



Gulf Bank donates foodstuff boxes to families in need

In partnership with Kuwait Food Bank and Saveco

KUWAIT: In an effort to give back to the local community this holy month, Gulf Bank distributed 'maachla' foodstuff boxes to families in need across Kuwait. In what has become an annual tradition, Gulf Bank has partnered with the Kuwait Food Bank and Saveco to distribute essential food items to local families.

This is the third consecutive year that Gulf Bank partners with the Kuwait Food Bank, and their fourth year partnering with Saveco, to distribute foodstuff boxes. Each box contains essential non-perishable food items that cover one family's needs for approximately one week. Volunteers from Gulf Bank and Saveco prepared the boxes, while members of the Kuwait Food Bank distributed them to families around the country.

Ahmad Al-Amir, Assistant General Manager for External Communications at Gulf Bank said, "We take great pride in giving back to our local community by whatever means necessary, and nothing brings us more joy than to see our partnership with Saveco and Kuwait Food Bank become an annual tradition. After the positive impact of last year's Ramadan initiative, we aimed to distribute more boxes this year and reach more families in need. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all our partners in this initiative that is truly fitting of the Ramadan spirit."

Salem Al-Hamar, Kuwait Food Bank Society Secretary General commented, "The Kuwait Food Bank is committed to providing local families in need with basic food items and reducing food waste. We are proud to



Ahmad Al-Amir

partner with Gulf Bank again this year and to have taken this initiative to even greater levels than we could ever have hoped for. We look forward to collaborating and helping even more families next year."

Noor Al-Qatami, CEO of Saveco stated, "It gives us great pride to partner with Gulf Bank on this initiative for the fourth year in a row. We are proud to align with a team who is equally committed to social responsibility and who is continuously giving back to the local community. That is what Ramadan is truly about." The Kuwait Food Bank is a charity established to provide food to the needy in Kuwait and to spread awareness about the importance of reducing food waste. Saveco is an all-inclusive mega-market in Kuwait that has quickly grown to be known for its wide range of products and its award-winning customer service.



Girgian brings joy to children

By Faten Omar

Ramadan is a joyful time of year in the Muslim world as fasters gather at sundown to break their fast with family and friends. In Kuwait, there are many traditions and activities that take place every year. To commemorate Ramadan and the experiences of our readers, this year the Kuwait Times is asking readers what they love about Ramadan. What is your favorite food, activity, memory, event, or thing that you absolutely adore and look forward to each year? We want to know. Email local@kuwaittimes.com with your answer and it might end up in the newspaper.

Abeer Omar, 28, a teacher, told Kuwait Times that her favorite part about Ramadan is girgian. "I love gir-

gian because I love to see the joy in children's eyes," she said. Omar expressed her happiness when she distributes candies to children who would usually be dressed in traditional clothes, hold their small bags and sing Ramadan songs. "I celebrate it every Ramadan with my students at the school," she added. "It has become a special occasion that defines Ramadan for many of us. We grew up celebrating it, and now we are teaching it to children and passing it on to the next generation."



AUB celebrates girgian with children at Mubarak Hospital



KUWAIT: The AUB volunteer team during the visit.

KUWAIT: As part of its interest in bringing joy and happiness among children, putting smile on their faces and spreading hope in their hearts in the holy month of Ramadan, Ahli United Bank (AUB) organized a visit to celebrate girgian with the children in Mubarak Hospital where a number of volunteers from the bank's staff, led by Tareq Muhmood, Acting CEO, Sahar Dashti, General Manager of Customer Protection Department, who is in charge of the Bank Social Responsibility Program participated in the celebration.

On this occasion, Sahar Dashti said: "To see the joy on the faces of children and their families when receiving the girgian and the beautiful gifts brings happiness to all participants in the visit and makes us feel the pleasure of giving

and bringing pleasure to the hearts of others in the month of mercy and giving. This participation stems from our sense of responsibility towards all categories of society, a tradition which AUB is committed to revive in Ramadan every year."

Dashti added that these visits are part of the social program prepared by AUB during of Ramadan which features several charity and humanity activities and events, aiming to support all segments of the Kuwaiti society and promotes the spirit of communication and compassion among its members. In their turn, children and their families in the hospital expressed their great joy of the visit and receiving the girgian and gifts on the occasion of this holy month from AUB.

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