

Mama Maggie

Founder of Stephen's Children Foundation

Maggie Gobran, also known as “Mama Maggie” was born in 1949 into an Egyptian Upper Middle class family, taught in the American University in Cairo, where Egypt brightest could receive the best education in the country

When her aunt who had spent her life serving the poor passed away, Maggie felt drawn to help fill the void that was left.

Then she visited the dump with friends bringing gifts for the children where she found them sleeping amongst and inside the pile of rubbish, suffering from hunger for bread, love and acceptance.

Resolving to do something about it, Maggie set up Stephen's Children Foundation, their purpose to seek and to love those at the very bottom of the social scale, the poorest of the poor, Stephen's children takes a holistic approach to serving families all over Egypt who had spiritual, material, educational, physical and social needs

They provide emergency relief withfood, medical bills or critical home repair. They also assist with education and vocational training, Community Education Centers and High Schools

Stephen's children has 2000 staff members and volunteers touching more than 1 million people.

They founded Community Education Centers which offer medical clinics Vocational Training, awareness and outreach to mothers

Each center serve 100 children that are cared for at any given time, where they get food, health checks, clothes and education, inspiration to accept and respect all regardless of color, creed or religion.

Established private schools for the poor in the slums that provide quality education with high ethical standard

Thousands of children have accepted new hope for life.

Mama Maggie affectionately known as the “Mother Theresa of Cairo,” is the symbol of giving and charitable work in Egypt. She has been nominated for the Noble Peace Prize several times lately for 2022

But every chance she gets, Maggie Gobran points out that the success of Stephen Children and the efforts of volunteers and friends, is only due to heavenly blessing on the work .

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Mama Maggie is the first Egyptian woman to be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for more than 10 times and lately in 2022.

One of the Top - BBC 100 Inspirational and Influential Women 2020.

One of Top 10 most inspirational women in Egypt 2019.

The Recipient of the 2019 William Wilberforce Award to be received in May 2019.

First Egyptian Woman to receive the City of Los Angeles Award , 18 March 2019

First time in 14 years, the First Egyptian woman to receive “International Women of Courage (IWOC)” by the US Department of State Delivered by First Lady Melania Trump & Secretary of State Mike Pompeo– March 2019

TAKREEM Award Lebanese award received in Kuwait November 2018.

“Appreciation Award” by HH Pope Tawadros II , August 2018. This appreciation Award was presented to Mama Maggie at The First International Forum of Coptic Church Youth held in August 2018

“Appreciation Award” from President El Sisi for her social work “Mother of the Year” dated 21st of March 2018.

The Charles W. Colson “Courage and Conviction award” from BIOLA University in March, California, USA, 2018.

Mama Maggie was the First Egyptian Lady to receive “Arab Hope Maker Award” – Presented by Sheikh Mohamed Bin Rashed Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai & Vice President of UAE, May 2017

“Extraordinary Achievement Award” from the Ministry of Social Affairs in Cairo 21st of March 2014.

Catholic Council Award 18th of March 2014.

Rotary Club of Cairo 2012.

Best Teacher Award; Haggai institute for Leadership: 31st of March 1992