



بسمة Basma
مؤسسة الأميرة بسمة بالقدس The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre

Transforming the lives of Palestinian children with disabilities



The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre (JPBC), located on Jerusalem's Mount of Olives, operates under the Anglican Episcopal Church within the Diocese of Jerusalem.

OUR VISION:

All Palestinian children with disabilities (CwD) have access to quality health services and inclusive education, can participate and influence, have hope and opportunities.

OUR MISSION:

The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre, serving children since 1964, works for the integration and empowerment of CwD and their families in their communities by providing rehabilitation services, inclusive education, through the development and dissemination of best practices, and influencing policy and legislation.





OUR VALUES

Inclusion & Participation

As the main National Referral Centre for children with disabilities and core actor in the field of Rehabilitation and Inclusive Education, we continue to work closely with all stakeholders to ensure all children and their families access services without discrimination

Equality

We ensure that the rights of children with disabilities are upheld and their lives valued just like everyone.

Quality

We are accredited with [JCIA¹](#), for four times in a row, and maintain the highest standard of reputation for our services for Palestinian children with disabilities.

Integrity

We adhere to the highest standards of professionalism, ethics and personal responsibility, worthy of the trust our patients place in us.

Best Use of Resources

We are committed to the creative and optimal use of our resources.

Responsiveness

We always dig deep to strengthen planning processes for timely and meaningful collaboration and networking with partners and stakeholders.

¹ Joint Commission International Accreditation

OUR GOALS:

- To facilitate the full integration and empowerment of children with disabilities and their families in their communities, through Comprehensive Rehabilitation, Inclusive Education, awareness raising and capacity building.
- To learn, develop and implement best practices in comprehensive rehabilitation and inclusive education and transfer this knowledge to all stakeholders.
- To advocate for the rights of children with disabilities and influence policy and legislation.



Creating Lasting Change

Since 1964, the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre has provided rehabilitative services to Palestinian children with disabilities from East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Centre is the main comprehensive resource available for Palestinian children with disabilities and demand grows annually.

Each year we have:

- Treated hundreds of children in our Child Rehabilitation Centre.
- Empowered mothers and family members in the treatment of their children.
- Treated children across the West Bank through our Outreach Program.
- Empowered workers in the field of disability in partner centers.
- Raised the communities' awareness and activated their role in order to build children with disabilities' future while supporting and respecting their rights as human beings.
- Integrated children with disabilities into our Inclusive School; currently over 1/3 on roll are students with disabilities.

For over 60 years JPBC has transformed the lives of children with disabilities and empowered their families to care for them, creating lasting change for generations to come.

Child Rehabilitation Centre

The Child Rehabilitation Centre is at the heart of the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre and extends its treatment services to children with disabilities from Jerusalem, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip. At our facility, we welcome children from birth to 15 years of age with a range of congenital, neuromuscular and developmental delays.

The Centre offers three primary services:

- Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services for children as inpatients and outpatients from the West Bank and from Gaza, including our newest services at our satellite unit based in Gaza City.
- Child Development Services for children as daycare patients from East Jerusalem
- Student Therapy Services for students with disabilities from East Jerusalem at the Princess Basma Inclusive School

The Centre provides an extensive range of therapies across various units, including Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Hydrotherapy, Music Therapy, Psychosocial support and Nursing.

Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services



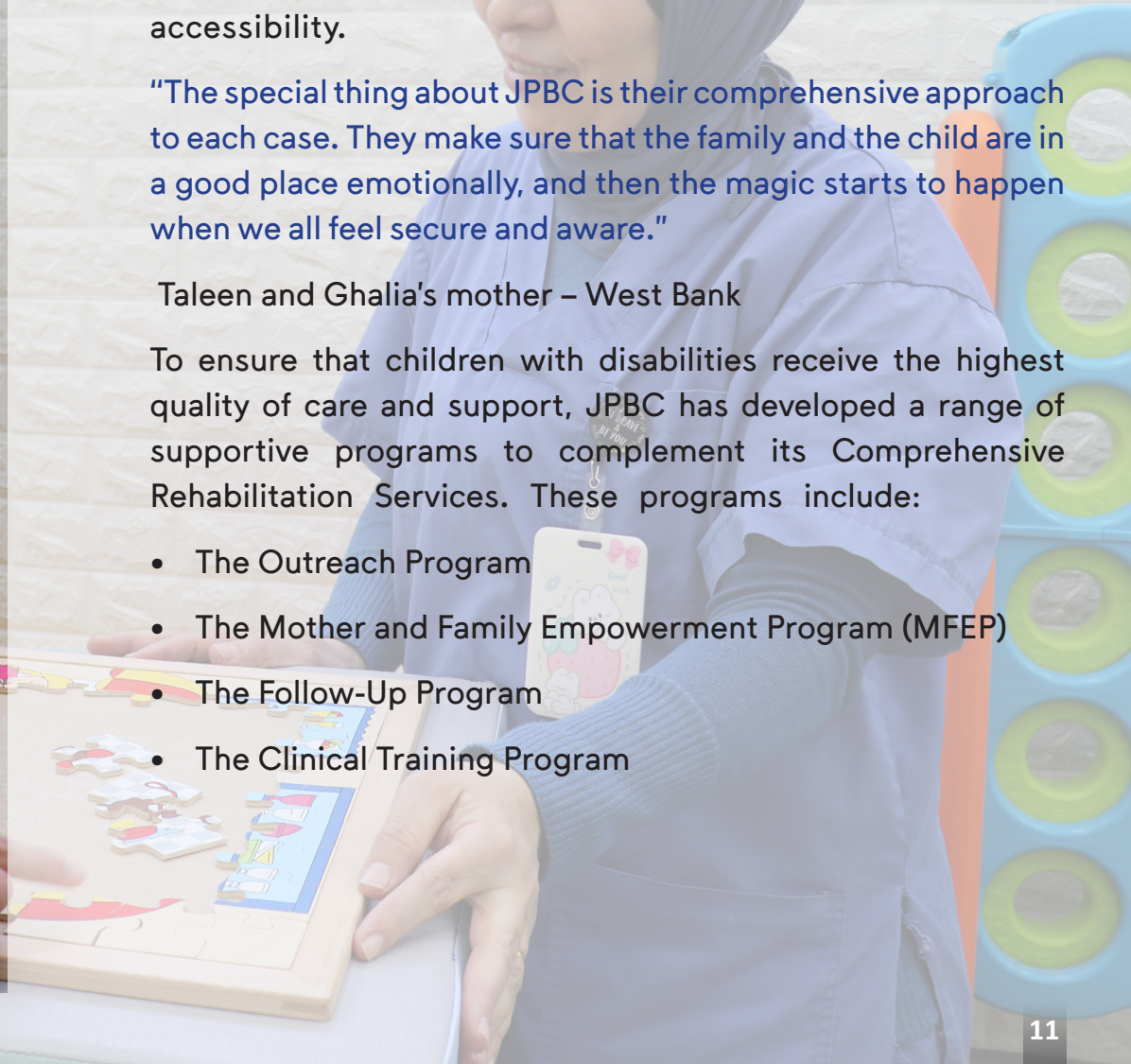
The Child Rehabilitation Centre offers a comprehensive package of treatments to children with disabilities in the West Bank. Children with advanced needs are referred by our Outreach team to the program, and with a parent, they are admitted for a residential stay of 2-3 weeks. Each child receives medical assessments, a customized treatment program by our multidisciplinary team and a Home Therapy Plan. Children from Gaza are referred to our Centre according to need and accessibility.

"The special thing about JPBC is their comprehensive approach to each case. They make sure that the family and the child are in a good place emotionally, and then the magic starts to happen when we all feel secure and aware."

Taleen and Ghalia's mother – West Bank

To ensure that children with disabilities receive the highest quality of care and support, JPBC has developed a range of supportive programs to complement its Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services. These programs include:

- The Outreach Program
- The Mother and Family Empowerment Program (MFEP)
- The Follow-Up Program
- The Clinical Training Program



The Outreach Program

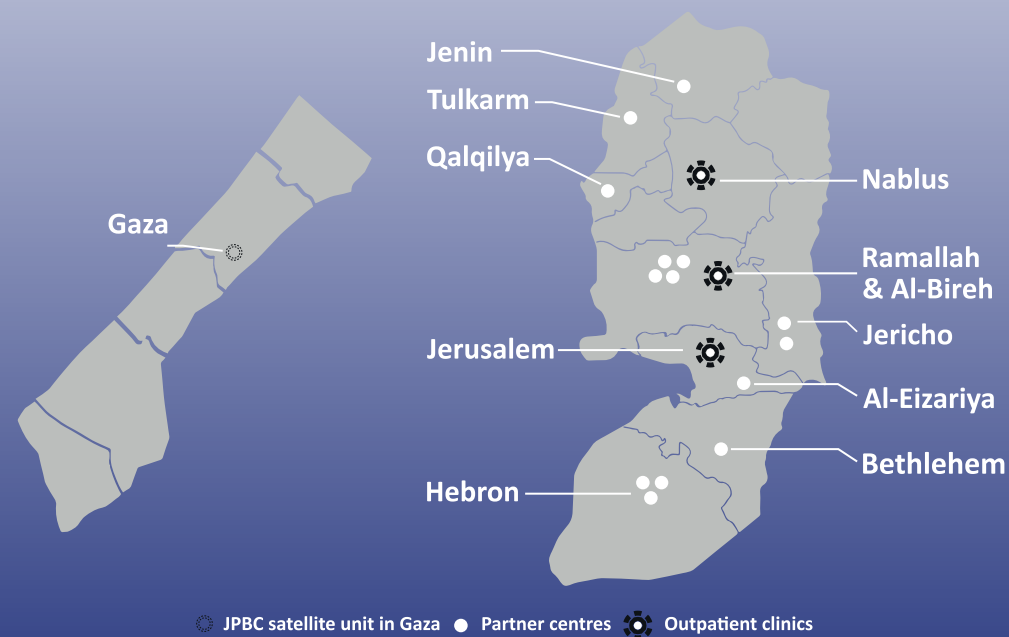
The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre serves children from across the West Bank through our Outreach Program. Making an average of over 60 outreach visits and assessing over 1300 children a year, the Centre is able to support families that do not have access to adequate medical expertise. Children in need of specialized treatment are referred to the rehabilitation centre in East Jerusalem.

The Outreach team also offers professional training to local clinicians and partner centers, ensuring that future generations will have access to appropriate attention and care.



"Our vision is to share best practices with our local partners. Through the Outreach Program, we aim to assess children and refer them to the best caregivers, provide clinical training and improve services in the field. In addition, we strive to sustain high-quality services both at our Centre and at our partner centres."

JPBC Medical Director, Dr. Waddah Malhees



Mother and Family Empowerment Program

The Mother and Family Empowerment Program at the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre aims to empower parents of children with disabilities by increasing their awareness of their children's needs and rights. The program provides comprehensive training for parents and family members, in becoming 'shadow therapists' who can continue therapies at home with guidance from the Centre's multidisciplinary team. It also offers psychosocial support through individual and group sessions and promotes education on disability, maternal and child well-being, positive parenting, and health topics such as hygiene, nutrition, and overcoming challenges faced by their children.



"The sessions with the social worker were pivotal for me. They helped me manage my emotions, develop patience, and remain calm while caring for Tuqa. I felt empowered through the training and support, and within just one week, Tuqa and I made significant progress."

Tuqa's father - Abu Dis



The Follow-Up Program

The Follow-Up Program at the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre offers ongoing support for families after their child's discharge through Telemedicine.

This program ensures that families continue to receive guidance and care as they implement the therapeutic plans at home. Through online sessions, families are provided with the necessary tools and support to track their child's progress, address any challenges, and ensure the continuity of therapy. Our dedicated team stays closely connected with the families, offering advice, adjustments to therapy plans, and answering any questions, ensuring that the child's development remains on track and the family feels empowered in their caregiving role.

The Professional Clinical Training Program

The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre operates as a National Clinical Training and Resource Centre, offering clinical training to Palestinian university students. The program focuses on students in physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and social work. It provides hands-on experience, allowing students to apply theoretical knowledge in real-world settings by working directly with patients and their families. This initiative aims to bridge the gap between academic learning and practical application, fostering skilled and compassionate healthcare professionals.

"The experience of training at the Basma Centre was unique, and it was sufficient to enrich me greatly on a theoretical and practical level, since it receives children with different types of disabilities. Because of this, I recognized the importance of having comprehensive knowledge about the different types of therapies. Waking up every day to come to such an amazing organization was a great motivation for me, and I will be always grateful."

Reem Raba'a – Birzeit University



Rehabilitation Services to children with Disabilities and their Families in Gaza

In 2023, JPBC had a vision to provide rehabilitation services for children with disabilities in the Gaza Strip. In 2024, the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre turned its long-standing vision into reality and launched a new Satellite Unit at Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. This initiative is called Heart to Heart, from Jerusalem to Gaza, and is dedicated to providing Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services for children with disabilities and their families in Gaza.

The Satellite Unit is staffed by a multidisciplinary team of professionals from Gaza and follows the same community-based model as its Jerusalem Child Rehabilitation Centre. It offers services such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, and psychosocial support tailored to the unique challenges of children with disabilities in Gaza.

In addition, the Mother and Family Empowerment Program empowers families by training them to support their children's therapies at home, promoting a community approach to rehabilitation. This initiative aims to bridge the gap in services for children with disabilities in Gaza, transforming lives and providing hope in challenging circumstances. Each year we strive to reach more children in need.



"Now that Sila can stand and walk with support, I dream of the day she will walk independently. I am building my hopes with each small step forward,"

Sila's mother – Gaza Strip

Child Development Services

In 2022, the Child Rehabilitation Centre was recognized as a child development service provider by the Israeli Ministry of Health through the acknowledgment of its Child Development unit. As part of the Child Development Service, the centre provides day care services for Palestinian children residing in Jerusalem. This service specifically targets children with various needs, including developmental delays, neurological impairments, cerebral palsy, autism spectrum disorders, speech and language delays and various syndromes. Our specialized team, which includes physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, a psychologist, social workers and Neurologist, work together to address each child's unique challenges. At the heart of our approach is the creation of individualized treatment plans that are strategically designed to promote children's participation and integration into their families and wider social environment.



Student Therapy Services



The Centre provides a Specialized Therapy Service for students from our Inclusive School with disabilities. Through this service, the Centre treats children with several types of disabilities including physical disabilities, visual disabilities, hearing impairments, Down syndrome, autism, learning difficulties and speech and language disabilities.

The Student Therapy Services include Physiotherapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Hydrotherapy, Sensory Therapy, [ABA](#)¹ and other specialized therapies for children with [ASD](#)².

¹ Applied Behavior Analysis

² Autism Spectrum Disorder



The Jerusalem Princess Basma Inclusive School

Our inclusive school serves children from the Jerusalem area and provides education to children with disabilities who study alongside children without disabilities. All children learn the same curriculum, and children with disabilities make up an average of one-third of the total students in our school, from kindergarten to 12th grade, with approximately 400 students enrolled. It is worth mentioning that all of our classes are inclusive, and we manage special education classrooms, which serve as stations to prepare children for full integration into inclusive classes. The school is a pioneering model of inclusive education.

Inclusive Education

The Jerusalem Princess Basma Inclusive School is committed to providing education for children with disabilities within an inclusive framework. We believe that all children have the right to learn, especially children with disabilities. We provide school education for children with disabilities to ensure equal opportunities for all children to continue their higher education and obtain the qualifications necessary to move forward in their professional lives, achieve independence, and integrate into society.

Special Education

Our inclusive school manages special education classrooms that accommodate students with disabilities. These classrooms serve as a transitional phase, empowering students and then integrating them into inclusive classes. Students are enrolled in these special education classrooms through assessments conducted by the school throughout the academic year.



Support Our Mission

Your support makes all the difference. By contributing to the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre, you are directly helping children with disabilities and their families access essential services that change their lives.

We depend on the generous support of donors to sustain and expand our work. To learn more about how you can contribute and make a difference, please visit our website for donation details.
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