

# Lawrence T. Geraty Community Archaeology Grants

Donor Impact Report



**THE PURPOSE OF THIS GRANT IS TO SUPPORT PROJECTS THAT WILL INCENTIVIZE LOCAL ENGAGEMENT WITH PROTECTION, PRESERVATION, AND PRESENTATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN JORDAN, STARTING WITH MADABA PLAINS PROJECT SITES.**



# Grants Awarded

La Sierra University, Madaba Regional  
Archaeological Museum Project

———— \$2,380 ————

AlRaqeem for Logistic Services  
and Training, "Tall Hisban"

———— \$4,850 ————

Andrews University, "Hisban  
Cultural Heritage Project"

———— \$2,200 ————

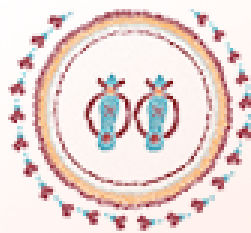


# 2023

## La Sierra University, Madaba Regional Archaeological Museum Project

———— Douglas Clark ————

The grant funds were used for maintaining the Madaba Archaeological Park West and for school children's classes on their cultural heritage, collaboratively undertaken by the Petra National Trust (PNT). This is a pilot program held in the current Madaba Archaeological Museum with 15 students in each of three-four classes per year.



Madaba Regional  
Archaeological Museum  
متحف مادبا الإقليمي الأثري  
**MRAM**

# 2022

## AlRaqeem for Logistic Services and Training, "Tall Hisban"

— Abdullah Abdulazeese Al-Masha'lah —

Husban Culture and Heritage is a local history book authored by Abdullah Abdulazeese Al-Masha'lah. It was published in 2022 in Arabic and English and offers a local account of the agricultural know-how, crafts, and wisdom of past generations of the contemporary Ajarmah families of Hisban. The book also offers a local perspective on archaeological discoveries at the site. As with the above-mentioned children's book, the project of producing the book was initiated and supervised by the writer and AlRaqeem, with funding provided in part by the ASOR Geraty Endowment. The book has been distributed for free to local residents and is available for purchase in local bookstores.





# 2022

## AlRaqeem for Logistic Services and Training, "Tall Hisban"



We are excited about the many ways in which the ASOR Geraty Endowment is proving to be a powerful accelerant for learning about ways to engage host communities as partners in caring for archaeological sites such as Hisban in Jordan



# 2021

## Andrews University, "Hisban Cultural Heritage Project"

Øystein LaBianca

The goal of community archaeology at Tall Hisban since its onset in 1996 has been to partner with the local community in transforming the site and the town into a place of pride and economic opportunity for its resident seven as it also would develop into a destination for visitors from elsewhere in Jordan and beyond. Construction of footpaths and viewing platforms were begun in 1997, followed in subsequent seasons with over three dozen in-situ exhibits to be supplied with explanatory signage.







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Partners in these endeavors included workmen and their families from the village, the office of the local mayor and his staff; and personnel from the local and national headquarters of the Department of Antiquities.

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**Thank you for all you do to support community archaeology!**