

English edition

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

In the past year the focus of the Board of our Foundation lay on the future and further development of SANA Foundation, our NGO-partner in Israel. The working-visit in December 2017 has given us a lot of inspiration and starting points, that we could work with in 2018. Our efforts are all directed towards the working and continuity of the Scholarship-project. The responsibility, that our Board had for the project during 30 years, will gradually transfer to the new Board of SANA Foundation. In our view this is the only way, that this opportunity of support to Palestinian female-students for higher education within their own country can be secured in the future. This education is offered at institutions in a.o. Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem, Nazareth and Beer Sheva.

Through the letters and e-mails, that we received also in 2018, we are assured, that the students, during and certainly after completion of their studies, are indeed developing their own future and that of their country.

We are happy to inform you, Friends and donors, through this Annual Report about these developments and acquit ourselves of the responsibility of the use of the funds, that were trusted to us in 2018.

Rens Kessener 1944-2018

On the 15th of March we and family and friends had to let go Rens Kessener, who passed away this year.



He was our treasurer from 2011 till 2017.

He was a committed and enthusiastic member of our Board with a clear eye for the possibilities and limitations of the goals of our Foundation. We knew him as a man with a keen interest in people

and their motives. His talent for coaching manifested itself clearly during the working-visit in Israel in 2013, when we discussed matters with the young Board of SANA Foundation. We owe Rens a lot and are grateful for his good work, that he offered without any material reward, for the benefit of our Palestinian students. We miss him and we keep in regard his thoughts and good intention.

We really value your support and confidence in us in the past year.

We thank you so much!

FOUNDATION

FRIENDS OF NAZARETH

is raised up in 1985 to ask attention for the Palestinian minority in Israel.

The goal of the foundation

To allow Palestinian youngsters, preferable women, to study in their own country by means of scholarships. To draw attention to and ask support for the Palestinian minority in Israel.

Its mean activities are

- **Fundraising** for the scholarship project, keeping close contact with the students, the board of Sana Foundation and the contacts in Israel.
- **Publicity** to give information about 'the other Israel' via FRIENDS, the newsletter and via the website.

The board of the foundation

Amin Ghazal, chairman;
Hanneke Heisterkamp, treasure;
Els Schots, secretary;
Wil Verheggen, advisor of the board;
Rens Kessener treasure passed away 09-03-2018.

FRIENDS

is our contact letter filled with the new and important topics for the foundation in the past six months. ISSN: 2452-1183.

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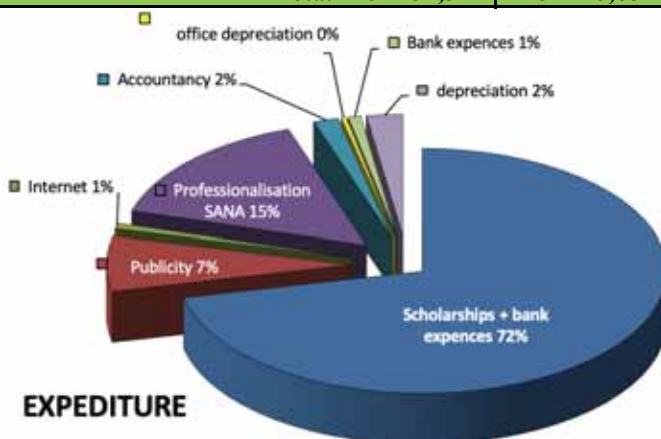
SANA Foundation

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INCOME in euro's	2017	2018
Gifts Friends	4,202	3,705
Gifts Guaranteed Friends	9,200	8,325
Gifts Funds	20,400	16,374
Bequest	0	22,430
Proceed of diptyches	0	30
Donations volunteers	6,800	5,300
Interest	251	84
Total	€ 40,853	€ 56,248
EXPENDITURE		
Scholarships	25,600	26,500
Professionalization Sana Foundation	-	5,700
Publicity	2,680	2,698
Office - depreciation / internet	384	276
Volunteer allowance	6,900	5,400
Accountancy	608	612
Board	-	96
Representation	221	23
Expenses bank to transfer scholarships	93	108
Expenses bank	298	310
Deprecation	962	889
Working visit	519	0
Credit – deficit balance	2,660	13,636
Total	€ 40,853	€ 56,248

BALANCE 31 December		
Debet		
Inventory	911	22
Asset	248	184
Assets bank	131,163	145,646
Total	€ 132,322	€ 145,852
Credit		
Short term debts	755	649
Promised scholarships	41,500	29,750
Earmarked scholarships via Sana Foundation	14,000	44,000
Professionalization Sana Foundation	3,000	4,000
Reserve fund not promised scholarships	50,000	50,000
Present capital	23,067	17,453
Total	€ 132,322	€ 145,852



Comments on our financial situation

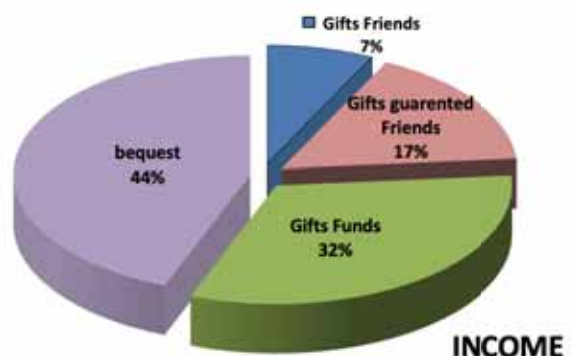
Also in 2018, the Foundation ended with a positive result. Apart from the donations from our faithful Friends and other Funds that support our work, we also received extra gifts and a bequest, which meant a good financial support for our Foundation.

As is our practice, the Board uses as little as possible of the funds for our administration, general costs, representation and internet, thus to be able to direct our funds to our goals: publicity and the scholarships. Also, in 2018 we are pleased to inform you, that we kept the other expenses to less than 2 % of the total of our budget. 1 % of this is the cost of the use of internet.

Our volunteers receive a remuneration for their efforts. They have paid this amount back into the account of the Foundation as a gift. Our balance remains equal on this subject.

In 2018 the Board of Foundation Friends of Nazareth has invested considerably into professional support for the restart and building of the Board of SANA-Foundation. Two people received a remuneration for this intensive work.

In October four students received a scholarship through SANA-Foundation.



ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD

Meetings of the Board

In 2018 the Board convened 7 times under the chairmanship of Amin Ghazal. Apart from those meetings there is a continuous contact among Board-members through e-mail and Skype, also with Board-members of SANA and contact-persons in Israel. Also with students in Israel intensive contact remains part of our work: to discuss progress in studies and the reporting on volunteer-activities. It is time-consuming to keep a check on money-transfers to Palestinians in Israel. In the beginning of 2018 Trees Kosterman has been asked to coach and support the Board of SANA-Foundation. Trees has been a trusted contact-person for our work for several years now. Trees takes part in the meetings of the SANA-Board. She also reports regularly on the latest developments. The Board has decided not to look for another person to replace the deceased Rens Kessener: Hanneke Heisterkamp has now taken the position of treasurer of the Board.

Sana Foundation is our partner organization in Israel. Their aim is similar to that of our Foundation: awarding grants to Palestinian female students. A part of their funds come from the repayments of loans previously granted by the Foundation Friends of Nazareth. 25% of the scholarship is a loan.

Protection of personal data

In the Netherlands new regulations have been ordered for the protection of personal data within organizations (the 'AVG-law'). To this end the Board has asked Friends and donors to give a signed agreement on the way their data are handled within the Foundation.

SANA-Foundation

The SANA-Foundation had to make a restart, in which Trees Kosterman has been the coach. New Board-members had to be found and were installed. A beginning was made to come to a program-of-work in the new Board. Administrative matters had to be addressed; the repayment of the scholarship-funds, that were provided on a loan-basis, are again being received. Presently SANA-Foundation is supporting four students financially and also in keeping contact and coaching.

SANA Foundation needs support for the scholarship-program. This is possible to: Bank Leumi Israel Branche 879, number: 879 206223 91 in the name of Sana Foundation.

It too is possible to become active to help them by doing some parts of the work that has to be done. If you want to help them, sent an email to: scholarship.sana@gmail.com

Publicity

We were pleased to publish again the Newsbrief of FRIENDS, number 62 and 63. Again our students gave the essential content through their impressive contributions. Every half-year they send us reports about their respective progress and personal development in the world of university or other institution of higher education in Israel. These reports can also be read at our website: www.friends-nazareth.nl.

THE SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT

On the 1st of January 2018 seven students were studying in Israel with support from the Foundation. The field of their studies include: Medicine, English, Arab-language, Sociology/Anthropology, Optometric, Nursing-studies, the Management of Healthcare, Mathematics and Statistics. At that time one student received her scholarship

through SANA-Foundation. All students managed to complete the year of study successfully and did start with the new academic year in October. SANA-Foundation will now grow in its responsibilities and the Board in the Netherlands will not take on any new students since October from this end. SANA-Foundation will now select new students and reward a scholarship and take on the coaching and support for new students. The finances will still come from the Netherlands. The conditions of rewarding a scholarship will remain the same as used to, regarding volunteeringwork, evaluations and reporting. In this way four students are now having a scholarship through SANA-Foundation. Their fields are: Graphic designing, Nursing-studies, Medicine, and Special education in Science. Still six students continue to receive their scholarship directly under the responsibility of the Board in the Netherlands.





Afraa: (Optometry) "I am third year and now my personality is much stronger, I have more self-confidence, I can count on myself. My parents are not with me, the second one is that I had to volunteer with I started from the first year, I learned a lot: most I got the experience I always can help other people, I learned that you have to work hard to successes that you have to love what you do in your work".

Waed: (Health management) "I am thankful for this scholarship because it made a big difference in my life not only that it helped me to finish my study but also because the volunteering program gave me a lot of experience by helping in more than one place, dealing with various situations, meeting a new people. Now I am more confident, responsible and active woman, in addition my social life is full of people that I never imagined that I would know them".



Nada: (English) "Truthfully speaking I think I found myself through my volunteering. I found great joy and happiness while helping these struggling and troubled teenagers, knowing that I'm benefiting them and causing them to make a change in their way of thinking and way of seeing things, really brought great happiness to my heart".

Loseen (Nursing): "I am volunteering in psychological clinic. The children that comes suffer from special problems, it could be a social family, learning or behaves. At first it was so hard, but after specific time I felt how the children and their parents love me and want me to help them. I want so happy to see their positive feedback. I learned how to communicate with others, and these things are so important in my study and I can say that I did a good choice".



Sukina: (mathematics and statistics) "I am studying is very hard. Every day I go to the library and I also serve the net to master my studies. I am very pleased with the teachers they are great and skilful. And I do my best to solve the problems. I volunteer in teaching children who are poor educated. I improve my personal and social skills there and I enjoy teaching them. I teach them how to deal with others and their entertainment to get the highest scientific achievement, I am happy with this work, it is humanitarian work and it helps you to learn and teach difficulties and makes you proud when you see the smile on their faces. I'm children with learning, I'm very patient with patience but I love it"

Ala'a (sociology) "I hear it a lot that -people already don't have any hope of having a better world for us-, a feeling that I totally understand - but I believe that hope isn't outside of us, it is in us. I got appreciation for the effort of each person, but I came also to understanding that it's hard to believe in a better situation. I was very delighted because this is also an indication of how much they actually want a better world, and you can't want that without having hope. So, no matter how hard the circumstances are, we, people, will still have this hope as part of our human nature".



In October the Foundation presented itself during a well-attended meeting of The Rights Forum in Tilburg. Gerdien Wolthaus Paauw gave a presentation of her Photo-project 'Jerusalem, heart of the city'. We were given the opportunity to present the work of the Foundation including the Scholarship-project. Also, in November, the Foundation was present to show our work at a 'project-market' in the Kloosterkerk. The Kloosterkerk is a well-known location in the centre of the Hague.