

press release

Dubai Foundation for Women and Children partners with Standard Chartered

Bank rebuilds Foundation's Library

27 June 2010, United Arab Emirates – The Dubai Foundation for Women and Children (DFWAC), a non-profit shelter in the UAE for abused women and children, has announced today the opening of its renovated library which was rebuilt in partnership with Standard Chartered Bank. In addition to Standard Chartered providing funding for the main project, the Bank's staff have been volunteering to help decorate, paint and source books for the centre. The Foundation named the Centre as the "Standard Chartered Diversity & Inclusion Library".

The library will provide the Foundation's women and children with a state-of-the-art library, fully equipped and furnished up with the latest audio-visual system. The project forms part of the Diversity and Inclusion programme that Standard Chartered Bank adopts and applies across all the communities it operates in.

Afra Al Basti, Chief Executive Officer at DFWAC said, "We are pleased with Standard Chartered Bank's commitment to taking part in the corporate social responsibility and funding one of the Dubai Foundation for Women and Children main projects. This partnership comes to promote our main aim to build our public-private partnership to provide the best services to our clients and empower our women and children victims of violence."

Shayne Nelson, Chief Executive, Middle East and North Africa at Standard Chartered, said: “At Standard Chartered we believe that to be a successful and sustainable business in the long term, we must consider our social, economic and environmental impacts in all our business decisions. Standard Chartered is glad to extend its support to the Dubai Foundation for Women and Children to rebuild its library and learning centre. This is a strategic investment that demonstrates our commitment towards the UAE community and is a strong testament to our brand promise, Here for good.”

Standard Chartered Bank’s support to DFWAC comes in line with the Bank’s focus on building a sustainable business in the communities it operates within. Standard Chartered Bank is an active supporter of several other UAE organisations such as Abu Dhabi Special Care Centre, The Rashid Pediatric Therapy Centre and historically, Al Noor Centre for Children with Special Needs.

The Dubai Foundation for Women and Children (DFWAC) is the first licensed non-profit shelter in the UAE for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, child abuse and human trafficking. It was established in July 2007 by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, to offer victims immediate protection and support services in accordance with international human rights obligations.

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