Department of Pediatrics Celebrates Opening of Renovated Private Clinics and Conference Room

On Thursday June 2, 2006, the Department of Pediatrics at AUBMC celebrated the reopening of its Private Clinics and Conference Room that were renovated and uplifted through the generous donations of Mrs Lana Dalloul and the Women’s Auxiliary. Mrs Lana Dalloul has taken the initiative and with the help of several volunteers, personally decorated all the private clinics area with her touch of artistic talent and motherhood that heartfully understands a child’s desires and succeeded where “two of the best architectural firms in the world failed to do so” as Dean Nadim Cortas said. The Women’s Auxiliary, chaired by Mrs Leila Ilya with their special genuine friendship with the Department of Pediatrics, and their love to children taken care of in that department, donated money from the association to uplift the pediatrics classroom/conference room situated on 6 South that is extensively used in teaching rounds and in performing lectures and talks for students and house staff at the Department.

The gathering started at 9 am, Dr Mohamad Mikati, chairman of the department of Pediatrics welcomed the participants in the Hassan and Leila Idriss Pediatric library: Mrs Lana Dalloul and representatives from the Women’s Auxiliary, including its president Mrs Leila Ilya, Mrs Nabila Firzli, Mrs Helen Harmouch, Mrs Leila Khalaf, Mrs Zilda Dib, Mrs Brenda, Dean Dr Nadim Cortas, Hospital Director Mr Munthir Kuzayli, Deputy Hospital Director Dr Marina Hajj, Director of nursing services Ms Gladys Mouro, the private clinics staff and nurses, and the Pediatrics doctors. Dr Mikati thanked Mrs Lana Dalloul for her well known generosity and thoughtfulness and the joyful touch she added to the clinics, Dr Khalid Yunis who was the link with the Dalloul family, and the women’s auxiliary for their long standing support of the Pediatrics Department over the years. Dr Nadim Cortas further thanked the donors and spoke about the importance of giving from the heart especially in issues related to children. Mrs Lana Dalloul thanked the Department of Pediatrics for giving her the chance to bring joy to the children, and the women’s auxiliary expressed how much it means to them to help the Pediatrics Department with what they can, whenever approached, as they are concerned with the well being and happiness of children.

The group toured the renovated pediatric clinics and classroom/conference and cut the ribbon opening those areas. A reception was then held in the Hassan and Leila Idriss Pediatric library on the same floor, where the donors, Dr Mikati, Dr Cortas, and Mr Kuzayli cut the cake celebrating the occasion.