

2021 Impact Statement

It seems that at ALYN Hospital 2021 flew by in the blink of an eye, despite continuing to battle waves of COVID with the challenges of having to worry about patients' health, dealing with staff quarantines and working with cumbersome protective gear. At ALYN, we were determined to see the children's future assured by doing everything we could to continue providing high levels of rehabilitation, medical and educational services as best we could.

In 2021, well over 3,000 children received inpatient care or were seen in ALYN Hospital's various clinics and services. In addition, we:

- launched several new services including our **Swallow Study Lab**, which quickly became a success by being the first child-friendly and special-needs oriented radiology environment for assessing the exact mechanism of the problem in swallowing and offer personalized solutions,
- used our advanced **Motion Analysis Lab** to identify children who can benefit from inserting **Deep Brain Stimulators** (in cooperation with Hadassah Medical Center) to treat intractable dystonia, a motor condition which is painful and debilitating,
- launched the **ALYN Pediatric Rehabilitation Research Center (PARC)** with the support of The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, which has generously gifted us with funds to establish a solid clinical research center with an emphasis on validating existing clinical methods as well as developing novel interventions, enabling us to be better positioned for being awarded national and international research grants,
- published several papers on our experience over the COVID period, especially regarding the way **Remote Therapy** was used to preserve and enhance our work during lockdowns and quarantines,
- held remote trainings through our **Educational Center** for health care, education and welfare professionals across Israel on a variety of topics, including training educators in dealing with acquired brain injury, post trauma and more,
- saw **ALYNnovation's** portfolio companies grow and some inch towards marketing, while **PELE** developed more than 100 solutions for the day-to-day challenges of children with disabilities,
- developed a year-round program in the **Maslul Afterschool Therapeutic Sports Center** so that children did not have to stop their favorite activities in safe surroundings even when school was out for the summer,
- expanded our inpatient school cultural competency program by adding more Arabic translators as well as a rabbi who teaches Talmud,
- opened our new staff parking lot, which has freed up much needed additional space for our families to comfortably access the clinics.

Looking forward to the year ahead, ALYN Hospital's 90th anniversary year, we are excited to share that we are planning to:

- renovate the **Respiratory Rehabilitation Department** to improve the experience of patients and their families, as well as conditions for the staff,
- install a new state-of-the-art medical nutritional formula kitchen for our tube-fed and specialty care children according to the directives of the Ministry of Health,
- create a new **Child & Family Outdoor Recreation and Leisure Area** for parents and children,
- remodel the entrance hall to create a warm, welcoming, child-friendly and modern space.

As we move into 2022, we remind ourselves that despite the last two years being an ongoing frustration, children who need rehabilitation cannot wait for times to get better. **It is our challenge to make the *HERE and NOW* better for children facing disease, disability and discouragement, and to turn their world into a place of opportunity, hope and agency.**

Your support is what enables us to make this happen!

With gratitude,

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Director General of ALYN Hospital

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