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A scene from the Shuwaikh Port, which was called 'Al-Furda' in the past. This photo, which dates back to the 1950s, shows examples of many commercial activities that took place at the port at the time, including importing goods such as sugar, tea, coffee, and timber. (Sources: A total of commemorative printed images by the Ministry of Information in the 1960s and 1970s. Prepared by Mahmoud Zakaria Abu Alella, heritage researcher in the Ministry of Information)



Mohammad Naif Orabi

GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

By Ben Garcia

Each of us can contribute to making Kuwait a better place for all of us to live. In our daily deeds and actions, we can find - if we choose to look - opportunities for improving Kuwait's environment. From not littering on the streets, to choosing to be kind and helpful to others, each individual here can have a positive impact on the society as a whole. Kuwait Times wants to know what can you do?

Mohammad Naif Orabi is a 55-year-old photographer from Aleppo, Syria, and has five children. He had the following to say when asked what would he do to make Kuwait a better place:

"I have worked with the International Committee of the Red Crescent (ICRC) earlier for free, and stayed there for three years. I would like to be of my best service again. I love doing this as it is a means to give back to the community where I live. If you have experienced sharing to the less fortunate people, you will understand the happiness that comes along with the act of volunteering. We can be of assistance in different activities and a blessing to people around us."

ALGHANIM INDUSTRIES SHARES JOY OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS DURING GIRGIAN EVENT AT AL-KHARAFI ACTIVITY KIDS CENTER

KUWAIT: The Food and Beverage Division of Alghanim Industries, one of the largest privately-owned companies in the region, shared the joy of over 350 children with special needs and their families during the annual girgian event held at the Al-Kharafi Activity Kids Center, and which comprised of many entertaining outdoor and indoor games and shows.

Alghanim Industries' sole sponsorship comes as part of the company's philanthropic mandate and long-standing commitment to supporting and meeting the needs of various segments of the commu-

nity, be it education, awareness or individuals with special needs. This year, Alghanim Industries has extended support to segments of the populations in needs through all the brands listed under its umbrella.

Commenting on the sponsorship of the girgian event at Al-Kharafi Activity Kids Center, Vice President of Food and Beverage Division at Alghanim Industries, Phil Broad, said: "We are honored to have the opportunity to share the joy and happiness of children and show them that together, our society is whole. Our team

has been delighted and overwhelmed to serve each child and their family during the amazing event. We look forward to supporting many more noble activities held by the Center."

Al-Kharafi Activity Kids Center is the first center of its kind in the Gulf region and the Middle East. It gives disabled children the opportunity to learn through play and fun within a safe and enjoyable environment. Playing is vital for a child's development and well-being. It is one of the natural rights of disabled children and special needs. The center was developed to help

children play with their peers whilst developing their physical, emotional, social, and verbal abilities. We concentrate on training the children to deal with each other and communicate in a nurturing non-discriminatory environment.

Kicking off after iftar, the girgian event started with outdoor activities and games for children as well as a live entertainment show, including face painting and balloon giveaways presented by Wendy's Kuwait as well as Mason Jar desserts provided by Slim Chickens Kuwait. The event was followed by the distribution of girgian gifts

presented by Costa Coffee Kuwait, as well as awarding Alghanim Industries' Food and Beverage Division.

Alghanim Industries is actively expanding its food and beverage (F&B) portfolio, which began in 2013 with a franchise agreement that enabled it to penetrate the coffee shop market in Kuwait through UK's favorite coffee shop, Costa Coffee. The Company further expanded with the launch of the renowned chain for fresh and quality ingredients, Wendy's, as well as the US-based "life-changing chicken" chain, Slim Chickens.

