brand's bags.





PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN "Our home is the collection of bees with multiple talents"

MRS. **FADIA SAFI** PRESIDENT & CEO

6 **MEMBERS MEMBERS GENERAL BOARD OF** TRUSTEES ASSEMBLY

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8 **MEMBERS** BOARD

4 16 **MEMBERS ETHICS** COUNSELORS COMMITTEE

4 50 **MEMBERS SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS** SKILLED DOCTORS COMMITTEES



117 39 **THERAPISTS TRAINEES**

26 10 **REMUNE-SEASONAL MOTHERS** RATED YOUTH WORKERS

>1000 >50 **PARTNERS CLIENTS**

"International Antennas"

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SOCIAL IMPACT

"Dignity with talents"

Families are partners and are highly motivated.

Youth are better integrated into society.

Youth are promoting their cause and influencing others.

Society changed the way of seeing the difference & the disability.

The difference became the foundation of the *'living tagether*" in complementarity.

All of this built a community based on Love & Acceptance

NGO PROFILE OF SESOBEL

A non-governmental organization founded in 1976 **Registered** at the Ministry of Interior under No. 42S.I. State-approved under decree No. 371/89.

SESOBEL treasures its autonomy and is not affiliated to any religious nor political entity.

SESOBEL is engaged to abide by rigorous and transparent management practices: the finances of SESOBEL are regularly monitored by two auditing firms, the international Ernst & Young and the Cabinet Antoine Haddad-Lebanon.



Cabinet Antoine Haddad





Jown help is vital!

It allows SESOBEL to cater to the needs of more than 1300 children and youth with disability, and preserve the unity of their families.

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