



## Necessary Construction and Expansion

The school urgently needs a new building for the kindergarten. There is also a need to expand the building for a multi-purpose space.

The current kindergarten is outdated. Renovation is no longer an option, given the architectural defects. The building no longer meets the local safety regulations. Therefore, it was decided to construct a new kindergarten building.



The building is too small and lacks proper ventilation in some classrooms. Also, there are only ten toilets for nearly three-hundred children. There is a good chance that the kindergarten will have to close. If the safety issues are not addressed, the Ministry of Education will not give them the necessary license to remain open.



## About the Foundation

The Foundation 'Friends of the Sisters of Nazareth- Haifa' was founded by Gibran and Johanneke Siman. Gibran was raised in the Baptist church in Israel and Johanneke in the Protestant church in the Netherlands. Both are committed to the Christian Arab community in Israel and to a reconciliation between Arabs and Jews.

**Want to know what you can do? Or do you want to know more about the activities of the Foundation? You can reach us at our mailing address or via email.**

Therefore the foundation is committed to Christian Arabs in Israel. We do this practically, by supporting the Sisters of Nazareth School financially. This way we are able to contribute to the safety and quality of education for (Christian) Arab children.

**For any questions about our work or to make a donation, please contact us.**

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## 'It is more blessed to give than to receive ...'

The community of the "Sisters of Nazareth" has been a good example of this lesson from the Bible since 1854 when they came to Galilee (northern Israel). Four years later the community opened the school in Haifa.



Since then, countless children and young people from the Haifa area have enjoyed an education here. The sisters did not look at origin or status, everyone was welcome. Today, there are a total of 1,500 students enrolled in the kindergarten, primary, and secondary schools. The mission of the Sisters is still: provide access to education for children from Haifa and the surrounding areas. They also state that christian education is first with respect for children from other faith backgrounds.

## Replacement of the Kindergarten Building

The current building was built at the end of the 19th century. In fact, the school building dates back to 1860.



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## Donations

To finance the project, the school is largely dependent on donations and gifts. The Foundation "Vrienden van de Sisters of Nazareth-Haifa" is committed to helping the school realize its construction project. Will you join us? Every gift is warmly welcome!

Classrooms and facilities have been added to meet the needs of the growing number of students.



**In the picture above, you can see how the new building will look!**



**For more than 150 years the Sisters of Nazareth have taught children from all backgrounds.**

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