

press release

Al Noor Centre receives 26-Seat Bus from Standard Chartered

20 May 2008, Dubai, United Arab Emirates – Through volunteering work and staff donations, Standard Chartered Bank raised AED 115,000 to purchase a new 26-seat bus for the Al Noor Training Centre for Children with Special Needs.

“At Standard Chartered we are truly passionate about helping the youth in our local communities through educational and social activities. For 18 months our staff volunteered to participate in various fund-raising initiatives. Through these we raised enough donations to purchase a bus for the Centre,” said Steve Thompson, Regional Head, Wholesale Banking Operations.

“Over the years we have built a strong relationship with the members, organisers and children at the Al Noor Centre. The depth of our relationships and enthusiasm to utilise the Bank’s employee volunteering programme to support the children through classroom assistant positions has also been a great success and one we will continue to take part in.”

Isphana Al Khatib, Director of Al Noor said, “Standard Chartered Bank has been one of Al Noor’s major supporters. For more than a year, they have not only extended financial aid but also lent time and exerted effort to make Al Noor children’s lives happier.”

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