



# ABK HOLDS GHABQA FOR EMPLOYEES IN CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY MONTH



**O**n the occasion of the Holy month of Ramadan and the Banks 50th anniversary, Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) held a Ghabqa for its employees to celebrate these two joyous events in the midst of a fun-filled atmosphere. The Ghabqa was held on 7 June, 2017 at the Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel with Group CEO, Mr. Michel Accad opening the evening with a warm message to all staff.

The event was set up to reflect a 50th anniversary theme, and featured delightful entertainment with a Jazz band followed by a Gergian band, along with a Selfie stand, and a sketch artist, provided for ABK staff and management to take home pictures as keepsakes. The Bank also held a series of exciting draws as a means of rewarding its staff members. Prizes included travel tickets to top destinations such as Paris, London, Barcelona, Egypt, India and Dubai, in addition to the latest TV's and mobile phones.

The highlight of the evening was the grand draw for a GMC car, where Mr Ahmad Fadel, a member of the Retail Banking Division team was announced the winner of the grand prize. The employee Ghabqa is one of a series of events rolled out by the Bank in recognition of the Holy month. A few of the Bank's main initiatives this month was the provision of the Holy Quran in braille to the visually impaired, the distribution of food packages to the underprivileged, Gergian celebration with Down Syndrome children, and sponsorship of the Kuwait Youth Basketball Ramadan Tournament.



## KFH TAKES PART IN GERGIAN EVENT FOR KUWAITI ASSOCIATION FOR DOWN SYNDROME

**K**uwait Finance House (KFH) took part in a confectary (Gergian) gathering for the Kuwaiti Association for Down syndrome. This step comes as part of KFH's social responsibility and in continuation of the bank's Ramadan program. KFH PR team visited the children of Kuwaiti Association for Down syndrome and managed to spread joy and happiness among them, yet showed them that the society cares for them.

The event included many activities that had a positive effect on the parents of the children, who believe that such activities organized by prestigious institutions, play a role in strengthening the social ties, while allowing the dis-

abled to beat the odds and blend into the society. In addition, such events boost the confidence of the disabled and help them to be productive individuals and integral part in the society. It is worth noting that KFH has been always keen to hold similar events every year, as part of its social responsibility, which reinforces the values of the society. KFH is eager to support charity, education and health activities; especially that they play a role in the prosperity of the society. Meanwhile, the staff of Kuwaiti Association for Down syndrome and children's guardians hailed this initiative that KFH is keen on taking every year. Also, they lauded its key role in assuming the social responsibility.

## XEROX IN COLLABORATION WITH KRC CELEBRATES THE JOY OF GERGIAN

**I**n the light of the spiritual month of Ramadan Alamana Industries (Xerox - Kuwait) and Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) organized a visit to The Social Care Center to celebrate Gergian with the orphans, handicapped, and elderly. Employees from Xerox had volunteered to spread the happiness of Gergian with the residents of The Social Care Center by giving away treats and organizing fun filled activities in collaboration with KRSC. This community-based activity reinforces the company's human values and strengthens its social role in society. Gergian is a very important event in Kuwait, as it is an old tradition that is loved by both children and adults.

Commenting on this occasion, General Manager of Alamana Industries (Xerox - Kuwait), Ayman Mattar: "As Ramadan is the month of giving back, we were keen to participate alongside KRSC to share the joy of Gergian with the residents of The Social Care Center. Our objective is to put a smile on the children's and elderly's faces by celebrating together with them. Being of such an initiative is in line with the social responsibility to giving back to the community we operate in. KRSC is a well-reputed

non-profit organization that lends a helping hand to all members of the society, and gives us great pleasure to work collaboratively with the organization."

The Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) is a voluntary humanitarian society that provides assistance to

those in need. Initiatives by KRSC is aimed to support and offer aid to less-fortunate individuals. Its main strategic goals revolve around initiating projects that provide aid to those in need such as orphans, widows, elderly and special needs.

