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Small actions, huge impacts

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DR. SEUSS

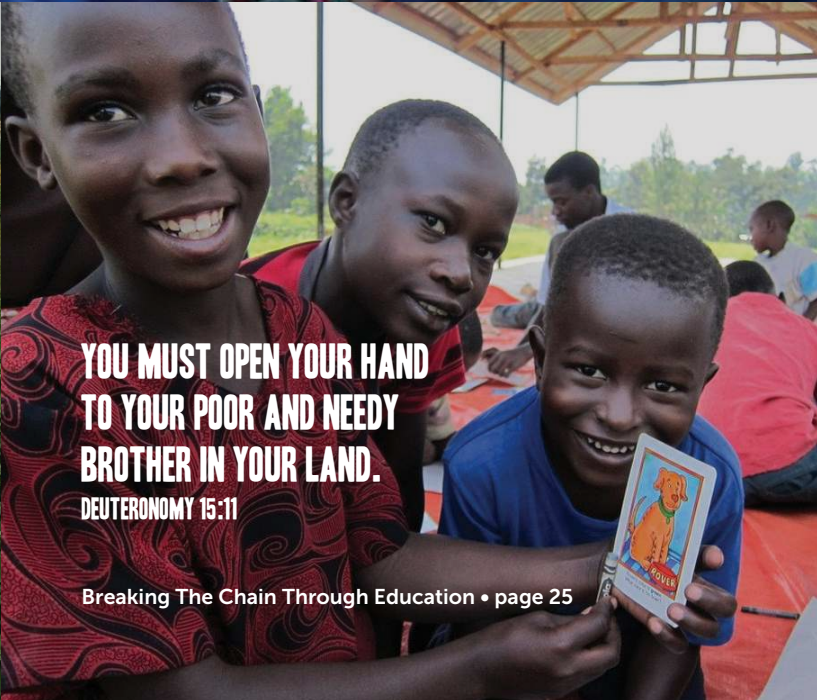


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Friends of the Good People Fund, Shalom!

Each year, I sit at my desk completing this report and I struggle with the same challenge. How do I transmit to you – our donors and stakeholders who make this work possible – the absolute enormity of one year in a limited number of pages, word counts, pictures and charts? It is not an easy task, for I could easily write volumes at the end of each and every day.

Daily, I see the impact that we, with your support, are making. I see it in the hidden corners of Tel Aviv, where one of our grantees feeds people marginalized and forgotten; in Houston, where crucial cleaning supplies arrive at a health clinic opening its doors after the hurricane waters receded; and in Appalachia, where a man confined to a wheelchair can finally leave his house using a ramp built by Good People Fund volunteers.

The past year has presented unique opportunities for The Good People Fund's *tzedakah*-driven initiatives and partnerships to make deep impact. Most recently, the unprecedented natural disasters of four hurricanes allowed us to do what we do best: act with speed and nimbleness, sending help where it was needed quickly and with immediate effect. And, making connections between grantees, enabling them to assist each other and complement their efforts.

As the world and our own country face the growing refugee crisis, your support has made it possible for us to seek out new programs addressing needs of immigrant populations in creative and compassionate ways. Be it a program that trains asylees and refugees in the culinary arts or urban farming, or retraining individuals who held professional positions in their countries of origin and were forced to flee for religious or political reasons, we have responded quickly and lives and futures are being touched for the better.

Grantees tell us that the funding we give them is critical to their success. They also stress that the mentoring they receive, that listening ear, gives them tools, confidence and a sense of not being alone in an often very isolating position – particularly small programs with little staff. With this additional yet critical focus, we effectively scale up the impact of our grants and allow our grantees to create sustainable models and make greater immediate and lasting change.

While the welfare of our grantees is always foremost in our minds, this year we have focused efforts on building capacity within The Good People Fund universe as well. I am pleased to introduce two new faces joining **Andrea Good**, our extraordinary administrator who keeps me organized. **Nina Mogilnik**, our Resource Director, works strategically to introduce others to our unique *tzedakah* model, and **Glenn Rosenkrantz**, a seasoned communications professional in the Jewish world, helps further clarify the unique nature of our work and its impact.

After more than 25 years in this *tzedakah* "world" I believe that today the Jewish values of *tzedakah*, *chesed* and *tikkun olam* are more important than ever. Wherever we look, needs are great, but the resources to address them are often not. So, as you review this annual report we ask two things: take pride in our collective work proving that small actions lead to huge impacts, and consider donating to support and grow our work.

Thank you for making all of what follows possible.

Naomi Eisenberger, *Executive Director*

Naomi

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THE GOOD PEOPLE FUND - A PLACE TO TURN WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS

ISRAEL AND USA

Thank you sooo much for allowing me the opportunity to go to the best place outside of my home. This will be my seventh summer and will be the greatest summer ever. Thank you very much. -David

“Small actions...huge impacts.” Making it possible for David to attend summer camp – “the best place outside of my home” – was one of those “small actions” whose impact cannot be overestimated. David is a young teen whose mom has been battling metastatic breast cancer for many years while raising her two children as a single parent.

Working through people we trust, be they grantees, physicians, social workers, and others, our quick response has allowed us to keep a family from losing heat, provide a young boy with a critical insulin pump, offer an elderly nursing home resident with no family some new clothing to replace garments that no longer fit, and give struggling Shoah survivors the peace of mind that comes with knowing that they will be able to pay their rent or celebrate chaggim with special foods.

THE FOUR S’s

What makes our work both unique and highly effective can best be described by The Four S’s – Scope, Screening, Supervision and Speed:



SCOPE

The programs we work with address a broad spectrum of needs – from poverty and hunger to eldercare and disabilities.



SCREENING

We take the screening process very seriously, carefully vetting each organization we fund.



SUPERVISION

Once we commit to an organization, we don’t just hand them a check. We mentor them and guide them on their way.



SPEED

When needs are great, time is of the essence. We work efficiently and often on a moment’s notice to ensure that needs are met as swiftly as possible.





FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

USA

Providing Hunger Relief and More to Poor American Families

It was someone like Arma Woods, living in rural Arkansas and struggling each day with the challenges of poverty, who moved **Pam Koner** to change her life's trajectory. For the past 15 years, Pam, a suburban mother, former dancer and fashion stylist, has focused her creativity on addressing hunger and poverty in rural America.

Inspired by a *New York Times* article that examined the unique aspects of hunger in an isolated community near Chicago, Pam founded Family-to-Family, a program matching families with "more" to families with "less," alleviating hunger *one family at a time*. By building "caring communities" and teaching young children compassion, Pam has expanded her work on hunger to include other poverty-related issues like literacy and homelessness. This year, Family-to-Family began providing monthly food support to refugee families and Holocaust survivors.

GPF Impact: Our funds support the organization's modest administrative costs.

GABRIEL PROJECT MUMBAI

USA

Hunger, Education and Medical Care in the Mumbai Slums and Beyond

A former high-tech executive who often traveled to India, **Jacob Sztokman** toured the slums of Mumbai in 2011 and was so disturbed by what he saw that he vowed to make a difference. Already involved in volunteer hunger-relief programs in Israel, Jacob began Gabriel Project Mumbai to address the overwhelming poverty, high illiteracy rates and poor health care in India's slums and remote villages.

In the five years GPM has operated, we have watched it grow from a simple school literacy program that provided

students with education *and* nutrition, to a clinic offering life-saving medical care including dietary supplements for malnourished infants. Now, GPM is reaching more deeply into remote villages outside the city, empowering women to become entrepreneurs, and help their families, their communities and most of all, themselves.

GPF Impact: Our funds support the construction of a new school and nutrition programs managed by local women.

HOPE AND COMFORT

USA

Bringing Dignity through Personal Care Items

When we think about basic life necessities, we often think: *food, shelter, clothing*. But what if you get dressed each day, but don't have deodorant or toothpaste? You would likely feel *embarrassed, humiliated, ashamed, and even dirty*.

Jeff Feingold and his wife, Loren, founders of Hope and Comfort, stumbled across this unmet need when they asked guests at their child's birthday party to bring new items to be donated to a local agency. While guests generously donated toys and other items, Feingold learned from the agency director that what was most needed were personal hygiene products.

By collecting and distributing hygiene products to food pantries, schools, and other community venues, Hope and Comfort helps restore dignity to thousands of people – from children to seniors – in communities in and around Boston.

GPF Impact: Our matching grant supports general operating expenses.

KENTUCKY

USA

Reaching Out to an Impoverished Community in Appalachia

"We are trying to make a little corner of the world slightly better, sooner, for some of these people," says one volunteer on what was our seventh trip to Appalachia. Indeed, that is exactly what we do.

In June, a GPF volunteer corps of nearly two dozen people from around the country traveled to McRoberts, KY, ready for work. They unloaded a trailer of donated food and painted and spruced up the home of a woman recently widowed. They also began construction of a long and winding ramp for a man with multiple disabilities who could rarely leave his home atop a steep hill. (The job was completed by our longtime partners, the good people of Congregation *Shaarei Shomayim* in Lancaster, PA).

Those were the tangibles. But the delivery of hope and compassion to this tiny isolated community may be more important. "What The Good People Fund does here means more than you could even imagine," says **Susie Duncan**, our contact in McRoberts. "To realize there are people in the world who care about us and our well-being gives hope to a very cut-off community."

GPF Impact: Our funds are used to provide food packages each month to those who struggle to make ends meet, and to make home improvements for elders and people who are handicapped.

MITZVAH CIRCLE

FOUNDATION

USA

Providing for People Walking Along Life's Edge

Fran Held, founder of Mitzvah Circle Foundation, believes no one should have to endure poverty, homelessness or serious illness alone. She began Mitzvah Circle Foundation to "provide for people walking along life's edge."

Her warehouse, in southeastern Pennsylvania, is filled with diapers, clothing, bedding, toiletries and other donated essentials. It is a hub of activity where 2,200 volunteers sort, pack, write personal notes – whatever needs to be done to help those who come to Mitzvah Circle Foundation for help. Last year, more than 40,000 people benefitted from the organization's good work. Whether it's one package of clothing to help a hardworking single mother of a medically fragile child, or ongoing support for a cancer patient who cannot leave her home, Fran recognizes that each person's needs are unique and delivers each package with compassion and love.

GPF Impact: Our matching grant covers administrative and staffing needs.

ONE CAN HELP

USA

Supporting Court-Involved Families in Massachusetts

"Going to camp with the girls in my new town last summer made me so much less anxious about starting in my new foster home. It is working out!"

Being a teenager is difficult enough, but imagine being 15 years old, removed from your home and sent into foster care. When this happened to Laura last summer, she just wanted to crawl under the covers and be left alone.



Luckily, **Anne Bader Martin**, a juvenile court attorney in Middlesex County, MA and founder of One Can Help, was there to encourage Laura to attend a local summer camp. Laura’s experience making new friends and adjusting to routines helped her to succeed and complete her freshman year of high school as an honors student! One Can Help provides small grants and other support to youth and family involved in the juvenile court system to help ensure positive outcomes.

GPF Impact: Once again, our matching grant supports the organization’s modest administrative costs.

PESIA’S KITCHEN

ISR

One Man’s Quest to Feed Hungry People in Tel Aviv

Gideon Ben Ami, a retired restaurateur and entrepreneur, has an immense impact on innumerable lives in and around Tel Aviv by feeding hungry people in creative and effective ways.

Rescuing 1,000 meals each day (through donations from bakeries, restaurants and supermarkets), at a cost of one shekel each, is just one way he is making a difference. With the help of Leket, Israel’s major food rescue program, Gideon and his volunteers handle more than 200 tons of gleaned fruits and vegetables annually – all of which goes to refugees, homeless shelters, programs for battered women and others who desperately need the sustenance.

Gideon’s concern for young refugee children who spend their days in mostly substandard, underfunded *ganim* (daycare centers) throughout South Tel Aviv is unique. Some centers have been renovated under his guidance and two of them currently serve healthy vegan lunches (with ingredients Gideon has rescued from local businesses), prepared on site by women trained to perform this service.

GPF Impact: Our funds underwrite minimal operating and general expenses.

SUNDARA FUND

USA

Soap Recycling in Impoverished Regions of the World

Remember the last time you stayed in a hotel and used that tiny bar of shower soap? Did you ever think it could be repurposed to boost hygiene for people with little access to such products? In many parts of the world, soap is not readily available and basic hygiene practices are virtually unknown, so preventable diseases abound.

Erin Zaikis founded Sundara (“beautiful” in Sanskrit) to reduce hygiene-related diseases and deaths occurring in under-served populations worldwide. Its sustainable soap recycling programs in Mumbai, Myanmar and Uganda collect millions of bars of gently used soap from local hotels and offer employment and independence to local women who clean, sanitize and package them for distribution in conjunction with basic hygiene classes. With continual expansion this past year, Sundara produced over 100,000 bars of soap, benefitting at least 20,000 people.

GPF Impact: Our matching grant has allowed Sundara to launch a third soap-recycling workshop in India.

SUNDAY FRIENDS

USA

The Working Alternative to Charity

Three years ago, Simone was a single mom working for minimum wage, barely supporting her family

Like many parents in her low-income neighborhood in San Jose, CA, she worried about food and rent, and about her children’s well-being and education. As participants in Sunday Friends, Simone and her kids take part in several activities — some help foster compassion and giving back, while others provide parents with financial, English language, parenting skills and more. Now, Simone can move forward in life and help her kids become educated and self-sufficient.

Janis Baron founded Sunday Friends 20 years ago. While volunteering with her own kids at a local shelter, she devised a “ticket” system rewarding children for meaningful work. This evolved into a program designed by experts to educate, advise, and mentor parents, who become positive role models and more involved in their children’s education and character building. As kids succeed in school the cycle of poverty is broken.

GPF Impact: Our funding provides “Rent Relief” to parents who write an essay outlining what they might do if they earned a \$100-\$150 scholarship to use towards their rent, freeing up income to cover other expenses.

TEN GAV

ISR

Helping “Modestly” in Israel

Dina suffers from a rare neurological disorder preventing her from working or caring for her three young children. Her husband can’t look after the children *and* work all day, and they can’t afford camp or other childcare options. This is where Ten Gav helps. The necessities of everyday life – sometimes daycare for children so a parent can get to a job, or often just a bed, working refrigerator or washing machine – are all basic needs that most of us take for granted.

Vivi Mann and **Naomi Brounstein**, founders of Ten Gav (loosely translated as “I’ve got your back”), try to lessen the struggles of daily life. Using an online crowd-funding platform to encourage modest donations toward specific, verified needs for Israelis living in poverty, requested items and services are purchased and delivered. And, perhaps most important, all is done discreetly and with *kavod*, respect, for the individual.

GPF Impact: In addition to covering administrative costs, our funding fulfilled specific needs that did not receive sufficient public support.

THE FORGOTTEN PEOPLE FUND

ISR

Helping Ethiopian Families One by One

“I feel like I won the lottery.” For many young Ethiopians like Abeba, the first in her family to attend college, a new computer was critical to her success. In 2017, the thought of navigating school without one is unimaginable. That’s why The Forgotten People Fund in Israel has a list of students who would benefit greatly from one, or from monthly stipends to help with typical living expenses not covered by the scholarships they’ve received.

The Fund was established almost 20 years ago by **Anne and David Silverman** and **Aida and Yosef (z’l) Miller**, and now benefits from the expertise of **Wendy and Jeff Starrfield**, retired social workers. The all-volunteer group works closely with Netanya’s social services to provide emergency funds, house repairs, food, tutoring and more for the significant Ethiopian population in that coastal city.

GPF Impact: Our funds help underwrite emergency needs in addition to new computers, monthly stipends, and other support for graduate students.

THE JEWISH GIFT CLOSET

USA

Meeting Basic Needs for Vulnerable Individuals and Families in San Diego

Caring for others motivated **Helene Bortz** and **Myrice Goldberg** to form the San Diego G’mach (an acronym for *Gemilut Chadisim*, or deeds of loving-kindness), also known as the Jewish Gift Closet. Here, community members in need can “shop” for donated clothing, furniture and housewares, and even receive gas cards or supermarket coupons for emergency shortfalls. Mentoring for adults, youth group



workshops, holiday meals, and other programs are also offered, making Jewish Gift Closet a community hub for its clients.

Since it opened eight years ago, more than 2,000 people have benefitted from Helene’s greatest gifts – warmth, creativity and wise counsel. With a budget of about \$20,000 and no salaries, this all-volunteer program is a lifesaver for so many people.

GPF Impact: Our funds are directed to emergency needs and to Helene’s creative response to the explosion of home deliveries for routine purchases. Her “Back On Your Feet” program trains the unemployed to use popular delivery apps and register to become delivery drivers.

CONNECTIONS

USA NEW IN 2017

Mentoring At-Risk Teens to Help Them Succeed

Despite a hectic business life, **Paul Muratore** devoted many hours volunteering to support kids in foster care. After retiring, he began Connections, a New York-based long-term mentoring program pairing volunteers with young people transitioning from institutional foster care.

Connections focuses on kids at perhaps the most vulnerable time in their lives as they leave the protected foster care environment and enter adulthood. It is then that a mentor’s strong commitment can help ensure a positive and confident transition toward independence. Founded less than two years ago, Connections has touched more than a dozen young people (with several more matches coming up) who have found new hope and reasons to succeed.

GPF Impact: Our matching grant supports a staff position in New York City, where many mentees live.

CREATING CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

USA

Developing Young Leaders through Outreach

Harnessing the compassion and generosity of young people and giving them lifelong values is what drives **Amy Sacks Zeide** and the organization she founded, Creating Connected Communities.

The Atlanta-based program, the result of Amy’s own compassionate impulse as a pre-teen to donate funds to replace holiday toys stolen from a shelter, has become a vehicle for a new generation of young people to give back. They bring joy to children and families by organizing and hosting holiday parties, carnivals, and dances benefitting thousands of people affected by homelessness, foster care, poverty and other kinds of displacement.

Organizing and preparing for these events instills leadership skills and teaches young people that generosity needs to be grounded in effort and sustained commitment to make it meaningful for those who give – and for those who receive.

GPF Impact: Our matching funds support expansion of the program to new locations, and additional staff.

KAIMA BE’EROTAYIM

ISR NEW IN 2017

Alternative Learning through Social Experience and Agriculture

Ben, a disaffected Israeli teenager, arrived at the Kaima Be’erotayim farm with a hostile attitude and scant interest in work and activities there. But over time, he became increasingly drawn into the group dynamic and larger ethos, and he started to lead and excel. The farm was established two years ago by **Irit Shevach** and her family, who adopted an alternative educational model developed by **Yoni Yefet-Reich** to reach

youth like Ben, who struggle in more traditional settings.

This sustainable organic farm teaches community building, business education, leadership and ecology to some of the 30,000 Israeli youth identified as “at-risk.” It operates as a social business with a CSA (Community Sponsored Agriculture) component.

Irit’s business experience, combined with her passion for cooking and helping others, has helped many disaffected youth like Ben. After a full summer in the program, he successfully re-entered school. He returns to Kaima Be’erotayim during holidays and when asked how long he will do this, he says, “All my life, forever.”

GPF Impact: Our investment supports physical expansion of the farm, new agricultural product development and equipment.

LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD

USA

Sports for Everyone

The health benefits of physical activity are well known, ranging from building strength and dexterity, to improving concentration. But for too many kids, participating in organized sports is out of reach because their communities or schools cannot afford equipment.

Enter **Max Levitt**. His love of sports goes back to his childhood and to his days as equipment manager for the Syracuse University football team.

Max took what he learned at school — which included discovering how much excess sports equipment goes to waste — and turned that experience and knowledge into Leveling the Playing Field. In just five years, LPF has donated \$2 million worth of sports equipment to more than 400 programs. Thanks to Max’s efforts, thousands of kids in the D.C. Metro area — and some as far away as Haiti — get to participate in team sports.

GPF Impact: Our funds cover a portion of LPF’s administrative expenses.

MAKE MUSIC NOLA

USA NEW IN 2017

Inspiring, Engaging and Empowering Students through Music

Music is central to New Orleans’s identity, so you might expect music education to be an important focus in city schools. It’s not. Since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and the rise of charter schools, music education has all but disappeared.

Laura Patterson, a California native with a degree in arts management, moved to NOLA because of the area’s deep cultural heritage. She began working with Make Music NOLA, which offered free music lessons to qualified students. Eventually, Laura assumed leadership of the organization and quickly grew it from its original five students to one in which professional musicians and others offer free music lessons (to public school students, most from impoverished families) at nine sites across the city.

Students, who spend an average of four years in the program, come from schools where more than 95% qualify for the free federal lunch program.

GPF Impact: Our matching grant underwrites administrative costs, including teachers’ salaries.

S.A.H.I.

ISR

Empowering Troubled Youth through Compassion and Giving

Young people who struggle often see themselves as failures, as people who have lost – or perhaps never had – the capacity to change their own lives and touch those of others.

S.A.H.I.’s visionaries, **Oded Weiss** and **Avraham Hayon**, saw the potential and humanity in young, at-risk Israelis and

KIDS



found a way to engage them in acts of kindness, precisely what they had so rarely received themselves. Choosing to see them as *contributors*, rather than problems, Oded and Avraham helped these young people view themselves that way too.

Through *Youth Giving Units* in dozens of communities throughout Israel, S.A.H.I. engages hundreds of young people in developing and performing acts of giving in their local communities. Through their efforts, more than 2,000 needy families and individuals have been helped.

GPF Impact: Our funding allows S.A.H.I. to expand into new communities, furthering its reach and impact.

UNDIES FOR EVERYONE

USA

Dignity and Self-Esteem for Kids in Houston and Dallas

When **Rabbi Amy Weiss** discovered that there was a pressing need for underwear among Houston-area school children, she asked for donations on her blog. And Undies for Everyone was born.

It's hard to imagine that in the United States in 2017, children are going without such basics. But poverty affects all parts of a family's life – from the empty fridge, to the bare coat closet, to the empty drawers.

In partnership with school nurses and local organizations, Undies for Everyone has distributed about half a million pairs of underwear since 2008 to local children in need. This extra layer of dignity makes all the difference, giving children not only physical comfort and security, but insulation from bullies.

GPF Impact: Our funds help underwrite operating expenses, including the program's planned expansion to Dallas.

DO NOT HOLD BACK FROM DOING GOOD FOR OTHERS WHEN YOU HAVE THE POWER TO DO SO.
PROVERBS 3:27

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TZEDAKAH HAS BOTH: BOTH PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.
TOSEFTA PE'AH 1:3

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NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD; INDEED, IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT EVER DOES.
MARGARET MEAD

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NO ONE IS LONELY WHEN DOING A MITZVAH. FOR A MITZVAH IS WHERE GOD AND MAN MEET.

RABBI ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL

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ALICE JONAH AND THE DIPLOMAT HOTEL

ISR

**Building a Community of Elders
Helping Elders**

What is going on at the former Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem may represent *tzedakah* in its simplest and most basic form.

Alice Jonah, a former employee of the Diplomat Hotel-turned-absorption center, is a compassionate and kind woman who spent many years caring for the welfare of the many Russian *olim* who came to call the Diplomat “home.”

Today, Alice’s “home health care” program offers many of the elders a modest income while they help other more vulnerable and dependent residents with simple daily tasks. It’s a win-win for everyone in this exceptionally warm community.

GPF Impact: From January through June, our modest investment provided 115 people with nearly 500 visits to help with cooking, laundry, medical visits – and sometimes, even a cup of tea and friendly chat.

LILY- LIFEFORCE IN LATER YEARS

USA

Aging-In-Place

For elders, who often find themselves living alone and wrestling with physical illness or limitations, isolation can have a powerful, negative impact.

After her own experiences with an aging mother, **Irene Zola** founded LiLY (Lifeforce in Later Years) in her community of Morningside Heights in Manhattan. The program has since expanded to other areas including West Harlem and the Catskills and now serves about 165 seniors. The key to LiLY’s success is the commitment of scores

of volunteers, trained by staff social workers, who regularly engage with elders in the program. A cup of tea, help paying bills, a trip to the supermarket – all interactions to counter the isolation and loneliness that often comes with aging.

GPF Impact: Our matching grant underwrites social workers’ salaries

SURVIVOR MITZVAH PROJECT

USA

Providing for the Needs of Holocaust Survivors in Eastern Europe

The horrors of the Holocaust have been exhaustively documented. Less known is the fact that hundreds of thousands of survivors around the world live in poverty, some in extreme circumstances.

Traveling to Eastern Europe to explore her family’s roots, **Zane Buzby** discovered the tragic reality of elderly survivors eking out meager existences in isolated villages, lacking adequate food, medicine, clothing and shelter.

She returned to the US and established Survivor Mitzvah Project, which has grown to assist and give dignity to more than 1,000 survivors across Eastern Europe. This population is elderly, and the time to help them is limited. This is truly an effort than cannot wait.

GPF Impact: Our funds are directed toward the needs of survivors.

EMMA’S TORCH

USA NEW IN 2017

Empowering Refugees through Culinary Education

Addwa Alsubaie came to the US from Saudi Arabia 18 months ago, seeking asylum. A stint in a 99-cent store was a dead end and suppressed her true passion and interest, cooking for others. “I want to be a chef, and I want to have my own restaurant,” she proudly declares, and she may be on her way as part of the Emma’s Torch family.

Kerry Brodie founded Emma’s Torch, named for poet and activist Emma Lazarus, to harness the power of the culinary industry to help newcomers like Addwa build new lives. The program offers carefully selected refugees, asylees and human trafficking survivors training in the culinary arts, ESL, and interviewing skills, and help with job placement in New York City’s vast food industry. Kerry, a Princeton graduate with a background in public policy, combines her concern for those who are struggling with her love of cooking and its power to bring people together. Cooking is, she says, “one of the most defining characteristics of being human.”

GPF Impact: Our matching grants underwrite the cost of the curriculum and instructor and “tools of the trade” needed by these new chefs.

FIRESTARTER GROUP

USA NEW IN 2017

Training and Job Placement for the Refugee Community

When **Yan Digilov** resettled in the United States, he – like thousands of other Jews who left the Soviet Union in the 1990s – began anew but faced challenges. Welcomed by the Jewish community in Houston, he and his family were provided with a furnished apartment, and he and his siblings received a day school education, summer camp experiences, and more.

Appreciation and gratitude for that support drives Yan still. Based in Houston, a city with the largest concentration of refugees in the United States, his organization provides job training, placement assistance and other support to new arrivals.

Chalak and Haider, as examples, both hold multiple degrees and held professional positions in their native Iraq before fleeing to the US a few years ago. Today, both are closer to greater independence as they complete their studies and build upon their earlier education and experience.

GPF Impact: Our funds make possible courses allowing refugees to gain greater independence as they resettle in the Houston area.

PLANT IT FORWARD

USA NEW IN 2017

Urban Farms for Houston, Small Businesses for Refugees

If you happen to be at a Houston-area farm stand, you may be lucky enough to meet Aaden or Jamilah. The two refugees arrived in the US unable to speak English and with no marketable job skills. Now they are Plant it Forward urban farmers, resettled in Houston and using their new skills to earn a living. In a city that must import all of its fresh produce, one-time business owner **Teresa O’Donnell** founded Plant it Forward to give back to her community and help refugees.

Plant it Forward teaches organic farming to refugees whose crop is then sold at local farmer’s markets and stands, as well as through farm shares and to restaurants. In an age of farm-to-table eating, it’s an innovative way to provide Houston with fresh, local produce, create employment and build community.

GPF Impact: Our matching grant supports training for 24 new farmers and underwrites the construction of pods to give farmers a work stand in their fields.





ACHLA ASSOCIATION FOR THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DIFFICULTIES

ISR **NEW IN 2017**

**Improving the Lives of Families
with Children or Adult Members
with Diverse Disabilities**

For families with children or adults who have physical or mental disabilities, navigating the welfare and health bureaucracies is never easy. Particularly for those with few resources, it's sometimes impossible and can lead to a critical family breakdown.

These are people who have "fallen through the cracks" and for whom **Dr. Johanan Flusser**, an educator with extensive experience in the special education world, established ACHLA and the Heyanut Center in Jerusalem. ACHLA's holistic approach provides innovative customized services to families struggling against seemingly insurmountable odds, and advocates to ensure best outcomes and quality of care. More than 100 families have benefitted from the innovative and compassionate approach envisioned and advanced by Dr. Flusser.

GPF Impact: Our matching grant underwrites additional staffing so that more families can be helped.

INBAR

ISR

Finding Love for Everyone

Rabbi Shaul Inbari, confined to a wheelchair due to severe cerebral palsy, despaired over the loneliness he felt each day returning to an empty home. Sharing his distress with a dear friend, **Shalomi Eldar**, the two contacted everyone they knew announcing a gathering to discuss isolation felt by people with disabilities. This meeting, in 2009, attracted far more people than the two ever imagined, and led to the creation of Inbar.

Now, nine years later, Inbar operates throughout Israel to provide social

opportunities and matchmaking services to adults with disabilities seeking love and companionship. With a new executive director, Shoshi Margolin – a passionate woman who, because of her own disabilities, understands the importance of Inbar's work – the group faces growing demand for its services and programs.

GPF Impact: Our grant underwrites expenses for Inbar's increasing social media presence and development efforts.

NEW YORK CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE

USA

**Advocating for the Deaf and
Hard-of-Hearing Community**

Anna, confined to a nursing home for the past three years due to a severe stroke, lives in total isolation as the facility refuses to provide her with a sign language interpreter to facilitate interaction with staff and other residents.

Liz and Bruce Gitlin, compassionate attorneys (Liz is also a social worker), recognized that to be both poor and deaf or hard of hearing in New York presents challenges that can be insurmountable. They founded The New York Center for Law and Justice to provide legal assistance in civil matters, raise awareness of the unique needs of the deaf and hard of hearing, and change policy in NYC affecting this population.

In less than 10 years, hundreds of people like Anna have received help from the Center, some of them refugees and asylees escaping discrimination and physical danger in their native countries.

GPF Impact: Our matching funds help to underwrite the cost of an American Sign Language interpreter who assists Liz and Bruce in this very special work.

SHAI ASHER

ISR

**Career Training for Adults with
Special Needs**

Menachem Stolpner, a passionate social worker who emigrated to Israel from America, believes that all people with special needs deserve the chance to be productive. His creation, Shai Asher (Milton's Gift), provides them that opportunity.

This small program is based at Kibbutz Shluchot in Israel's north, where such opportunities are limited. Shai Asher gives adults with developmental disabilities the chance to learn work and life skills in a supportive setting where kibbutz members interact daily with participants. Some tend to the small animals in the kibbutz's zoo, while others help in the dining hall, or even milk cows in the dairy. With an abandoned kibbutz greenhouse awaiting restoration, even more opportunities are possible.

GPF Impact: Our funds help underwrite modest program expenses.

SHALHEVETH

ISR

**Independent Living for Adults with
Severe Disabilities**

"Together with my neighbors in the building, who also have physical disabilities, and with their support, I have become more confident and take more initiative with other people...the joint activities, workshops, meetings and tenants' evenings, all contribute to the intimate atmosphere."

This testimonial speaks for itself and is a tribute to **Miriam Freier**, the indefatigable founder of Beit Shalheveth apartments in Jerusalem. She is dedicated to helping people with disabilities lead independent and fulfilling lives. Residents – all dependent upon wheelchairs – live in separate apartments, but share a common room for community events and have access to a social worker as well as a van and

driver to take them where they need to go. Miriam has gifted these residents with autonomy and an enhanced quality of life.

GPF Impact: As in past years, our funds help make it possible for Shalheveth to hire a van driver for residents.

SHUTAF

ISR

**Redefining Inclusion and Community
for Kids in Jerusalem**

What kid wouldn't want to experience the joys of summer camp – arts and crafts, campfires, tug-of-war, and even s'mores? Ten years ago, such opportunities were unknown in Jerusalem for kids with disabilities. Frustrated by the city's lack of summer and after-school activities, **Miriam Avraham** and **Beth Steinberg** decided to change that reality so their own children with disabilities and others could have such fun. And so, Camp Shutaf began.

Shutaf has grown from ten kids that first summer to more than 250 engaged in year-round inclusionary programs today. In addition to traditional camp activities offered to younger kids, teens focus on social skills to prepare for adulthood. Older participants follow a vocational track to prepare for supported work opportunities.

We could not be prouder of what Miriam and Beth have accomplished since Shutaf became one of GPF's first grantees. In addition to providing enriching experiences for kids with and without disabilities, the two are advocates for people with disabilities, educating others about the importance of inclusion.

GPF Impact: Our matching grant makes possible a Passover teen camp and an additional grant underwrites a teen boating activity at the Tel Aviv marina.



INCLUSION AND DISABILITIES

SPIRIT-CLUB FOUNDATION

USA

Fitness Programs for Everyone

Sarah has intellectual disabilities, a seizure disorder, behavioral issues, and uses a wheelchair. After she broke her leg, she endured two years of physical rehab, but still needed help to stand up. At SPIRIT-Club, she engaged in intensive workouts to strengthen her core, quads and legs, and she can now stand up with a walker, without assistance, for the first time in years.

Jared Ciner, founder of SPIRIT-Club (Social, Physical, Interactive, Respectful, Integrated and Teamwork) brings a background in psychology, experience working with adults with disabilities, and skills as a personal trainer to modify fitness programs and make them much more accessible.

Since adults with disabilities are less likely than others to exercise, they are more likely to be obese and unhealthy. Now, Sarah and others with disabilities in the Baltimore area – including those with autism and Down syndrome – can benefit from structured exercise, gain social skills and develop healthy eating habits.

GPF Impact: Our grant to the SPIRIT-Club Foundation provides scholarships for low-income students so they are not excluded from the benefits of regular exercise.

BA'ASHER TELCHI

ISR

Supporting Haredi Women through Divorce

Fainy Sukenik, the founder of Ba'asher Telchi ("Wherever you go"), lit a torch last spring at Israel's Independence Day celebration — an honor given those who have moved the country toward being a more just and fair society. Fainy's impact began after she left an abusive marriage despite her commitment to an ultra-Orthodox lifestyle.

Divorce is never easy, but for women in this community, difficulties are enormous. Most have little experience handling financial matters and lack social skills. And, they are often shunned by their communities, leaving them with little or no support.

Fainy created an organization helping ultra-Orthodox women throughout Israel, bringing them together for practical courses in financial management, legal counseling, and child-rearing. Perhaps most important, Ba'asher Telchi creates social events to provide these women with the comfort and strength of shared experiences.

GPF Impact: Our grant supports expanded staffing (including women who were helped by the organization), to help Fainy grow what has become an invaluable resource.

THE DRUZE ASSOCIATION

FOR DEVELOPING FOREIGN RELATIONS,
EDUCATION AND CULTURE

ISR NEW IN 2017

Empowering Druze Women

Recognizing that computer know-how can mean connections and opportunities, **Samih** and **Nihaia Halibi** are working to create pathways of advancement for women in the Druze town of Dalyat-el-Carmel, south of Haifa.

In addition to providing food for hungry neighbors, they are challenging traditional gender roles in their community, and empowering women with newfound computer savviness. Today, a group of 20 women, aged 55-73, equipped with new skills and self-confidence, can surf the internet, prepare a Word document or an Excel spreadsheet, work outside their homes, or help their children and grandchildren with school work. The program continues to grow.

GPF Impact: Our matching grant underwrites the computer-training program, opening up a new world to the women of Dalyat-el-Carmel and integrating them further into Israeli society.

NIVCHAROT

LO NIVCHAROT, LO BOCHAROT-
NO VOICE-NO VOTE

ISR NEW IN 2017

Haredi Women for Voice, Equality and Representation

Last winter on our Israel visit, we were overwhelmed by the passion of "the Estys" – **Esty Shushan** and **Estee Rieder Indursky**, two *Haredi* (ultra-Orthodox) women with stunning observations about their community. For instance, neither can recall from their youth the total absence of female images in catalogs, advertisements or even children's books. That's just one indicator, they said, of a more oppressive society today and one they are dedicated to changing.

Though they remain committed to their community, they believe strongly that *Haredi* women can be true to their beliefs and also thrive in contemporary Israel. Nivcharot advocates for their healthcare and rights as workers, seeks equal representation in the Knesset, and equips them with tools of self-empowerment.

GPF Impact: Our grant underwrites the group's "Cinemamas" program, which brings Haredi women to forums featuring films followed by discussion groups.

SUPPORT THE GIRLS

USA

Personal Health Items, Bras, and Self-Esteem for Homeless and Low-Income Women

Living without bras and access to feminine hygiene products is not just an inconvenience for women. It's an ongoing humiliation, and homeless women endure it routinely. Or they did, until **Dana Marlowe**, the founder of Support the Girls, came along.

Following some significant weight loss, Dana sought a place to donate bras she no longer used. She discovered

this was a real need among homeless women. The same was true for feminine hygiene products. Dana's social media plea for donations of both exceeded her expectations.

What started out as one person's surplus donation has turned into a movement, with domestic and even international affiliates as far away as Australia, Pakistan, and Thailand. In the last twelve months, 135,000 bras and nearly one million menstrual hygiene products have been collected and distributed worldwide.

GPF Impact: Our matching funds are directed toward general administration costs, including the single part-time staff person who coordinates all of the outreach and local groups.

UNCHAINED AT LAST

USA

Support for Women Leaving Arranged or Forced Marriages

"You're thinking: 'Child marriage? That's what happens in Bangladesh or Tanzania, not America!'"
–Nicholas Kristof, May 26, 2017

In fact, more than 167,000 young people age 17 and under married in 38 states between 2000 and 2010, according to a search of available marriage license data by **Fraidy Reiss**, founder of Unchained at Last.

Fraidy turned her own traumatic experience of an arranged and abusive marriage into a mission to help others avoid a similar fate. Under her guidance, Unchained at Last has helped hundreds of women and girls avoid or leave forced marriages, and has successfully advocated for the drafting and passage of legislation banning child marriage – efforts made possible by a team of 500+ volunteers donating time and expertise.

GPF Impact: Our funding provides for a portion of a social worker's salary and for supportive outings for groups of women.



WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

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YOTSROT - TURNING THE TABLES

ISR

Training and Empowerment for Women Exiting the Cycle of Prostitution

"Because I am not just a body. I am a soul too." These words, from a former sex worker in Israel, capture the humiliations and aspirations of women who have sold their bodies just to live.

Lilach Tsur Ben-Moshe, a former online fashion editor, commuted each morning past Tel Aviv's Central Bus Station and came face to face with prostitutes congregating there. Helping these women find a way out became her mission.

Yotsrot Hofachot (Turning the Tables) provides a supportive environment and vocational training in the fashion industry, including design, sales, sewing and more. Since the first class began in 2013, Lilach's recipe for love, compassion and training in a field that promotes positive images and beauty has been extraordinarily successful.

GPF Impact: Our grant supports a new digital marketing course for Yotsrot clients.

INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY OF THE ORANGES

USA

An Interfaith Approach to Feeding Hungry People

"Coming here is like visiting my Mom's home ... a place where someone cares, a place to get some food and a place to get a hug."

This observation is from a client of the Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges (NJ), an all-volunteer program begun by houses of worship to help food-insecure residents in nearby communities. What began 25 years ago serving a handful of people, now provides a lifeline to

thousands of seniors, veterans, working poor and more than 4,000 children. This one-stop shop allows clients to select *what they need*, and not just get what someone else thinks they need. In addition to grains, proteins and produce, "shoppers" have access to diapers, toiletries and personal hygiene products, and even on-site services provided by a local medical group.

GPF Impact: Our grant underwrites the cost of toiletries that empower clients with a sense of self-worth and dignity.

PROJECT KRUVIT

ISR

Holiday Food Extravaganza

Her dream as a teenager was to create a true grassroots movement "to help feed people who cannot feed themselves," says **Dr. Ravit Hilleli**, Project Kruvit founder. Now that dream is realized three times a year in a highly synchronized effort involving about 8,000 volunteers who prepare and deliver high-quality meals to 5,000 people – including elders, Shoah survivors, families with children in the hospital and others across Israel – for *Pesach*, *Shavuot* and *Rosh Hashanah*. Shopping, cooking, and delivery, often facilitated by teen volunteers, all take place during a 48-hour period immediately before each holiday begins.

GPF Impact: With an enormous shopping list for each holiday, Project Kruvit uses our funds to purchase basic ingredients.

SALEM HARVEST

USA

Harvesting Healthy Foods to Feed Hungry People

Blueberries, cherries, green beans and broccoli are among the fruits and vegetables that might go to waste if not for the hundreds of volunteers for Oregon-based Salem Harvest, the largest community harvesting

program in the state. More than one million pounds of fresh produce have been donated to food pantries in the Willamette Valley, and the harvesters, many of them clients of these same food pantries, get to keep up to half of what they pick. One longtime volunteer expressed Salem Harvest's essence perfectly, "What an outstanding organization. Not only can you donate your time to help others in need, but you can have something for yourself or your family as a reward."

Once both a volunteer and young mother struggling to feed her family, **Elise Bauman**, has taken on the role of Executive Director for this all-volunteer group. Her organizational skills, management and dedication have turned what was once a modest effort into a professional operation with limitless growth.

GPF Impact: Our matching grant helps to underwrite the salary of Salem Harvest's only employee.

SECOND HELPINGS ATLANTA

USA

Working to End Hunger in the Atlanta Metro Area

In 2004, **Guenther Hecht** led a group of fellow congregants at Temple Sinai Atlanta in a social action project rescuing leftover food from markets and delivering it to local agencies feeding hungry people. That one mitzvah project evolved into Second Helpings Atlanta, Inc. (SHA), a growing nonprofit alleviating hunger and reducing food waste throughout Atlanta and its suburbs.

SHA's innovative "90-minute model" allows nearly 500 volunteers to retrieve a maximum amount of fresh food daily in minimal time and deliver it to more than 30 agencies that feed hungry people. The group has rescued more than five million pounds of food since its start.

GPF Impact: Our matching funds support the program's expansion.

SWIPE OUT HUNGER

USA NEW IN 2017

Ending Hunger on College Campuses

A college student recently told **Rachel Sumekh**, founder of Swipe Out Hunger, that she didn't go to bed hungry anymore. *That* was one of Rachel's happiest moments since she began her pioneering work only two years ago.

Hunger is a pervasive problem, and college campuses are not exempt. Nationally, one in seven college students (and one in three in California) are food insecure. Rachel envisioned redirecting surplus campus meals to hungry students – a solution that grew out of a 2009 experiment in which Rachel and friends used their UCLA meal cards to purchase sandwiches for hungry people in the surrounding community.

It was soon apparent that many students had unused credits left on their meal cards – an enormous resource that could feed hungry people throughout the community, and on campus. From that effort, Swipe Out Hunger was born.

GPF Impact: Our matching grant is helping Swipe Out Hunger expand beyond the 26 campuses currently running the program, and supports advocacy efforts that have already led to legislative changes regarding campus meal-sharing practices in California.

THE BAGEL BRIGADE

USA

Distributing Leftover Baked Goods in Los Angeles

Food rescue, or recovery, is an efficient way to feed hungry people and reduce waste. The Bagel Brigade's dedicated volunteers – mostly retirees – are doing so in the San Fernando Valley every day, putting as many as 54,000 rescued bagels (and other items) each month into the hands of hungry people.

The late **Herman Berman**, z"l, founded The Bagel Brigade in response to the overwhelming amount of unsold

HUNGER AND FOOD RESCUE



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food thrown away by stores every day. Volunteers pick up food from approximately 140 locations including delis, coffee shops, bakeries, and three Costco locations – that’s approximately 800 bags of baked goods, valued at over \$9,000, delivered weekly to elementary schools, homeless shelters, food banks, churches, and more.

GPF Impact: As in the past, our funds are directed to the minimal operating costs of this volunteer-run organization.

VILLAGE HARVEST

USA

Creating Community While Harvesting Fruit

What do you get when you match 1,000 volunteers with 630 backyards and small orchards? Village Harvest got 12,000 hours of community service and 230,000 pounds of harvested fresh fruit. In 2016 alone.

Since its founding in fruit-tree rich Northern California, **Craig Diserens** and Village Harvest have brought neighbors and community organizations together to preserve local agricultural heritage and culture, promote sustainable use of urban resources, and gather healthy fresh produce for hungry people. Village Harvest is active in a region where one in ten local residents, or 250,000 people, require food assistance each month.

GPF Impact: Our funds help cover orchard harvesting costs and an expansion of Village Harvest’s directory, which includes listings of produce donation locations.

YOUNGSTOWN COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

USA

Feeding Hungry Families in the Rust Belt

America’s Rust Belt, once prospering with manufacturing jobs and a thriving

steel industry, is now marked by shuttered businesses, a population struggling to get by, and many people trying to secure food. Since 1959, Youngstown, Ohio has lost more than 60% of its population, but for those who remain, **Joe Lordi** provides sustenance and inspiration at the food bank he began after his own life started to unravel years ago.

After losing his livelihood, Joe and his family struggled. Bills remained unpaid as attempts to find gainful employment failed. Experiencing firsthand what it meant to be hungry and poor, Joe began his little food bank with the help of a Youngstown businessman. Today, that food bank distributes over two million pounds of food annually, reaching 400 families, more than 35 churches and 15-20 agencies each week.

GPF Impact: Our funds are directed to the purchase of a used storage trailer and insurance.

ALLEVIATING HUNGER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

NECHA MALKA

ISR

Quietly Feeding Hungry Families in Israel

ZEHAVA AND KARYN

ISR

Food Packages for Needy Families in Jerusalem

Shira Gilor, Karyn Gellman and **Zehava Taub** are wives, moms, and grandmothers living busy, comfortable middle class lives in Israel. Each has responded in creative and respectful ways to the needs of neighbors who may not have sufficient food.

Years ago, Shira, a resident of Hashmonaim, learned that a neighbor did not have enough food for her children. So she delivered a package of food. Today, Shira’s organization, Necha Malka, relies on a corps of local volunteers who quietly and discreetly deliver donated food or supermarket

scrip regularly to at least 35 individuals and families who are referred by social workers. In addition, Shira recently opened a small warehouse, or *gemach*, where clothing, housewares and other donated items are sold for modest sums, further helping local residents struggling to make ends meet.

Karyn and Zehava also enlisted neighbors to do similar work in their upscale Jerusalem community. Volunteers make a monthly commitment to provide food and other necessities to people in need in the neighborhood. Some have lost jobs, others are single mothers struggling to work and raise a family, or elders living with limited income. In each case, despite the despair they may feel, they know there are people nearby who care about them and want to help.

GPF Impact: Our funds are used to purchase food scrip for Rosh Hashanah and Pesach when needs are greater.

ATZUM

ISR

Helping Righteous Rescuers and Victims of Human Trafficking

In the years following the Second World War, 130 extraordinary individuals quietly migrated to Israel. They are among the Righteous Rescuers – those who risked their lives during the war to save Jews from prosecution and extermination by the Nazis and their allies.

Today, more than 70 years after the end of the war, 11 of those who moved to Israel are still living in the Jewish homeland. In the last years of their lives, they and their spouses are in need of basic necessities and emotional support, along with the eternal gratitude of the Jewish people.

Rabbi Levi Lauer founded ATZUM in 2002 to give voice to social injustices in Israeli society. In addition to leading the fight to end prostitution and trafficking and providing for the needs of terror victims, ATZUM offers the surviving

Righteous Rescuers friendship and material support beyond what the government allocates, simply because it is the *right* thing to do.

GPF Impact: Our grants cover the cost of a part-time staff person who interacts on a regular basis with the remaining Righteous Rescuers.

COURAGEOUS PARENTS NETWORK

USA

Empowering Parents to Care for Children with Serious Illness

Serious illness in families is always traumatic and challenging. For parents of children who are very sick — or terminally ill — it takes on a whole other dimension. It turns the “normal” course of life on its head.

Blyth Lord, founder of Courageous Parents Network, knows this first hand. She lost her own young child and a nephew to disease – just months apart. But she also realized that support within her family is what got her through. And she wanted to help other parents find similar support.

CPN is an on-line resource utilizing numerous videos and podcasts featuring medical professionals and families who share their experiences. Along with on-site, professional development for health system personnel working with struggling and grieving families, CPN provides a full complement of resources and support. It is literally a lifeline for families and for those who interact with them at the most difficult time in their lives.

GPF Impact: Our matching grant supports development of a Provider Outreach Toolkit that will allow CPN to reach more medical professionals and thus more families in need of help.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



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GROCERYSHIPS

USA

Empowering Individuals Through Nutrition Education and Food Scholarships

"My anemia is gone." "My diabetes is controlled." "My family and I are healthier."

It is uplifting to hear such feedback from graduates of Los Angeles based Groceryships' six-month program. **Sam Polk**, a former financial executive who struggled with his own weight issues, founded Groceryships to provide those in the inner city with a comprehensive nutrition education course, weekly support groups, and access to affordable, healthy food.

For people with limited resources and knowledge, healthy food choices are difficult or even impossible. But Groceryships offers those struggling with obesity or food insecurity a way out. Low-income families are empowered to lead a positive lifestyle focused on nutrition, healthy cooking and informed shopping. They also become part of a network to discuss emotional eating and food addiction in a safe and supportive space.

GPF Impact: Two new support groups are made possible with this year's grant.

HOSTS FOR HOSPITALS

USA

Home Hospitality for Patients and Families

Serious illness presents myriad, untold stresses. When treatment must be administered far from home, anxieties deepen as patients and family members seek lodging – often for an extended period of time.

Michael Aichenbaum, founder of Hosts for Hospitals, has drawn on his own experience as a cancer patient to give families a gift and alleviate unnecessary worries. For the past 17 years, generous

hosts in the Philadelphia area have opened their homes to 3,000 out-of-town patient-families who travel to the area for treatment at one of 74 healthcare facilities. Free or low-cost lodging equals hundreds of thousands of dollars saved for individuals and families, and creates communities of support.

As Greg Garber, Senior Social Worker at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, says, "We would not have saved some lives if not for Hosts for Hospitals."

GPF Impact: Our grant makes possible improved technology to support HfH programs.

JEREMY'S CIRCLE

ISR

Supporting Children Living With Cancer in the Family

After bravely battling cancer for a year, **Jeremy Coleman** succumbed to the disease in 2007. The gift he left behind is Jeremy's Circle, an idea sparked by his young daughter Zoe. While her mom and dad were occupied with treatments and travel, Zoe yearned for a playdate with another child whose father had cancer, a friend who would understand what was going on in her life. Jeremy's wife, **Pamela Becker** – along with family and friends – created a supportive community for children whose parent or sibling has cancer or who have experienced a loss in their immediate family from the disease.

Hundreds of children participate in free, Fun Days held throughout the year in Israel. More than an outing to an amusement park or a zoo, these events are a welcome break for kids from the stresses of illness, and a chance to interact with other kids in similar situations.

GPF Impact: Our grant makes possible one part-time employee to manage the program and its volunteers.

BREAKING THE CHAIN THROUGH EDUCATION

USA

Rescuing Enslaved Children in Ghana

The stories of boys like Freeman, Eli, Kwesi, and Daniel – and the upward trajectory of their lives growing up near Lake Volta in Ghana – underscore how one man's vision and passion can make change thousands of miles away.

Evan Robbins, a high school history teacher in NJ, was stunned by a *New York Times* story exposing child slavery in West Africa. Breaking the Chain Through Education began as a lesson in human rights and evolved into an organization that has rescued more than 70 children from trafficking, provided them with a safe place to live, education and vocational training, and put them on a path toward independent and productive lives.

Evan's annual trips to Ghana include visits to see his "kids" and check on their welfare, as well as looking into the cases of other children needing rescue.

GPF Impact: Our funds support BTCTE's minimal administrative expenses.

CARAVAN TO CLASS

USA

Bringing Literacy to Timbuktu

Providing an education to children in villages outside of Timbuktu, Mali costs less than 1% of what it costs to educate a child in the United States. Yet the literacy rate in this West African nation is about 26%.

That discovery is what inspired former investment banker **Barry Hoffner**, after a 50th birthday trip to a music festival in Timbuktu, to return home and enlist family and friends to help him underwrite the cost of a new school in one village. Working with a local NGO that facilitated construction, Barry founded Caravan to Class to

help additional villages nearby. Today, Caravan to Class begins its twelfth school construction project, in addition to a Female Adult Literacy Program and a new girls' scholarship program for continuing education. Hundreds of children in several villages are now the first in their family to become literate. As Barry puts it, "Caravan to Class fulfills a basic need: the right for children to be in school."

GPF Impact: Our funds support the girls' education program.

CONNECT AFRICA FOUNDATION

USA NEW IN 2017

Supporting and Educating Children in Uganda

Nineteen-year-old Afiya finished her lower secondary education three years ago – a significant achievement in her native Uganda. But advanced education or learning a skill were not possible as her mother's meager income from working other people's gardens would not allow it.

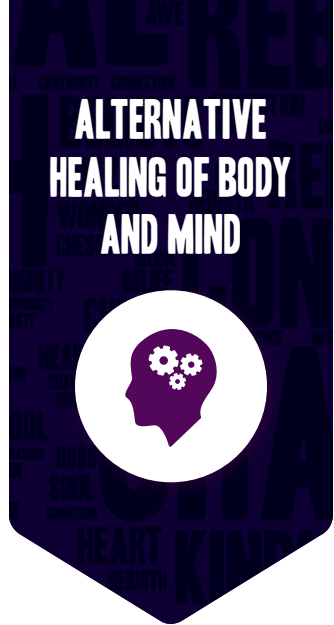
Afiya was exactly who clinical psychologist and founder of Connect Africa, **Lynn S. Auerbach**, had in mind when she began the organization. With Connect Africa's help, Afiya attends a course in tailoring, has begun to sell her handmade goods and is learning business skills and money management. Soon, she will have earned enough money to pursue higher level education.

Connect Africa began with a few micro-loans and helping two students orphaned by AIDS to attend school. Today, 138 children receive secondary educations and 90 interest-free micro-loans are changing an entire community.

GPF Impact: Our funding underwrites scholarships.

LITERACY AND EDUCATION





HAMA (ISRAEL) HUMANS AND ANIMALS IN MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

ISR
Animal-Assisted Therapy

Rocket attacks are nothing new to Israeli children living near the Gaza border. As a result, many have PTSD and are unable to function at school or home.

Avshalom Beni, the founder of HAMA Israel (Humans and Animals in Mutual Assistance), is a pioneer in the country's animal-assisted therapy community. One of his students, Shay Agmon, has adapted his teacher's approach by utilizing his own talents as a clinician and musician. He's created an innovative program where music combined with bunnies and birds are the cornerstone of successful techniques to help young victims of a "quiet" war.

Parents speak in the most positive way about the meaningful changes they have seen in their children's behavior. Shay's additional talent as a photographer has created a stirring visual record of this unique approach.

GPF Impact: Our funds support Shay Agmon's program in the Negev.

INTRA ISRAEL NATIONAL THERAPEUTIC RIDING ASSOCIATION

ISR
*Therapeutic Horseback Riding for
People with Disabilities*

With war and terrorism an ongoing reality in Israel, significant portions of the civilian and military population experience PTSD. For some soldiers like Itai, the equine therapy program that **Dr. Anita Shkedi** and her husband **Giora** established at INTRA has been key to recovery and resuming a normal life.

By learning to ride and care for horses, INTRA clients like Itai form relationships with the animals that result in stunning

social and emotional changes. When he first arrived at INTRA, Itai was frightened, shaking and unable to speak. Ten weeks later, he began to communicate and express confidence and ultimately regained his independence, self-esteem and self-awareness and no longer needs medication.

Anita has spent a lifetime devoted to therapeutic riding. She, her husband and their staff have helped thousands of people with a wide range of physical and emotional disabilities lead enriching and productive lives.

GPF Impact: Our funds support equine therapy for Israeli soldiers with PTSD.

MUSIC & MEMORY

USA
*Bringing Personalized Music to Elders
through Digital Technology*

IN THEIR SHOES

ISR
*Creating Awareness and
Understanding of Dementia and Aging*

In a unique, far-reaching partnership, Music and Memory, In Their Shoes and The Good People Fund launched a pilot project bringing the groundbreaking Music and Memory approach to Alzheimer's and dementia treatment to five facilities in Israel, hopefully leading to wider implementation throughout the country.

Dan Cohen, a former social worker and founder of Music and Memory, is transforming the lives of thousands of people living with dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Aware that music can trigger positive emotions and evoke comforting memories, his organization facilitates the use of MP3 players loaded with personalized playlists to bring joy into patients' lives and help them find some relief from the darkness. Individuals, formerly listless and non-responsive, suddenly "awaken," start moving to the music's beat and interact with those around them. Such moments

of clarity provide immense hope and a welcome sense of normalcy to patients and families.

In Israel, **Zissie** and **Sandy Gitel** focused for years on caring for their elderly parents, dealing with complicated medical conditions and accompanying difficulties. Once their parents died, they began In Their Shoes to help others navigate this difficult terrain. Initially, they trained as facilitators of the Virtual Dementia Tour™, which simulates real life experiences of dementia patients and gives caregivers important insights into how elders navigate basic daily tasks. With our encouragement, the Gitels trained as facilitators in Music and Memory's impactful approach and introduced it to Israeli institutions about four years ago.

GPF Impact: Our funds support the Music and Memory / In Their Shoes partnership as well as the purchase of iPods used at additional sites.

SHELTER MUSIC BOSTON

USA
*Feeding the Souls of Boston's
Homeless Shelter Residents*

"Who hears music," the poet Robert Browning wrote, "feels his solitude Peopled at once." His words perfectly capture the impact of Shelter Music Boston, founded by violinist **Julie Leven** and others to present monthly chamber concerts in Greater Boston homeless shelters and deliver live classical music as a social service. In 2017, seven shelters are program partners.

Shelter staff report that shelters are calm during and after the concerts, and that residents sleep better the nights of the performances. But perhaps no feedback matters more than that from audience members themselves. As one shelter guest commented: "The music captured my emotions and transformed rage to peace. Thank you."

GPF Impact: Our matching grant has allowed SMB to expand its roster of program partners.

*Know someone who may be interested in our work?
Pass along this annual report and share the inspiration!*



IT IS NOT WHAT ONE SAYS, BUT RATHER WHAT ONE DOES,
THAT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.

SHIMON, SON OF RABBAN GAMLIEL, PIRKE AVOT 1:17

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Statement of Activities and Functional Expenses
for the Period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Support and Revenue:				Total
Contributions				1,657,990
Investment Income				476
				1,658,466
	Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
Grants:	1,463,173			1,463,173
Expenses:				
Salaries *	52,787	11,312	27,464	91,563
Payroll Taxes	4,053	1,157	2,638	7,848
Technology Expenses *	4,383	1,252	626	6,261
Administrative Support *	14,956	4,273	2,137	21,366
Bank and Credit Card Fees	4,594	1,312	656	6,562
Consulting	- 0	14,183	- 0	14,183
Depreciation & Amortization	3,426	1,576	489	5,491
Insurance	1,317	377	188	1,882
Marketing	15,775	- 0	10,517	26,292
Office	- 0	2,983	- 0	2,983
Payroll Service	621	178	89	888
Postage and Shipping	785	224	112	1,121
Professional Fees	- 0	10,287	- 0	10,287
Telephone and Internet	365	104	52	521
Travel and Entertainment	5,017	1,433	717	7,167
Total expenses	108,079	50,651	45,685	204,415
Total grants and expenses	1,571,252	50,651	45,685	1,667,588
Change in Net Assets				(9,122)
Net Assets at July 1, 2016				255,521
Net Assets at June 30, 2017				246,399

*These costs are underwritten by specific donations made available for that purpose.

Allocations

HUMAN NEEDS AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Special Individual Needs \$121,887

POVERTY AND FUNDAMENTAL NEEDS

Family-to-Family \$7,500

Gabriel Project Mumbai \$4,150

Hope and Comfort \$10,000

Kentucky \$13,006

Keren Segulat Naomi \$2,750

Mitzvah Circle Foundation \$25,063

One Can Help \$10,000

**Pesia’s Kitchen \$61,800

Sundara Fund \$6,000

Sunday Friends \$19,200

**Ten Gav \$100,351

**The Forgotten People Fund \$60,197

The Jewish Gift Closet \$5,000

The Redistribution Center \$7,500

KIDS

Art Creation Foundation for Children \$2,000

Baby Bank \$1,000

*Big Brothers, Big Sisters \$110,199

Connections \$20,000

Creating Connected Communities \$13,500

*Kaima \$103,409

Kaima Be’erotyaim \$6,382

Leveling the Playing Field \$8,000

Make Music NOLA \$5,000

S.A.H.I. \$32,000

The Quincy Kids \$298

*Tzimaon \$25,000

Undies for Everyone \$10,030

ELDER CARE

Alice Jonah and The Diplomat Hotel \$6,000

In Their Shoes \$885

LiLY-Lifeforce in Later Years \$12,000

Survivor Mitzvah Project \$5,000

REFUGEES

Emma’s Torch \$10,000

The Firestarter Group \$15,500

Plant it Forward \$16,600

INCLUSION AND DISABILITIES

Achla \$10,000

**Inbar \$21,000

NY Center for Law and Justice \$10,000

**Shai Asher \$26,194

**Shalheveth \$43,400

**Shutaf \$33,975

SPIRIT-Club Foundation \$6,000

WOMENS EMPOWERMENT

Ba’asher Telchi \$22,500

Druze Association For Developing Foreign Relations, Education And Culture \$8,500

Nivcharot \$12,000

Support the Girls (formerly For the Girls) \$10,000

Unchained At Last \$16,000

Yotsrot-Turning the Tables \$7,700

HUNGER AND FOOD RESCUE

AmpleHarvest.org \$4,000

Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges \$5,550

**Necha Malka \$14,360

**Project Kruvit \$36,500

Salem Harvest \$6,000

Second Helpings Atlanta \$5,000

Swipe Out Hunger \$10,000

The Bagel Brigade \$2,500

Village Harvest \$6,000

Youngstown Community Food Bank \$7,927

Zehava and Karyn-Feeding the Neighbors \$4,300

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

ATZUM \$4,000

Courageous Parents Network \$15,000

Groceryships \$11,000

Hosts for Hospitals \$5,500

**Jeremy’s Circle \$39,505

LITERACY AND EDUCATION

Barbershop Books \$6,075

Breaking the Chain Through Education \$4,500

Caravan to Class \$4,500

Connect Africa Foundation \$4,000

Reading Village \$1,000

ALTERNATIVE HEALING OF BODY AND MIND

**HAMA (Israel) Humans and Animals in Mutual Assistance \$60,675

**INTRA-Israel National Therapeutic

Riding Association \$35,091

Lev Leytzan~Heart of a Clown \$4,000

**Music & Memory \$31,552

Shelter Music Boston \$10,000

MILITARY AND VETERANS

*A Package From Home \$22,452

*Tzvika Levy and the Lone Soldiers Program \$17,759

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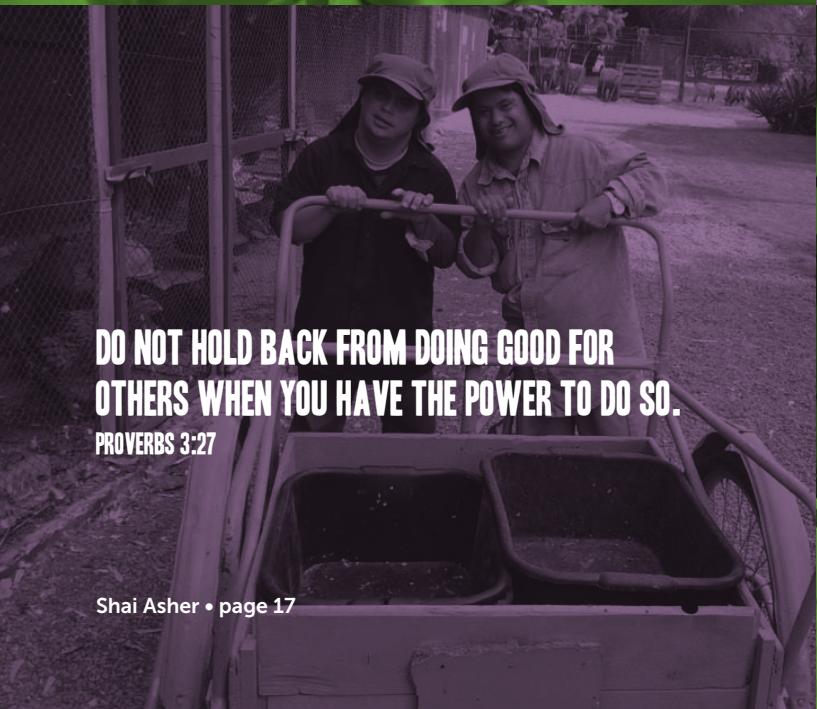
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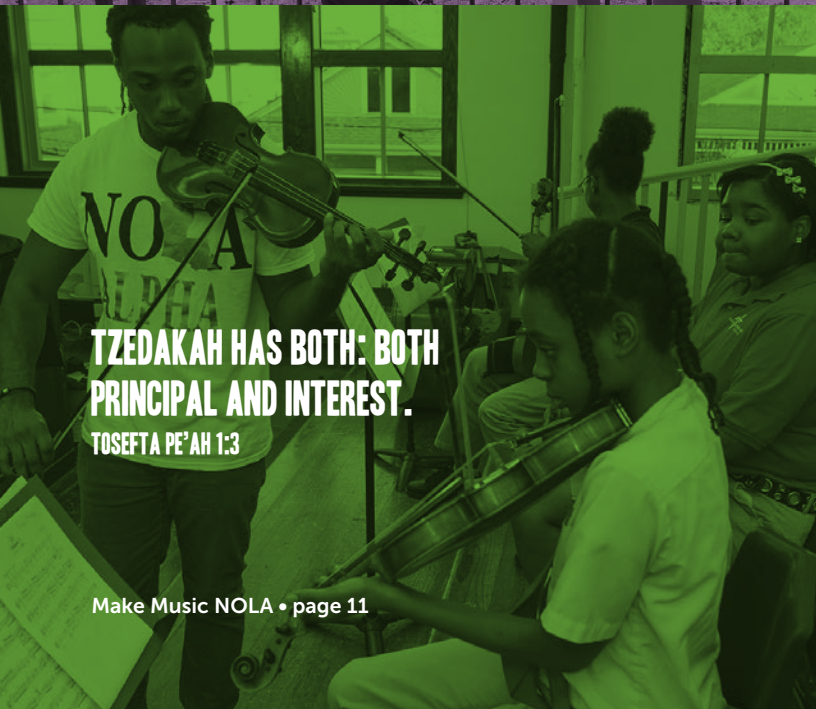
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PROVERBS 3:27

Shai Asher • page 17



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PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.**
TOSEFTA PE'AH 1:3

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