

Member of the Month

March 2017

The Pointe is excited to congratulate the **Baydoun Family** on being named March's Members of the Month.

Meet Hicham, Rana, Carla and Kareem Baydoun. Originally from Lebanon, the Baydouns moved to Kansas City eight years ago when Hicham was doing his fellowship at KUMC. After three years, the Baydouns moved to Ballwin because of the family atmosphere, great school systems and high quality of life. As a PhD and scientist doing Leukemia research, Hicham has a lot on his plate, but that doesn't stop him from spending lots of quality time with his wife and children at The Pointe.



Carla and Kareem can be seen enjoying every amenity The Pointe has to offer from the PAC room and gymnasium to plenty of hours in the indoor pool. The kids themselves say they've become "professional swimmers" thanks to the many lifeguards and swimming instructors who have invested in their swimming ability. Kareem, who is five, says he absolutely loves Summer Camps and wants to be a police or army man when he grows up. Carla, who is seven, loves playing with chalk and showing her ability to do underwater flips! It's safe to say these two are active and enjoying every minute of life.

Rana keeps up with her family all while in the process of opening her own business. Phoencia Deli on Manchester Road opened just a few weeks ago and Rana is thrilled to bring authentic Lebanese food and pastries to West County. "Since moving here, I've made a lot of effort to adapt to the culture. I did two years of Academic English at the community college with a few other business courses. I also worked at Macy's where I learned a lot about customer service," Rana shared.

When asked why they decided to join The Pointe, the Baydouns shared what the facility and the community has meant to them the last five years. "We don't have any family living in the area so when we moved here we didn't know anyone," said Rana. "We've made so many friends at The Pointe just by coming to the pool or participating in swimming lessons, camps, and the different programs offered here. This place is for everyone and we're friends with everybody here." The family has been invited to other fitness centers in the area but said they just aren't offered the same sense of community at places outside The Pointe or the same amenities (specifically the indoor pool).

"The Pointe has everything you need and is very affordable. It's not just a facility we have a membership to, we actually belong to this place, and people are extremely nice to us" commented Hicham. The Baydouns also know they belong in Ballwin and love living here. With Rana's new business already becoming popular they are excited to plant some permanent roots in this beautiful community.

It is clear other Ballwin residents and members also enjoy having the family here. The Baydoun's nominator wrote, "This is one of the nicest families I've ever encountered. They always come to The Pointe and hang out as a family and are so excited and happy to be here."

Hicham, Rana, Carla and Kareem, thank you for being such wonderful members of our facility and for sharing your smiles and energy with all of our staff and patrons. We are honored to name you this month's Members of the Month.



Know someone who deserves the title "Member of the Month?"
Ask for a nomination form at The Pointe's Front Desk today!