

A GLIMPSE OF 2021



The Nancy Caroline



ע"ש ננסי קרוליין
לזכר רון רוזין

FIGURES TELL

171 patients

About **450** family members involved

1837 home visits ...

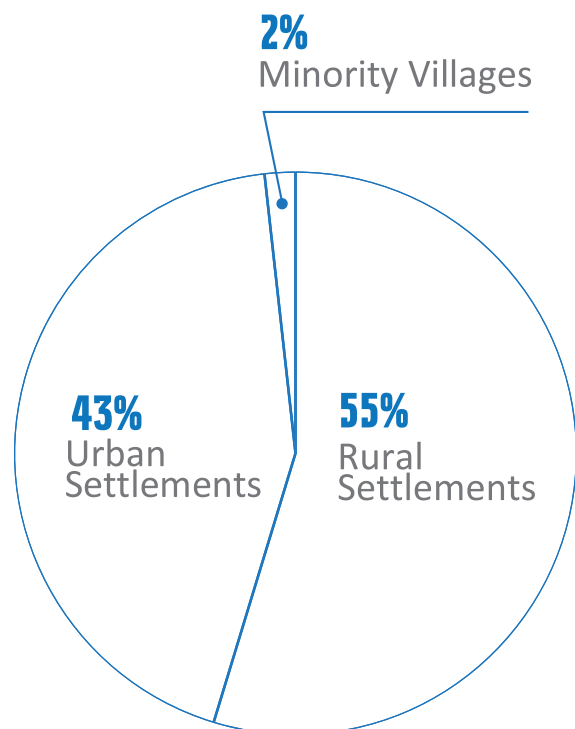
...in **59** settlements (out of 120 in the area)

76% passed away at home

23 settlements in the Upper Galilee and the Golan Heights have donated 150,000 NIS



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NEW FACES

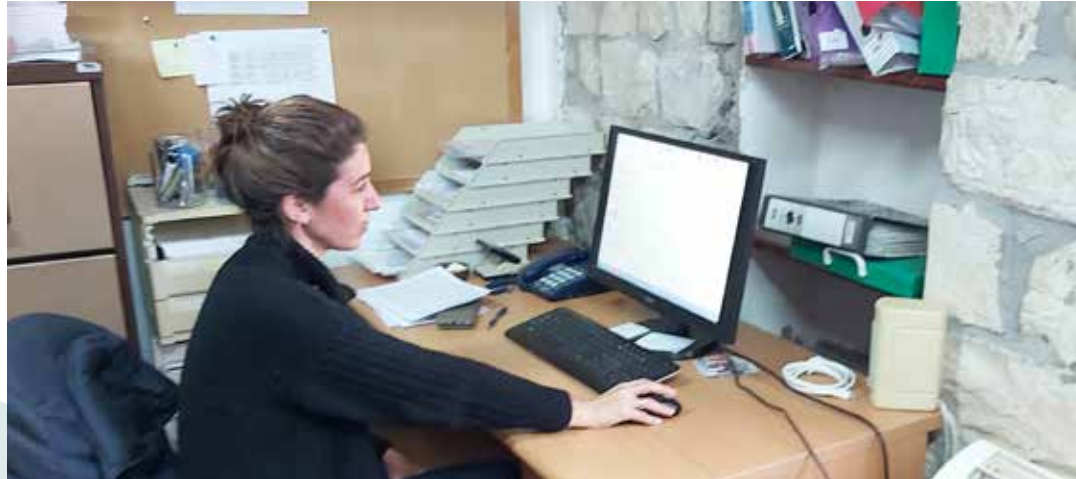
At the very beginning, some 27 years ago, **Dr. Asa Lev** took an active part in HUG, as an advisor and member of the Board. During the past 9 years he has served as Chairperson. After three terms in office the burden was transferred to the new generation. His successor is **Oded Schwartz** (48). Though a newcomer to the board, Oded and HUG go a long time together. Both Oded's mother and grandmother were treated by HUG. Following his personal experience, Oded became a close friend and a fervent supporter. In the last decade the Schwartz family has donated products from their dairy farm to various HUG functions. Two years ago they founded the "Miriam Schwartz Foundation" which raises money for HUG projects. (The latest one was mentioned in the 2020 report).



The veteran team of nurses has been reinforced this year by two young additions: **Inessa Katz** (34) and **Amit Chertoff** (39). Their hesitant beginning soon changed into a full throttle charge, so that by end of year it appears like they have always been with us.



When **Hugh Reisman**, HUG's secretary for twenty-years retired in December 2020, he was replaced by **Avital Benari** (42). The first project Avital took on, in addition to her routine tasks, was digitation of HUG's administration. She's aiming for a paperless office by the end of 2023.



In mid-year 2021 HUG faced a temporary shortage of doctors. **Dr. Amram Hadari**, former Head of the Surgical Department at the Ziv Hospital, consented to replace the serenity of retirement with the hectic schedule of HUG until the return of the missing staff members. He continued until February 2022. Many thanks to Dr. Hadari.



INSIDE EVENTS

After two years of volunteering **Dr. Micha de Vries** joined HUG as an employee. Dr. de Vries, and his wife Keren, made Aliyah from Holland, where he practiced palliative care and ran a local hospice.



April came with its usual scents of spring and HUG's staff finally dared to conduct a "normal" meeting. For over a year we stared at each other through the blue screen. This April we finally met in person. True, covered by masks, and without customary hugs... but nevertheless T-O-G-E-T-H-E-R again!!!



The Covid restrictions put on hold our annual Team Day. Compensation came from an unexpected source. The **Rosenberg brothers**, owners of the **"Adir" Dairy & Winery** wished to thank HUG for the care given to their father. On a lush breakfast we learned about the unpaved path from a modest beginning to a series of international prizes. After a comprehensive tour of the winery we have ended our visit by tasting various wines, rolling them through our taste buds and then letting them rest in the traditional spittoon (wine spit bucket) – in order to arrive safely to another day at work.



The Jewish Holidays always were, are and will be an integral part of HUG's schedule – Covid or not. Each Holiday and its unique characteristics.



Once we moved into the present location, **Leonie Golan** announced that the garden belongs to her and she will take care of it between her nursing duties. When needed she knows how to push in action additional man-power, including that of the CEO.



KNOW-HOW EXCHANGE

In the past years five experienced nurses from various medical institutes have spent three months gaining field experience with HUG's patients. In return, they shared with our staff their own knowledge and expertise. This year it was **Shlomit Dubovi**, Chief Nurse at the Chemotherapy Department from the Rambam Medical Center.



The second national convention of "Palliative Net" took place in November. Over 200 participants enjoyed two days of lectures, workshops and fun.

Six HUG nurses took part in the convention. **Yael Bleich**, HUG's Chief Nurse and Palliative Clinical Expert led a workshop based on HUG's field experience, which won excellent feedback.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Twelve-year old **Sarai Schwartz** wanted to mark her Bat-Mitzva by a good deed. She prepared 42 baskets with assorted nuts and dried fruits to be delivered to HUG patients on Tu-B'Shvat (Feast of the Trees).



Nitzan Koren was also twelve this year. She too chose to mark her own Bat-Mitzva by a donation. She baked Pizzas in her parents' yard-oven and sold them in the neighborhood, donating all the proceeds to HUG.



The bi-annual Gala Event was held in November. Patrons were treated in the customary Welcome Tent with lush refreshments, all donated by local suppliers. The ceremonial introduction was followed by a performance of **Miri Messika**, a celebrated Israeli singer who hosted her fourteen-year old protégé, **Mika Moshe**. Their duet won a standing ovation.

Mika came to public awareness while coming second in a popular TV show "The School of Music". In spite of her young age she is showing real talent and a promising future... and last but not least: she is ours – born and raised in the Upper Galilee.

