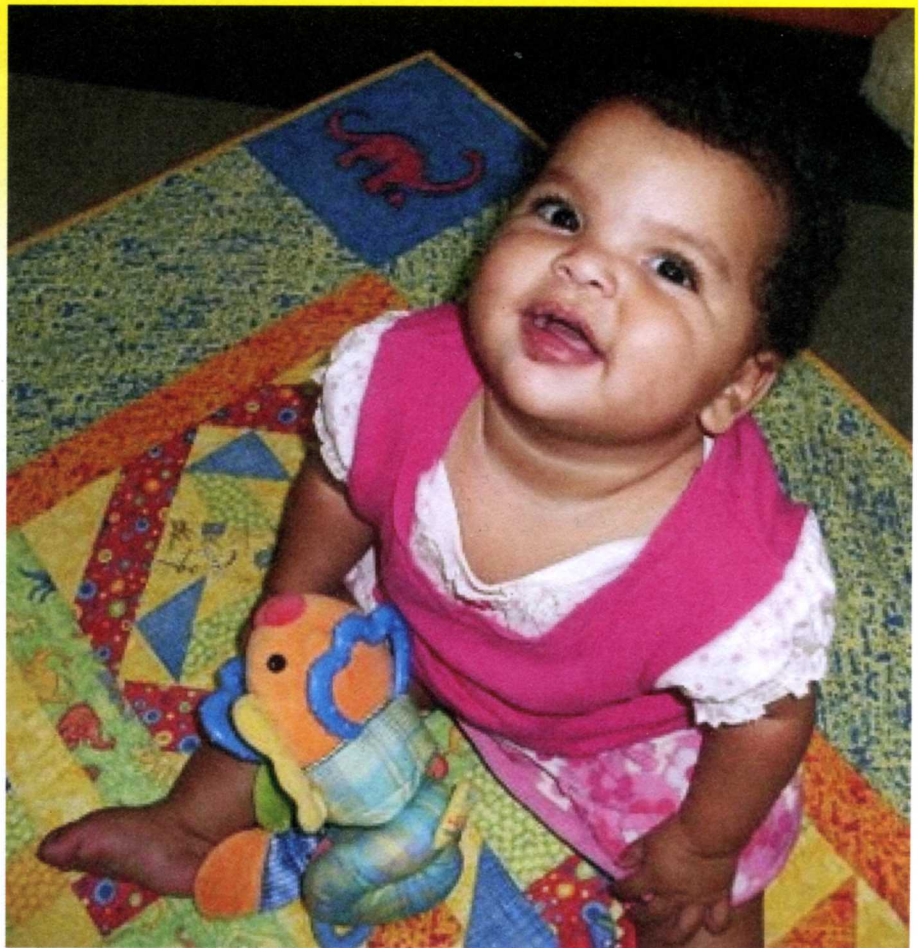


SunShine Project



Newsletter
Winter 2011



A precious ray of SunShine

Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

The past year has seen so many changes. In Egypt we have seen an historical revolution, and all of us, every day here in the UK, are reminded in the news of economic decline across the whole of Europe. However, in these troubled times we hope that some of our photo's will cheer you and warm your hearts on a chilly winter's day!

At SunShine the children are growing up very fast and it is hard to believe that our two eldest children will soon be reaching the age of full independence. In contrast, very recently three little babies have just begun their life at the village.

There are now 2 children on further education courses, 67 children attending school and 25 preschoolers in the nursery, and attending the Kindergarten.

The children trust so much and rely on our support for their home, their education and their daily lives, and more importantly to remain together as a family.

One Director who travelled out to the project in July, came back and her lasting thought and impression as she enjoyed breaking fast at the village with all of the children was that 'we can never lose something so precious as this' - a thought that goes through the minds of so many of us who have visited the children or who have been in support of the charity for so long.

Here at SunShine we never underestimate just how important our sponsors and supporters are in keeping SunShine going, and we know it would not be at all possible without you. We are also very aware indeed of the commitment and loyalty that you have given to the charity as we have come to know so many of you over the years. Although we are unable to personally thank everyone by name in a Newsletter, please know that our appreciation to every organization and individual is heartfelt by all at SunShine.

The UK Directors are very pleased to welcome Alison Moussa to the Project as our UK Field Representative in Luxor. Alison, we feel, will be a great asset to the charity and we all look forward to working with her over the next few months.

The Egyptian Foundation board and all the loyal house Mothers and Fathers and staff in Luxor, have the greatest of commitments and responsibility to the children, being there for them day and night. Many of the staff and carers work 12 hour shifts, six days a week, and also welcome the children into their own family homes during feast days. We also thank all of them for welcoming all the sponsors and visitors and volunteers to the project over the past year, and including us in some wonderful moments shared with the children.

Most of all, we acknowledge and thank all of you for your help and support throughout 2011 and for providing a very special place for the children, that they will always know as their home, and their family.

Our most sincere best wishes,

Chairman Anne Bates and the Directors—**SunShine UK**

What's been happening at SunShine Luxor, during 2011

Thank you to all sponsors who have sent gifts and clothes for the children. In April, Galal excitedly received his new wheelchair from the UK. Marawan and Galal have really benefited from their made-to-measure wheelchairs. It has meant that they can now enjoy being out and about with the rest of the children in comfort and safety.



Galal

SunShine children help to clean up Luxor

A campaign was launched in spring, by the new Governor of Luxor, to clean up the streets of Luxor. Many local schoolchildren assisted in the clean-up, and true to form, our children were amongst the first to offer to help out.



Brushes at the ready!

Fundraising in the UK:

Yvonne Herrington and her group of fundraisers from Farnham, Gosport and Frome, helped towards providing a much-needed holiday for the children, over 50 children went to Hurghada in two separate trips. Lots of sea, sand and ice cream! They all visited the sea museum and enjoyed a boat trip, thanks to our kind-hearted fundraisers. This was the first real holiday that the majority of the children have ever experienced.



Yvonne (centre), friend Joanne and sister Donna fundraise to send the children on a holiday

A trip on the glass bottom boat

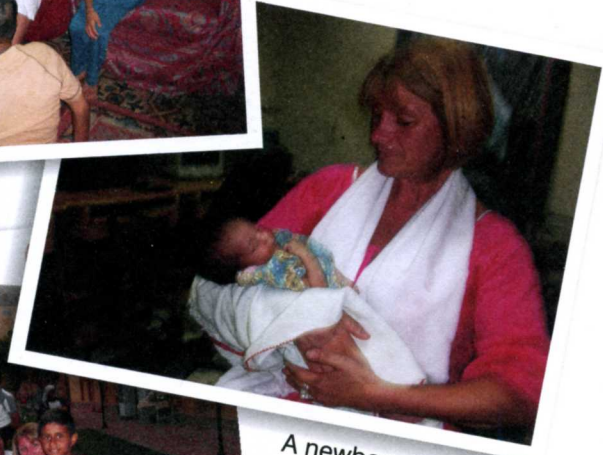
15-year-old Azza enjoying the break from school

The Good Samaritan

UK Directors visited the Good Samaritan project in Luxor during spring and summer to meet some of the children living at the project. The UK Charity gave a donation of £250 towards the care of the older, disabled children living at the home.



Karen Cresswell,
Director at
The Good Samaritan
home, Luxor



A newborn baby, Menna,
joins the family in July



Breaking fast with the
family at SunShine
was an unforgettable
experience



Hello from the
children at
SunShine

