The New Health Sciences and Nursing School Building

Creating Opportunities.
Executive Summary

To meet the rapid growth in the number of nursing students at the Max Stern Yezreel Valley College (YVC) and to ensure that future nurses can acquire practical professional skills in the most technologically advanced environment, YVC has commissioned a new building to house the School of Nursing and the Department of Health Systems Management.

The 4000 m² state-of-the-art building will include a sophisticated nursing simulation center, as well as lecture halls, computer labs and spacious classrooms. The cost to construct and equip the new building is $10 million. YVC is seeking to raise $3 million from friends and supporters in order to build the new Health Sciences and Nursing School Building.
The current School of Nursing at YVC, known for its top-quality teaching staff and its sophisticated facilities, has experienced rapid growth. Established in 2007, it is already known as “The Nursing School of the Galilee.” The School currently trains about 400 students who, after having successfully completed the 4-year BA program, are eligible to take the national licensure examination and receive the title of a Registered Nurse. Since the number of applicants to the School has increased every year, only half of the eligible applicants can be accepted at present, even though Israel, and particularly the north, is experiencing a significant shortage of nursing staff.

The Nursing School of the Galilee

Israel is experiencing a significant shortage of nurses.

The Nursing School is a vehicle for upward social mobility, enabling its students to enter into this high-demand, high-status profession.

A high percentage of students at the Nursing Department are members of a minority community or are immigrants from the Former Soviet Union and Ethiopia. Thus, the Department is a meeting place for young Israelis of different backgrounds, cultures and religions, for strengthening inter-communal relationships and overcoming cultural differences.
At present, the Department of Health Systems Management grants certified nurses without an academic degree the opportunity to upgrade their professional skills and acquire the management training they require in order to advance in their profession. In addition, the Department trains students to occupy various managerial roles in diverse health services and organizations in the Galilee and further afield. An MA program was submitted to the Council of Higher Education and is pending approval at present.

The Department currently has some 400 undergraduate students, and during the last decade, it has trained and enabled more than 800 health care workers to graduate. It works in close cooperation with hospitals and community health centers in the north, to the mutual benefit of the students and the healthcare facilities. Most of our student population is drawn from the Galilee and Greater Haifa area, and we take pride in our programs to seek out and support students from minority communities and from lower socio-economic backgrounds. We devote significant resources to support our students during their time at YVC, ensuring their success and successful integration in their professions.

Upon graduation, many of our former students remain in the area to serve the local population, which includes a high percentage of members of minority communities, immigrants, and others facing difficult circumstances. Our nursing graduates are able to provide high-quality, culturally-sensitive health care to the local population.
The Need for a New Building

The sharp increase in the number of nursing and health care students means that the current facilities are overcrowded and stretched to their limits. The new building will provide YVC’s nursing and health care students, most of whom come from Israel’s periphery, with educational facilities equivalent to those enjoyed by their counterparts in the center of the country.
The new building will consist of 4000 m² of carefully designed facilities spread over four floors. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2013, with completion expected in 2015. The total cost of the building is approximately $10 million.

Once it is completed, equipped and in use, the building project will allow YVC to increase the number of students it can absorb in its Nursing School and the Department for Health Systems Management. Once in operation, the building will be maintained by YVC’s maintenance department and this will be funded out of the College’s operating budget.
How Can I Help?

YVC, recognizing the urgent need to develop the Nursing School and Health Systems Management Department has allocated $4 million to this project from its multi-year development budget in addition to $3 million from the government. To complete this building, we need supporters who realize the importance of first-class health care training in the north and who aspire to be a part of meeting this challenge. Some examples of dedication opportunities are listed below.

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