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Scholarships sponsored by Frank Parth and Joy Gumz of Project Auditors, LLC, have benefited dozens of learners, including Raja Sammour. Their support, Raja says, “gave me a goal and sense of purpose to achieve more.” “It’s a really good feeling to help other people,” says Frank.

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Frank Parth, MS Physics, MSSM, MBA, PMP, had a successful 15-year career in aerospace and years of project management experience before he founded Project Auditors, LLC, in 1994. Project Auditors is a consultancy in project management that offers auditing, training, and project consulting services internationally, including online courses in a variety of project management skills.

Frank, along with Project Auditors’ Senior Director Joy Gumz, CPA, CISA, PMP, knows project management is more than just a career tool. It can actually be transformative. Joy recalls an Egyptian gentleman who approached her at a conference in Malta. He said, “Joy, I am so glad you’re here. You changed my life.” He explained that he was a former student of hers and that using the techniques she’d taught him had equipped him to do his work more effectively and more efficiently – which meant more time to spend with his family. Gratefully, he presented her with a beautiful papyrus scroll.

Project Auditors’ belief in the life-changing qualities of project management made them natural partners with PMIEF. “PMIEF’s view is that [project management] really is a life skill,” Frank says. “[PMIEF] does a really, really good job of spreading project management outside of the more complex areas, like engineering. It does a good job with schools, training project managers at an introductory level, just widening what project management can do – and for a bigger audience than PMI can get involved in.”

For several years, Frank and Joy offered annual pro bono project management courses in Vietnam. Then, to make an even greater impact, they created the Project Auditors LLC Professional Training Scholarships through PMIEF. It was a way to offer their online courses to people not living in the United States who otherwise couldn’t afford them. So far, they have provided 52 scholarships to people living in Pakistan, Nigeria and countries as far away as Kyrgyzstan.

Raja Sammour, MSc Pharm, PMP, received her scholarship in 2011. "I worked as a clinical trial site manager," Raja says. "I needed to improve my skills and develop further understanding about managing projects. I first heard about PMP in a lecture and liked the concept. PMIEF used to send emails regarding opportunities for scholarships, and I wanted to be PMP certified but was not able to afford training. So I followed the link in the email."

For Raja, learning she’d secured the scholarship was “A very happy event. I was going through a very difficult time in my career. It gave me a goal and sense of purpose to achieve more. Before the training, I was not very good with budgets, risk analysis or planning. I relied on intuition and logic. But after the training, my work was more organized and structured. I was able to develop my plans professionally. We selected a project and worked on it as we went through the chapters of the PMBOK® Guide. That was a great way to go about learning project management.”

After completing her Project Auditors course, Raja went on to earn her PMP. "I feel indebted for the opportunity given to me. I’m the only one with a PMP in my institution. I have been able to teach some skills to others.”

Joy, who is still in touch with Raja, feels she embodies what their scholarships are all about. "She’s a highly skilled clinical expert and very dedicated." Today, Raja is manager of the Center of Research Shared Resources and the head of the Clinical Trial Unit at King Hussein Cancer Center in Amman, Jordan.

Frank encourages others to mentor people and support the ongoing work of PMIEF. He says, "The more we can spread the word about the benefits of project management, the better off everybody is. PMI is doing a great job advancing the profession from practitioners to industry and government to tool developers, and with PMIEF serves the whole field of project management."

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