

# Tamanna: Turning tears into laughter



“ Through grief and pain comes growth and inspiration.” In 2005, Mrs Diala Fil Rayess lost her son in a terrible accident in Turkey and never thought she could recover from such an experience. With time, she was surprised to find out that by helping other children smile, she got back her own smile. This is how She created Tamanna in memory of her son Karim.

In December 2005, The vision of giving children with critical illnesses a chance to dream became a reality. Tamanna grants the wishes of these children to give them joy, strength and hope.

Fulfilling a child's wish provides an escape from a difficult reality, restoring time for laughter. It allows the child to live a magical experience and to share unforgettable moments with his family.

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Tamanna currently grants an average of three wishes a week. It has fulfilled 523 wishes since its inception in December 2005.

Tamanna is a non-profit association that grants the wishes of children with critical illnesses.

Turning a wish into reality empowers the child to combat the illness, giving hope at times of great stress and hardship. The impact of the wish on the physical and emotional state of the child can be significant.

A wish granted brings a little sunshine into lives that have been dominated by pain. It provides an escape from a difficult reality, lifting the spirits of the child and his family.

Any child between 3 and 18 years with a critical illness, living or being treated in Lebanon, is eligible for a wish. Tamanna serves children without regard to nationality, religion, socio-economic, or cultural background.

The question we ask the child is “If you could have one wish, what would it be?” After the child paints a clear picture of his wish, the Tamanna team sets out to create a magical experience, making every effort to involve the child's family.

Wishes vary from having a particular toy, to meeting a celebrity, traveling or becoming someone the child hopes to be as an adult. Tamanna tries to be limited only by a child's imagination.

## Types of Wishes

Most wishes fall into four categories:

### *I wish to go*

Some Tamanna children want to travel to a dream destination, see the snow for the first time, or attend a concert.



### *I wish to meet*

Many want to meet their favourite politician, athlete, or singer.



### *I wish to have*

Children often want a special gift, like a computer, a playstation, or a shopping spree.



### *I wish to be*

Many children wish to be someone for a day- an astronaut, a pilot, a bride.



Wishes that Tamanna does not grant include:

- o Gifts of designated sums of money
- o Renting or purchase of a home
- o Motorized vehicles
- o Coverage of medical costs
- o Gifts related to weapons
- o Wishes that may create an ongoing financial burden to the family

You can make a difference in the life of children with critical illnesses by helping us ensure that no child is denied his wish due to a lack of funds. There are several ways in which you can donate.

### Hospital Alliances :

Tamanna currently works with the following institutions and hospitals:

- o Children s Cancer Center.
- o Hammoud Hospital.
- o Hotel Dieu Hospital.
- o Jitawi Lebanese Hospital.
- o Makassed Hospital.
- o Notre Dames des Secours ( Jbeil).
- o Rafik Hariri University Hospital.
- o Saint George Hospital.

### Tamanna's Financials:

Tamanna is audited by Price Waterhouse Coopers.

### *Cash Contributions:*

Donations can be made directly into Tamanna's bank account:

Account number: 408019/02

Swift code: AUDBLBBX

Bank Audi SAL

Audi Saradar Group

Lebanon

### *Monthly Direct Debit*

Your automatic monthly contribution can help us ensure that each and every wish is granted. You can make the dreams of children come true without even noticing the amount each month. Even a small amount can make a difference.

## Honor and Memorial Gifts

If you choose to make a gift in memory or in honor of a loved one, we can send a card on your behalf. When you send your contribution, please include:

- o The name and address of the person to whom you would like a card acknowledging your donation sent to.
- o The name of the person your donation is in honor or memory of.
- o Your name and address

## Wedding/Special Occasion Gifts

Celebrating an occasion like a wedding, birthday, or anniversary? You can share the joy of your special day by helping make a child's wish come true. Place cards inserts are available to ask guests to make a donation to Tamanna in your honor in lieu of gifts, adding a special touch to your celebration.

## Legacy Giving:

You can make sure that your legacy lives on by helping us to grant wishes for years to come. Your legacy can help fund Tamanna in the long term, creating a lasting memory of yourself and ensuring that you will help children after you have passed away.

Examples of legacy giving:

- o Personal property or real estate
- o Outright cash gifts

## Kids Program:

Students of all ages can create and manage fundraising projects to help Tamanna children. The Kids program lets children discover the joy of giving and making a wish come true. They also develop team spirit as they work towards a common goal. Through this program, students can make a real difference in the lives of children who are battling critical illnesses.

Project ideas:

- o Put on a play or concert.
- o Organize a dance contest.
- o Set up a bake sale.

To learn how your school can give the gift of a wish to a child with a critical illness, please contact us at 70 11 47 18 or email us at [info@tamannalebanon.org](mailto:info@tamannalebanon.org).

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