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Under the scope of the preventive **health campaigns**, **Makhzoumi Foundation** conducted the Annual Pap-Smear Test Campaign at Achrafieh Health Clinic on 10/03/2009, and at Mazraa Health Clinic on 17/03/2009. Within the same context and on the occasion of Mother's Day, the Foundation conducted, as in every year, a preventive Mammography Campaign for early breast cancer detection.

## Makhzoumi Foundation Celebrates its Trainees Graduation

Within the framework of cooperation between "Laha" Association (Sidon) and Makhzoumi Foundation / Civic Centers Program, "Laha" arranged a ceremony on 26/3/2009 to distribute the graduation certificates to trainees from different specialties. Mrs. Suhair Zarif, "Laha" President, elaborated in her word on the Association's role in empowering and activating the woman contribution in the society and in enhancing her skills to achieve financial and self independence paying tribute to Makhzoumi Foundation that has been backing "Laha" Association and supporting it through all stages.

Mrs. May Makhzoumi wished in her word prosperity to the Association emphasizing the on-going cooperation, and then she distributed the certificates to the distinguished trainees.

A Beauty and Hairdressing Show (Défilé) was displayed.

As well, Makhzoumi Foundation arranged a graduation ceremony at Mazraa Center to distribute certificates to the trainees in presence of the President, Mrs. May Makhzoumi, and the Deputy General Manager, Samer Safah. Mrs. Makhzoumi praised the trainees' efforts to improvement themselves and distributed certificates and medals to the distinguished. The trainees praised the Academic Proficiency of the Foundation that always provides the best services.



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## "Towards a National Strategy against Corruption" Conference

**Makhzoumi Foundation** attended the launching ceremony of the "Towards a National Strategy against Corruption" Conference that was organized by the "The Lebanese Association for Enhancing Transparency – No Corruption" and UNDP and was held under the patronage of the Lebanese President Major General Michel Suleiman, at Phoenician Hotel on 25/3/2009. The Minister of Interior Affairs, Mr. Ziad Barood, who represented the President, opened the ceremony with a presentation on 2008 report of the "International Transparency Organization", hoping that the Election's Monitoring Committee will contribute to better democratic process. Deputy Ghassan Mukheiber, the Head of the "Lebanese Parliamentarians against Corruption Association", pointed out that corruption is spread all over Lebanon and in all sectors including the civil society. The resident UNDP representative Marta Rouidas just praised the Lebanese government commitment towards combating corruption. Mr. Hassan Karim, the UNDP policies expert, presented the conference's recommendations, of which is the one related to establishing a national committee for combating corruption.



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As usual in every year and on the occasion of Mother's Day, **Makhzoumi Foundation trainees/Beauty Division at Tripoli Center visited the Social Services Association** where they cut hair for a number of the elders, in presence of Miss Samar Khashman, the Head of Tripoli Center, and the Beauty teachers.

The Association administration thanked the Makhzoumi Foundation for the humanitarian gesture wishing continuous cooperation.

**Makhzoumi Foundation took part in the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Arab Foundations Forum** that was held in Abu Dhabi on 20 & 21/3/09; Miss Sallama Namani, the Manager of the Awareness and Agriculture/Environment Programs, represented the Foundation. The attendees included representatives of more than 20 Foundations from different Arab Countries. The members discussed the organizational issue whereby they elected a board of directors included six members from Jordan, Palestine, KSA, UAE, and Lebanon represented by Eng. Namani (Secretary of the board).

Three seminars were held during the Forum on three major topics: Youth and Development, Children Well-being and Education, and Global Climate Change during which Eng. Namani a presentation about this problem pointing out the different environmental activities of Makhzoumi Foundation. Three interest groups emerged to follow-up on the three topics aiming to conduct common activities related to those topics.

As well, **Makhzoumi Foundation** participated in the **"World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists"** that followed the above meeting and was also held in Abu Dhabi on 22 & 23/3/2009.

## "Awareness on the Importance of Solar Energy Application" Project

**Makhzoumi Foundation** has conducted the last two workshops of its Project, **"Awareness on the Importance of Solar Energy Application"**, funded by the **Netherlands Embassy and implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Education in Lebanon and the Greek NGO "SENSE"**, in Meridian-Commodore Hotel on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2009. Science teachers of 6<sup>th</sup> grade class from public and private schools throughout Lebanon attended these workshops that included theoretical and practical information on renewable energy with emphasis on the solar energy. The participants received an educational kit to be used in scientific experiments on solar energy in front of the students at their schools.

In addition, "Best Poster" Contest on solar energy application was announced for the students of the schools that participated in this project whereby awards will be distributed to the first five winners at the end of the project in June 2009.





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**Makhzoumi Foundation** organized a ceremony in the Greek Orthodox Church in "Ain Al-Jdeidi" in order to distribute certificates of attendance to the ladies who participated in the two crafts workshops on "Molding and Decorating Chocolate" and "Paper Work".

These workshops come within the context of the different workshops that the Awareness Program holds aiming to enhance women's skills and to empower their productive capabilities.

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### A Lecture on "The Biological Mother or the Raising-up Mother"



**Makhzoumi Foundation** conducted, at its center in Tripoli, a lecture titled "The Biological Mother or the Raising-up Mother" on 14/03/2009; it was arranged by Miss Sallama Naamani, the Awareness Program Manager, and the Head of Tripoli Center Miss Samar Khashman. The lecture shed light upon an incident that happened by mistake in North Lebanon whereby one baby was exchanged for another; the truth was revealed by chance after 10 years.

Miss Khashman introduced the two lecturers, Dr. Fatima Badawi (Treasurer of the Women Committees Union in the North) and Dr. Fatima Khadoura (Lecturer at the Lebanese University); Dr. Badawi talked about the mother's biological and social roles whereby Dr. Khadoura elaborated on several mothers in religions and in ancient history

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As usual in every year and on the occasion of Mother's Day, **Makhzoumi Foundation trainees/Beauty Division at Mazraa Center visited the Islamic Elderly House** on 26/3/2009, where by they cut hair for a number of the elders and offered them souvenirs. The House administration thanked the Makhzoumi Foundation for the humanitarian gesture wishing continuous cooperation.



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