

# CEDARS PHOENIX ALPHA TO OMEGA

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### ORGANIZATION PROFILE

### HUMAN RIGHTS AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN THE SERVICE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Cedars Phoenix Alpha to Omega, nonprofit organization was established in 2023 by a dynamic team, after leading a seasoned professional expertise for over 20 years in the fields of education. social work, social-vocational integration, counselling, lectures, law and politics, democracy, international relations, and community based development programs. Our concerns about inclusive education have resulted in reshaping traditional schooling, in order to induct it into the society and communities for the service of all people, especially youth in forms of projects, policies and engagement.

Cedars Phoenix strongly believes that education is a birthto-death inclusive process, and everyone shares in the responsibility of educating all members of

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the community. Consequently, it will lead to expanding the traditional role and image of education within a safesupporting community; developing learner/citizen approach for problems, challenges solving; and sustaining flexible pillars on local, national and international levels to impact everyone else from local community members, government, families, neighbors, scholars, and the individual.

We are strongly committed to make this happen, and we know that there are people like yourselves, who believe in fostering change toward greater equality, democracy, human rights and social justice through community-based learning, through enabling people, especially youth, the under-served, and people with special needs to transform themselves and to improve the quality of life.

## WHERE WE ACT

Artistic and Cultural Educational Programs Advancement of Human Rights Crafts and Industrial Workshops Charitable Social Health Center Environmental, Agricultural and Tourism Projects Spreading a Culture of Peace and Religious Encounter

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### MAIN MISSION

Our main mission and long-term goal is to create regional centers for comprehensive lifelong education, awareness, empowerment, and effective practical implementation of democracy, systems, human rights, public opinion, public freedoms and democratization of systems, especially for marginalized groups, women, youth and people with special needs.

The goal is for these centers to extend to all Lebanese regions to serve people in all dimensions of their individual and national life. Therefore, we decided to diversify our activities to include arts, culture, crafts, workshops, health, social support, environment, agriculture, tourism, human rights and religious encounters.



Everyday is the best day to love, learn and grow

### HOW IT STARTED

It all started more than two decades ago when Dr. Ghassan Hanna, began tackling, researching, developing long lasting engaging programs towards greater equality, no discrimination, and no prejudices against people with special needs. He lost his eye sight at the age of 21. It was a life changing event that inspired him to move with a broader and more comprehensive vision with the aim of serving humanitarian issues in general, de-

fending and demanding the realization of human rights and people with disabilities in particular. Dynamic and seasoned experts joined Dr. Hanna, and together they founded on February 2023 " Cedars Phoenix (Alpha to Omega).

### SOME OF PAST & PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- Conferences, lectures and TV programs
- Written and elaborated programs pivoting around:
- women communal and political rights and civic participation
- youth rights and vocational integration, schooling
- family rights

- higher education, communitybased learning.
- Networking with diverse NGOs and institutions



### **OPERATIONAL CONTEXT**



The context is the Lebanese society in all its composition, away from sectarianism and regionalism. The richness of our organization is a reflection of the richness of the Lebanese society, which is open to 19 sects. In addition, because building the Human is our goal in all dimensions of life, we thought of inclusive education to be the way and the permanent response to the full adaptation and the application of Human Rights. and application of the Human Rights. We have a strong commitment to fostering the needed change toward greater equality, social justice, human rights through communitybased learning s

### **OBJECTIVES & EXPECTED RESULTS**

Goal: Community based development programs to implement human rights and inclusive education in the service of sustainable development

Tools: Open the first education center to offer:

- Customized learning (Theory to practice and engagement) about family, prisoners, women civic and political participation. The methods correlate to inform, teach, structure and lead to full adaptation and implementation of human rights into social policies, regulations, rules o conduct, behavior, relationships, etc.

- Spreading the culture of human rights and transforming it into a culture of coexistence in the heart of society

- Enhancing people's capabilities for free and productive work

- Community development in all its aspects, because society is thirsty and ready to advance itself

- Beneficiaries: Women, families and at-risk groups

Expected results:

- Creating community segments that have distinct awareness in the heart of society

- Segments that have influence in society, political life, and public affairs

- Developing all public and private facilities

### **METHODOLOGY & APPROACH**

Many organizations have programs and actions that may sound or appear similar to ours. However, the fact is we are distinct seeing the approach we adopt is far from the traditional approaches, as we proceed with human rights from legislation to application, in modern compre-

hensive ways, within an educational and cultural framework. We respect the originality of society, of all social strains. Every population, community, human have specificity, traits, requirements, needs. We never use parachuted programs to solve problems; what solves a

problem to one group of people, may create another issue

to another group of people. It is a customized state-of-theart approach to ensure the effective, durable change and fulfillment.



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## FOUNDERS



#### **GHASSAN J. HANNA**

- Doctorate in Political Science (Paris XI University)
- M1 Psychology (clinic): UL 2015
- Master in Sociology: Lebanese University, 2014
- License in Sociology: Lebanese University, 2012
- MA in Marriage and Family: La Sagesse University, 2012
- DEA in Diplomacy: Paris XI University 2012
- DEA in Ecclesial Science: La Sagesse University, 2011
- DEA in Political Science and International Relations: La Sagesse University, 2008-2010
- BA in Islamo-Christian Dialogue: St Joseph University, 2004-2007
- BA in Political Science and International Relations: La Sagesse University, 2003-2006
- DEA in Social Doctrine: La Sagesse University, 2002-2005
- BA in Canonical Law: La Sagesse University (LATRAN), 1999- 2002
- Lebanese Baccalaureate II in philosophy 1999
- BA in Theology: Antonine University, 1993-1998

A committed senior lecturer, school and university teacher with over 20 years of experience at leading academic institutions teaching students from various social and cultural backgrounds.

A qualified social worker experienced in providing high quality care and support to people who are socially excluded, especially people with special needs. Dr. Hanna lost his eyesight long time ago, and his condition did not stop him from bringing light to people's lives.

A consistent track record of working successfully with individuals, families or groups, all within a variety of settings. Extensive knowledge of social work principles, techniques and practices and their application to complex cases, group work, and community issues.

TV Anchor (2014-2019) - Future TV, Aalam al Sabah (Episode So3be ktir)- 2007 till now : Télé lumière- Nour Shark- Mariam TV.

Writer- Music Band Creator- Instructor- Workshop and Support Group Animator- Consultant.



#### MARIA EL HAYECK

#### Content, Project Creator

#### Community Development Professional, Project Manager

#### Certified Security Risk Management Professional- Country Level

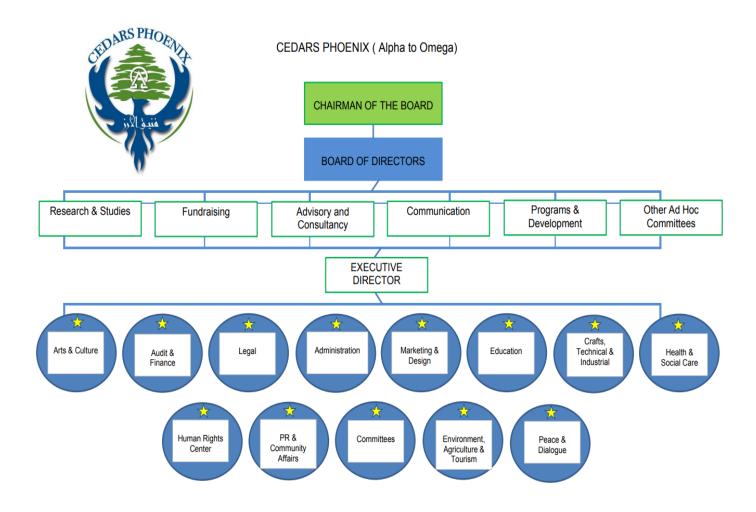
Highly accomplished Multi- disciplinary Professional who built a consistent Management Consultant profile throughout 24 years, in various decision-making roles. Exceptionally organized and disciplined; possess excellent interpersonal skills and a superior ability to conceptualize, to research and develop innovative approaches for an inclusive and successful project and program management in various sectors, like education, social innovation, community development, and humanitarian assistance.

- Lebanese Bacc-1993-Sœurs des Saints Coeurs- Bauchrieh- Lebanon
- Accounting Diploma=1996-Polyglot Technical College- Bauchrieh-Lebanon
- Project Management Diploma-2014-2015-Haigazian University-Beirut-Lebanon
- Certified Security Risk Management professional- Country Level-November 28, 2022- INSSA (International NGO Safety and Security Association) and disasterready.org
- Certificate of Completion: -International Humanitarian Law, Core Humanitarian Standard, Sphere in Practice (Humanitarian Leadership Academy)
- Business Consultancy Training: Global complexity, Inter-cultural Intelligence
- Handcraft artist, poet, writer





## **ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**





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Our programs are interconnected. Therefore, whether it is a general support or a oneprogram support, the funding will be vital to kick start the overall work.