**Gulf Insurance Group Supports Kuwait Association for the Care of Children in Hospital (KACCH) and Bayt Abdullah Children’s Hospice (BACCH)**

**Kuwait, July 13th 2017**- Gulf Insurance Group, one of the leading insurance service providers in Middle East and North Africa, announced its support to Kuwait Association for the Care of Children in Hospital (KACCH) and Bayt Abdullah Children’s Hospice (BACCH), through its contribution of supporting the insurance needs of both organizations.

Bayt Abdullah Children’s Hospice provides multi-professional, specialist, pediatric palliative care and support to children with life limiting or life threatening illnesses who are resident in Kuwait, and their families.

Dr. Hilal Al-Sayer, President of KACCH said, “Kuwait Association for the Care of Children in Hospital and Bayt Abdullah Children’s Hospice are committed to fulfilling its mission by providing high quality services and care for children and their families in our community. These services depend on the generosity and support of organizations like GIG. I deeply appreciate GIG’s insurance service contributions to KACCH and Bayt Abdullah as part of their corporate social responsibility.”

Gulf Insurance Group Senior Manager, Corporate Communications and Investor Relations, Khaled Mashary Al-Sanousi, said that the company gives a high importance to its role in corporate social responsibility. By supporting KACCH and BACCH, GIG assures it’s keenness and commitment to coordinating and supporting initiatives that benefit the society and functions as a dynamic member of the community. Al-Sanousi confirmed that Gulf Insurance will continue in its societal efforts that pay close attention to children and youth, and healthcare in the community.

He noted that the Group’s contributions supported insurance services to BACCH, in the areas of fire, theft, accident, health and life insurance for personnel, and building maintenance.

Al-Sanousi concluded that the Group is pride of this collaboration that promotes the organization’s principles, and reflects its active commitment in supporting social causes.

KACCH is a nongovernmental and nonprofit organization registered with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor since 2003. From 1989, KACCH has been committed to supporting and meeting the psychosocial needs of children and their families in the hospital. Nearly 50,000 children and their families benefit from the services of KACCH annually, and over half a million children since the service began over 27 years ago. Today KACCH operates six Child Life Programmes across six government hospitals—Jahra Hospital, Amiri Hospital, Farwaniya Hospital, NBK Children’s Hospital, Ibn Sina Hospital, and Razi Hospital—in Kuwait. The six Child Life Programmes are led by Child Life Specialists, who are supported by professionally trained Play Leaders. Child life specialists use play, which is the universal language of children, to support with the psychosocial needs of patients and their families.

Bayt Abdullah Children’s Hospice provides multi-professional, specialist, pediatric palliative care and support to children with life limiting or life threatening illnesses who are resident in Kuwait, and their families. We aim to improve the quality of life for children and their families from diagnosis and beyond by offering these services, tailored to the individual family’s needs, in the location of their choice, whether at home, in Bayt Abdullah or through our outreach programme in their local hospital. Bayt Abdullah offers specialist symptom management, medically supported ‘respite’ care, home care, rehabilitation services and play activities as well as psychological and practical support for the whole family. Bayt Abdullah services include day care, inpatient, respite chalets, homecare, and hospital outreach.

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