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The Faces of our Impact

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This Journal of Good is a place we have each year to truly grasp the immense impact that creative vision and unshakeable commitment can bring.

That energy comes from our Good People, the visionaries — in communities throughout the US, Israel, and elsewhere — who've identified compelling needs and societal voids, and designed a way to uplift lives and expand notions of benevolence and compassion.

And, from you, our friends and supporters, who know the world is desperate for new approaches to its worst afflictions and believe in GPF's unique model finding, nurturing and empowering problem solvers and healers.

In the fiscal year ending in June 2022, you signaled your continued confidence in GPF with more than \$3 million in donations — record breaking — so we can expand and deepen our support across an ever-widening spectrum of need. And, during our special appeals in response to humanitarian crises in Ukraine, ravaged by war, and Kentucky, hit by natural disaster, you were present and gave us dedicated resources to respond in nimble fashion.

We recently welcomed 17 new grantee organizations to the GPF family, led by visionaries not satisfied with the status quo and determined

to change realities for individuals, families and communities facing existing and new challenges.

At a time of economic difficulty, I can't thank you enough as together we help less fortunate individuals and families who too often have no choices. As we mark GPF's 15th year, these achievements are significant.

By now calling our annual report our Journal of Good, we are more accurately capturing our mission as a work in progress — evolving to meet new challenges, expanding to support new visionaries, and elevating the humanity that is at the heart of our work.

As you flip through the pages of our 2022 Journal of Good (and hopefully come back to it time and again for inspiration), you'll see all of these notions vividly.

The stories we tell you — and the faces we show you — give you the view from those who personify what positive impact looks like, and what your support is doing. I urge you to take the time to absorb all you make possible.

These faces ... these stories ... these achievements ... they exist where the vision of our grantees and the generosity of our donors meet, intersect and overlap.

With my deepest thanks for your trust, support and compassion,

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Bread and Water

Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. (Ecclesiastes 11:1)

אֲשַׁלַּח לַחֲמֶךָ עַל-פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם כִּי-יִרְבּוּ הַיָּמִים תִּמְצָאָנִי
(קהלת יא:א)

In Biblical times, bread was considered the food of life ... and water was and is the ultimate unknown, unpredictable and always moving.

If we join these two ideas, "casting one's bread upon the waters" means being generous to others with the stuff of life. Helping others — especially those we don't know — will reward us in many different, unknown ways.

Those of us who make it a priority to help others are never alone and live with the knowledge and truth that we are all connected.

And that is exactly what we, as The Good People Fund, stand for. Thank you for making a difference in a world that needs it.

Larry

Larry Paul
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Yehudah Leib ben Eliezer HaLevi V'Tamar
GPF Board Chair

Good Deeds by the Numbers

Over 14 years, we've given over \$20.8 million to support 231 dynamic programs ranging over 16 distinct program areas.

PROGRAM AREA	AMOUNT	NUMBER OF PROGAMS
Animal-Assisted Therapies	112,387.00	2
Eldercare	446,102.00	14
Ending Workplace Harrassment	130,901.00	
Fighting Hatred	152,114.00	6
Fundamental Needs	4,276,436.00	35
Health & Well-Being	2,253,293.00	38
Hunger & Food Rescue	888,592.00	25
Inclusion & Disabilities	1,584,260.00	12
Kids	5,766,167.00	47
Literacy & Education	105,050.00	10
Natural Disasters	97,947.00	5
Refugees	724,131.00	12
Shoah Survivors	174,463.00	4
Uplifting Lives One at a Time	1,921,491.00	
Veterans & Military	1,339,585.00	6
Women's Empowerment	876,492.00	15
Total Dollars raised 2008-2022		\$23,987,404

PLANNED GIVING

In addition to outright cash gifts, there are many additional ways you can help us continue to do this important work well into the future. Please consider:

- Current Outright Gifts of Stock or Securities
- Gifts Under a Will or a Charitable Bequest
- Gifts of Life Insurance, Trusts and Retirement Plans

If you, your attorney, or financial advisor has any questions about planned giving to The Good People Fund, please contact Naomi Eisenberger at naomi@goodpeoplefund.org.

Uplifting Lives, One at a Time



Her husband, the sole supporter of the family, descended into opiate addiction, became physically abusive, lost his job, and died of an overdose. With little savings and no family to turn to, Katherine immediately got a full-time job as a server to support her two grade school boys and avoid the possibility of eviction and homelessness. That didn't last long. The pandemic hit, the diner closed, school went remote. And Katherine was home again helping her sons with schoolwork and being around by necessity. The entire economic, psychological and physical trauma convinced Katherine that she needed to upend absolutely everything. "If it was just me, that would be one thing. But it wasn't," she says. She applied to a vocational program to earn a state certificate as a phlebotomist, aiming to achieve stability, independence and a future for herself and her boys. She was accepted but could not pay more than a small fraction of the cost, due before the program started. A social worker assigned to Katherine's domestic

violence case reached out to GPF to see if any help could be offered. After vetting the situation with the social worker and concluding that other options were not possible, GPF filled in the modest difference and provided a fighting chance to a family on the edge. Katherine is working now as a phlebotomist, and with the relative stability of her job and career, says she feels more confident than ever that the path forward is more defined, structured and secure for her and her boys. In the realm of GPF impact, not all is measured in grants to grassroots organizations as outlined in these pages. Very often, a case of severe individual or family need and hardship comes to GPF's attention through its deeply connected and trusted network of social workers, health care professionals, donors, and others bringing us a plea for help. Our careful and informed response often means the difference between survival and less desirable outcomes. So when there is no other place for a person in need to turn, the GPF family is there with a compassionate heart, and if we can help, we will.

“It’s hard to ask for help, I know, but you have to.”

— Diamond, a 32-year-old single mother of three

When Diamond’s daughter started menstruating, it wasn’t just a physical development. It was a financial one too.

Some background. **Diamond** was just 19 when she became a single mother and when family conflicts forced her and her infant daughter into the vortex of homelessness.

Time spent in shelters. Weeks sleeping on a friend’s floor. Eviction from a small apartment she somehow managed to get. Back to the homeless shelter.

Her story gets better, though. In 2018, Diamond secured Section 8 housing vouchers and when GPF caught up with her this past summer, she was in her own home in Indianapolis with her three children — two girls, ages 13 and 11, and a boy, age 4.

But the fact remains that she is dangerously low income, and with three children, every need — expected or not — can create financial chaos and put her family at severe risk once again.

“Now it’s me and my two daughters who need period products,” Diamond says. “The price is very high and to be a single mother of three, I have to make choices — food, utilities, or their needs? I can’t keep doing this all the time.”

According to **I Support the Girls**, a GPF grantee, the average cost of period products is a significant burden for anyone with financial struggles. And, costs can increase exponentially depending on any number of factors, including an individual’s menstrual flow, the number of menstruating people in a household, the absorbency level of the product ... even the cost of new underwear or clothing stained from menstrual blood.

Government support programs, such as SNAP and WIC for individuals and families in need, do not allow funds to be used for the purchase of period products, and some states tax them.

Due to these realities and circumstances, Diamond receives a supply of period and personal hygiene products for herself and her daughters from I Support the Girls. The organization’s overall mission is to collect and distribute essential items such as bras, underwear and menstrual hygiene products to women and folx experiencing homelessness, impoverishment, or distress — and by so doing, giving them dignity and peace of mind.

“For the recipient, sometimes the small things are big — whether it is a bra, a tampon, a soccer ball, or a hot meal — and these make an enormous difference,” says **Dana Marlowe**, Founder and Executive Director of I Support the Girls.

Diamond calls the supply an “I Support the Girls goodie box,” one that arrives every few months to fill the gap and ease the burden and worry. “They have my back,” she says. “It’s hard to ask for help, I know, but you have to.” **GPF Impact: Our grant supports mental health programming for ISTG clients, and covers some administrative expenses.**

THE BLUE DOVE FOUNDATION USA Addressing Mental Illness and Addiction in the Jewish Community and Beyond

NEW Resources for mental health and addiction have long been in short supply. Add to that the impact of a pandemic that’s killed millions and created crises for people of every age, and The Blue Dove Foundation’s work is more important than ever.

Co-founder **Gabby Spatt** knows firsthand the tragedy of losing a family member to mental illness. She’s also seen that within the Jewish community, discussions about mental illness are far too rare and often avoided — and that support is scarce. Blue Dove has developed resources for individuals, as well as Jewish and interfaith communities, all with a Jewish lens. Their workshops, publications and other educational resources are all designed to reduce the stigma surrounding mental illness and addiction.

The materials, says one youth group leader, “allowed students to really understand mental health in the context of Judaism.”

GPF Impact: Our grant supports website and social media development.

MAGEN FOR JEWISH COMMUNITIES ISR Advocacy and Support for Survivors of Sexual Abuse

NEW As Magen’s leader, **Shana Aaronson** can be called at any hour to intervene in one of life’s most disturbing crises. Sadly, cases of sexual abuse remain prevalent throughout Israeli society and often victims are traumatized even further when disregarded.

For the D. family, Shana became a lifeline

to ending the nightmare of a father who repeatedly abused his children. Shana stood by the family’s side through court proceedings and social service interviews, referred the children to family therapy (providing subsidies, as well) and got the mother into a vital support group.

These wrap-around services inspired the mother to share: “Helpful is not even the word to describe how Magen was with us through the process of reporting and dealing with the police and court ... They accompanied us physically and emotionally ... For us, Magen was knowing we have someone on our side.”

GPF Impact: Our funds underwrite advocacy and investigatory staffing.

PURE HEART FOUNDATION USA Breaking Cycles of Generational Incarceration

2.7 million kids in this country have a parent who is incarcerated; in Detroit it’s four in 10 kids. For **Sherelle Hogan**, these statistics are personal. At the young ages of six and seven she watched each of her parents get pulled away in handcuffs. As family and friends became her guardians, she moved from house to house — with abuse always lurking in the background. Now, she has broken the cycle of incarceration and helps kids in Detroit who are facing the same trauma.

Pure Heart Foundation uses an evidence-based program that includes mental health counseling, academic enrichment, family reunification and more. The statistics speak for themselves: not one student who has completed the program has entered the criminal justice system, and all of them have graduated high school. **GPF Impact: Our grant is directed to administrative expenses.**



SAHAR ISR 🇮🇱

Providing Online Support for Emotional Distress

In February 2022, a young soldier contemplating suicide called the Sahar hotline. He said he was secluded on base with his loaded M16 nearby. The level of his despair was clear, as was the fact that no one knew of his intentions. The Sahar volunteer, under the guidance of the supervising psychologist, gently reassured the soldier, and with strategic questions determined his location. Emergency services were notified and the crisis was averted. Finding the hotline in an internet search saved this young man's life.

Yael Levy, Sahar's director, has guided and grown the organization from its modest beginnings and made it a leader in the

burgeoning field of internet-based mental health resources. She reports that, as published recently in a scientific journal, "research shows that Sahar's outreach promotes help-seeking — and that the model operated by trained volunteers works!" **GPF Impact: Our matching grant underwrites a new administrative position.**

ZA'AKAH USA 🇺🇸

Helping Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse in the Orthodox Community and Beyond

Asher Lovy grew up in the insular Haredi community of Borough Park, Brooklyn, where he was sexually, physically and mentally abused by his mother. The silence within his community — where discussion of such aggressions was

neither acknowledged nor welcome — propelled Asher to share his story publicly.

"The problem in our community is systemic," Asher says. And though the topic is a difficult one to discuss, he fearlessly pursues change. As a young man in his twenties, he left his family home, wrote publicly about his abuse and began working to change the system through ZA'AKAH.

ZA'AKAH was instrumental in helping pass New York State's Child Victims Act, as well as Erin's Law, which mandates abuse prevention education in public schools. In addition to the advocacy component, the Shabbat and holiday hotline provides support for victims during some of the most difficult days of their lives.

GPF Impact: Our matching grant underwrites administrative costs.

EVERYDAY BOSTON USA 🇺🇸

Building Community Through Storytelling

Armand joined The Bridge Project, Everyday Boston's re-entry program for formerly incarcerated people, a few weeks after he was released from prison. Having trained in restorative justice, Armand teamed up with Everyday Boston to interview elders in the community — a chance for him to give back, make meaningful connections and earn income he badly needed. Today Armand is the executive director of his own restorative justice organization.

Everyday Boston's story-collecting projects, youth programs and community events bring people of different backgrounds together to build a better Boston. "Because of the way our world works," says founder **Cara Solomon**, "I might never have met them — different neighborhoods, different workplaces, different ways of life. No easy or obvious way to cross the divide. But this is what Everyday Boston was born to do: Give us all a stronger sense of belonging." **GPF Impact: Our funds support a media specialist position.**

FIGHTING ONLINE ANTISEMITISM ISR

Combating Hateful Content on the Web

NEW A Rhode Island restaurant runs an ad with a picture of Anne Frank and the caption, "It's hotter than that oven. I should know!" Over the past five or six years, hashtags proclaiming "Hitler was right" or "Holocaust was important," and hundreds more, have permeated the Internet — and shown that antisemitism is on the rise.

With the idea that "removing antisemitic content from the Internet, especially from social media, reduces offline antisemitism as

well," **Tomer Aldubi** founded Fighting Online Antisemitism — and was joined by attorney **Nir Kaplan** just as Covid arrived. As the virus traversed the world, online hate proliferated, too.

FOA has more than 200 trained volunteers across the globe who monitor seven leading social media platforms (in multiple languages) and report hateful content. Through educational workshops and webinars, they also raise public awareness about the phenomenon of cyberhate.

GPF Impact: Our grant covers administrative expenses.

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK ISR

Fostering Mutual Understanding Between Jews and Muslims

NEW **Elhanan Miller**, a rabbi, journalist, language specialist and teacher, has spent many years studying Israeli-Palestinian politics. He's also a frequent commentator (in Arabic) for Arab language media outlets.

Using social media and YouTube videos on Jewish history, customs and faith, Rabbi Miller has found a powerful medium to break down barriers and create positive connections between Jewish Israelis and their Muslim neighbors. Cartoons, videos and discussions — all produced in Arabic — are opening new doors for the millions of viewers he's engaged.

Prior to a recent trip to the United Arab Emirates, he shared with his audience that he would be in Dubai and happy to meet anyone in person. One fan, Qusai, did meet up with him, and shared his Jewish roots and plans to convert. "It's amazing," Rabbi Miller says, "to discover firsthand the impact I have on citizens far and wide." **GPF Impact: Our grant underwrites administrative expenses.**



“I was made to feel confident in myself and my potential.”

— Jonathan Escobar, asylee, age 23



He remembers the night he left home in Guatemala, aiming to escape frequent anti-gay threats against him and the indifference of authorities.

“It was 3 a.m. and I woke my mother and said, ‘I’m leaving.’ I didn’t cry at this moment. I didn’t want her to know how difficult it was for me. But I cried like a baby when the taxi came and I got in.”

A few days and three bus rides later, **Jonathan Escobar** reached the US border with a duffel bag and presented himself for asylum. For months, he lived in an immigration center until officials allowed him to make his way to New York City and the embrace of an aunt and uncle who turned their basement in Queens into a living space.

“Sometimes it was hard to smile, but I

always tried,” Jonathan says now of those days in 2018. “All I knew is that I had to take all the opportunities that I could.”

While taking an English language class, he learned about Emma’s Torch, the Brooklyn-based restaurant-as-social-enterprise that trains refugees, asylees and survivors of human trafficking in the culinary arts — to equip them for careers and an upward trajectory. Emma’s Torch is a GPF grantee.

“I tried to learn everything,” Jonathan says of the three-month program at Emma’s Torch. “I wasn’t defined there by my past and my trauma. I was made to feel confident in myself and my potential and the future.”

And that is one of the main objectives of Emma’s Torch, says **Kerry Brodie**, its Founder and Executive Director.

“Our students have overcome what can only be described as the worst of humanity. But that’s not their defining characteristic. They are unique individuals with hopes and dreams.

“We try to be as forward-looking as possible to restore that dignity and humanity. I’m constantly inspired by the resilience of our students and by their optimism.”

As of this fall, 177 individuals have graduated from the Emma’s Torch program since it began. And that includes Jonathan, now 23, who when GPF caught up with him earlier this year, was cooking at a restaurant in Brooklyn, boasting about his chicken feet and spinach soup (“it’s high in collagen”), and looking to the future.

“At Emma’s Torch, I met a lot of people like me, and I learned to love all of them. Because, I knew how much it took for them to get to that place with me.” **GPF Impact: Our grant supports student stipends for basic needs.**



ROAD TO RECOVERY ISR Advancing Coexistence and Friendship

Born with serious congenital health issues in a West Bank village, Mary, now a teen, needed to travel to Haifa, where she spent more than three years receiving intense medical treatment. Her family was having trouble with the cost of traveling to see her until Amjad, Mary’s father, met Road to Recovery’s founder **Yuval Roth**. “I had lost hope,” Amjad says, “but Yuval told me, ‘We are with you. Don’t be afraid.’ When I heard this from a Jewish person, I rejoiced.” The support of RtoR’s volunteers helped Mary and her family face her difficult treatments.

Compassion and connection guide RtoR’s efforts as they provide thousands of rides for people, mostly children, from West Bank and Gaza checkpoints to Israeli hospitals. They also provide critical medical equipment and recreation days for patients and their families. **GPF Impact: Our funds help cover administrative expenses.**

TRIBETALK USA Recognizing Shifting Realities for Jewish Students

As a high school senior, Ashley turned to TribeTalk for guidance in finding a college that was the right fit. Their website, podcasts and webinars were the tools she needed to research schools through a Jewish lens. Now, as a rising junior at the University of Michigan and a TribeTalk fellow, Ashley researches and contributes relevant content to help other students.

It was college-bound students like Ashley who inspired **Michelle Black, Robin Friedman** and **Jude Sydney** to found TribeTalk in response to the increasingly toxic climate at schools around the country. The site features Student Stories — unique snapshots of personal experiences — and the College Comparison Database, which focuses on key aspects of Jewish life on campus. As Jude puts it, “The dramatic increase of antisemitism on college campuses continues to inform the importance of our critical work.” **GPF Impact: Our funds help cover administrative expenses.**

CARAVAN TO CLASS USA 🇺🇸

Advancing Education in Timbuktu and Beyond

Fatouma was 18 years old and living in a small village when she received a Bourse (Course) Jackie scholarship from Caravan to Class. Leaving family behind, she had to adjust to city life with new living conditions and cultural differences — all to be the first in her family to earn a university degree, the primary goal of **Barry Hoffner**, the organization's founder.

Three years later she defended her thesis. “At this moment,” notes Barry, “it hit me how life-changing a little bit of support and belief in someone could be.” Fatouma's success encourages others to further their education. With a marketing job in Mali's capital, Fatouma says, “I am living the best version of myself today.”

Caravan to Class has been building schools in Timbuktu since 2010. The Bourse (Course) Jackie program honors Hoffner's late wife, offering five full university scholarships annually to female high school graduates. **GPF Impact: Our funds underwrite university scholarships.**

KAIMA NAHALAL ISR 🇮🇱

Uplifting Teenage Girls At-Risk

Before arriving at Nahalal, Leora was living “rough” on the streets. “I saw myself as an unstable, unreliable person, someone always running away from challenges,” she says. “Today, Nahalal's fields are my life source. If I'm stressed or conflicted, I am calmed by working the land ... It's an amazing gift to any girl who finds her way here.”

Integrated into the farm through the new Safe Living residential initiative, Leora has become a source of support to others, even



leading a group of pre-army volunteers. **Merav Carmi** founded the Nahalal farm for young women, many of them survivors of abuse. The Kaima education model, which includes a sustainable organic farm as a laboratory, is proven to reach those who haven't succeeded in traditional settings. Leora is but one of many who, observes Merav, “has gained tremendous self-insight.” **GPF Impact: Our funds help underwrite a social worker's salary.**

NIVCHAROT:

HAREDI WOMEN'S MOVEMENT ISR

Amplifying the Voices of Haredi Women in Politics and Beyond

It's never easy to try to change a culture and thousands of years of tradition. In fact, it is long

and arduous work that often leaves those leading the charge isolated, even rejected by family and friends. **Esty Bitton Shushan** is such a leader. Born into Israel's Haredi community, Esty is a feminist working to change women's status in that community — and helping her peers gain representation in government.

Her organization, Nivcharot, amplifies the voices of these women in many ways. Most notable is a leadership conference, called Hanivcheret, which introduces participants to topics like feminism, social studies, gender studies and politics. Raaya Mery, one of the women who participated in the program, says, “It has enriched my overall skill set and has qualified me for more meaningful work in the public and political arenas.” **GPF Impact: Our grant underwrites the organization's leadership development program.**

COMPASSION PRISON PROJECT USA

Creating Trauma-Informed Prisons and Communities

NEW Studies show that the US prison model is a failing system with high rates of recidivism. Guided by her own childhood trauma, **Fritzi Horstman**, an award-winning producer, started Compassion Prison Project — which uses a trauma-informed approach when working with those who are incarcerated, as well as prison staff. This model asks, “What happened to you?” as opposed to, “What's wrong with you?” It emphasizes that childhood trauma is one of the forces that can lead to incarceration. And that through sharing common experiences, meditation and community building, a new realization is possible.

With the help of a small staff and volunteers, including many people formerly or currently incarcerated, CPP operates in Nebraska, California and overseas.

As one participant says, “This program helped me see what was inside of me ... a good person, a beautiful person, a person that matters.” **GPF Impact: Our grant underwrites CPP's Trauma Talks event expenses.**

HEART 2 HART DETROIT USA

Spreading Kindness on the Streets of Detroit

When **Larry Oleinick**, founder of Heart 2 Hart Detroit, first met Britney, she was homeless, using drugs and begging for food. Today, she is a mother with a job and a home. Throughout it all, H2HD provided lunches, hygiene products, diapers and even monthly bus passes. “The bus passes help so much with me getting to and from work,” says Britney. “And now with the baby,

I don't have to worry about buying diapers, because H2HD gives me a box every month.”

Three days a week, H2HD volunteers hand out life-sustaining items and build relationships with hundreds of Detroit's homeless people. Larry believes consistency and a smile go a long way. “We go way beyond food,” he says, “honoring them with integrity as individuals, and finding out what is going on and how we might be able to somehow help.” **GPF Impact: Our funds are directed to administrative expenses.**

MEDICAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE USA

Protecting Incarcerated People's Right to Medical Care

NEW For **Dr. Mark Fenig** and **Dr. William Weber**, both emergency medicine physicians, the pandemic's earliest days highlighted the need for medical testimony for incarcerated individuals. They began MJA, the only organization of its kind, which enlists pro bono medical professionals to work alongside attorneys fighting to get appropriate medical care to these individuals — a constitutional right. As Dr. Fenig explains, “MJA can protect the rights of people incarcerated by abolishing the cost barrier to medical expert testimony.”

Chronic health conditions are prevalent among those in the prison system, where there is a dearth of resources. Mr. X., a 59-year-old man with terminal heart failure, was granted parole and promised a heart transplant. His case was mishandled and he remains in prison. Through the efforts of MJA and a local legal aid organization, Mr. X. may soon be released and receive his transplant.

GPF Impact: Our matching funds are directed to administrative expenses.

WITNESS TO MASS INCARCERATION USA

Beyond Prison, Finding Safety and Dignity

When Kathina was released from prison, Witness to Mass Incarceration supplied train tickets to NYC, an intern to meet her at the station and a suitcase filled with items she would need in her new life — a cellphone with a paid yearly plan, a computer, and gift certificates for clothes, transportation, food and toiletries. “I've never had this kindness shown to me my entire life,” Kathina says.

WMI founder **Evie Litwok** knows firsthand the trauma formerly incarcerated people face when re-entering society and developed projects to address those needs. The Suitcase Project greets and supports people like Kathina and The MAP is a unique online directory of businesses owned by formerly incarcerated individuals. “The greatest thing we can do for each other in this life,” Evie says, “is to form and nourish community in all of its forms.”

GPF Impact: Our funds underwrite administrative expenses, and cold weather gear for people incarcerated at NYC's Rikers Island.



She remembers being in Jewish summer camp and writing an opinion piece about an issue of religious observance there. “It was horrible, I was 14,” she says.

But it defined her as a young teen anxious to express a point of view through her own gender lens. That’s not so surprising, considering that **Aliza Abusch-Magder** is the daughter of two progressive Jewish educators who encouraged her to find her voice and a place for it.

As a sophomore in high school in 2016, she found that place. jGirls+ Magazine was in its start-up phase and Aliza became a contributor and a member of its first editorial board — helping to launch jGirls+ as a digital magazine by and for an entire generation of self-identifying Jewish female and non-binary teens. jGirls+ is a GPF grantee.

“It was a formative experience for me,” says Aliza, now a junior at Columbia University in New York, studying English and Gender and Women’s Studies.



“jGirls+ allowed me to claim creativity as part of my identity.”

— Aliza Abusch-Magder, a junior at Columbia University

“There wasn’t a dedicated platform for young Jewish women and non-binary folk to express themselves and to be taken seriously. We were going to change that.”

jGirls+ is the brainchild of **Elizabeth Mandel** — its Founder and Executive Director. She was informed by her experience as a documentary filmmaker, writer and community activist in the gender equity and Jewish communal spaces as she identified a void and sought to fill it by giving Jewish teen girls room and validation.

“I envisioned a project that told girls, we want you, we value your voices, we believe in what you have to say, you matter,” Elizabeth says.

Since its founding, jGirls+ has grown in reach and form. In September, for instance, Elizabeth announced the publication of *Salt and Honey: Jewish Teens on Feminism, Creativity and Tradition*. It is a book featuring 78 works by 62 jGirls+ contributors, including Aliza, voicing “their celebrations and challenges, their anger and their eagerness in essays, poetry, and visual art.”

Although she has now aged out of jGirls+’s cohort of editors and contributors, Aliza continues her involvement through the Jewish Feminist Alumnae Network, a collaboration between jGirls+ and the Jewish Women’s Archive’s Rising Voices Fellowship.

“jGirls+ allowed me to claim creativity and expression as part of my identity,” Aliza says. “I have a fundamental core belief to engage in the world and I want to contribute in a positive way. That is an implicit part of what jGirls+ is all about.” **GPF Impact: Our grant supports jGirls+ Magazine marketing.**

BREAKING THE CHAIN THROUGH EDUCATION USA 🇺🇸 Ending Child Slavery in Ghana

Emmanuel was a victim of human trafficking in Ghana for a decade until Breaking the Chain Through Education helped to rescue and rehabilitate him — giving him access to housing, healthcare and schooling, and a path toward independence.

But then Emmanuel developed elephantiasis — his leg enlarging from obstruction of lymphatic vessels — and his condition worsened to the extent that amputation was required to save his life.

He is now recovering and will be fitted with a prosthetic device. “God bless BTCTE and everything that life and future now means to me,” says Emmanuel, now 20.

BTCTE is currently helping to support 90 formerly trafficked children to end cycles of poverty that lead to child trafficking. “Changing the life of just one makes all the difference,” says **Evan Robbins**, a social studies teacher in Metuchen, NJ and IBTCTE Founder and Executive Director. **GPF Impact: Our grant helps cover administrative expenses.**

LILY - LIFEFORCE IN LATER YEARS USA Building Community for Isolated Seniors

As a child, Ms. Kitamura survived the bombing of Hiroshima. She later immigrated to the US, where she taught dance in New York’s Morningside Heights. With no children or partner and a new cancer diagnosis, Ms. Kitamura received assistance from her LiLY social worker. Now, LiLY volunteers visit often, care for her cat, bring homemade treats and listen to her stories of a life past.

In the midst of a densely populated metropolis, **Irene Zola** founded LiLY to create a community of care on Manhattan’s Upper West Side. For elders who often feel isolated and alone, local volunteers shop for groceries, facilitate doctors’ appointments and, perhaps most important, offer friendship. “People are being connected in ways they wouldn’t be otherwise,” says Irene. “It is like a small village.” **GPF Impact: Our matching funds underwrite a social worker’s salary, as well as iPads for seniors to connect to LiLY programming.**

MARVA ISR Preserving Dignity and Autonomy Through Life Challenges

At 75, Joseph lived alone and had trouble managing his affairs. He was about to be evicted from his home and moved to an institutional setting against his will when his social worker connected him to David, a volunteer at MARVA’s Supported Decision-Making program. Through a relationship based on trust and respect, David helped Joseph find an affordable apartment and retain his independence.

Dr. Michal Wosner and Dr. Mickey Schindler, experts in both law and social work, joined forces to create MARVA, an indispensable resource for elders and people with disabilities. “The story of David and Joseph,” says Mickey, “exemplifies what MARVA’s work and decision support can achieve — independence, autonomy, friendship and respect — enabling people with disabilities and senior citizens to live in their homes in their communities.” **GPF Impact: Our matching funds are directed to administrative expenses.**

MUSIC MENDS MINDS USA 🇺🇸 Using Music as Alternative Therapy

Sam lived all over the world and could speak and sing in six languages. When he was diagnosed with dementia, Music Mends Minds became crucial to his happiness. He and his wife joined the 5th Dementia band and attended rehearsals, including Zoom sessions during the pandemic. Sam died two days short of his 96th birthday — but his smile, bon vivant persona and love of music are fondly remembered. “Music makes everything better,” he always said.

Founded by **Carol Rosenstein** and husband **Irwin z”l**, MMM provides innovative therapy

and musical support groups for patients with Alzheimer’s and other neurodegenerative diseases. “Playing a musical instrument creates a high level of brain engagement. It’s comparable to a full body workout for the brain,” says Carol. MMM improves quality of life for patients, their caregivers and families, one song at a time. **GPF Impact: Our funds are used for administrative expenses.**

SHAI ASHER ISR 🇮🇸 Empowering People with Special Needs

Shalom is 26 years old and on the autism spectrum. Extremely bright, verbal, and affable, Shalom had difficulty focusing on tasks for extended periods of time and was

medicated for seizures and behavioral issues. But as former social worker **Menachem Stolpner** puts it, “All Shalom needed was an accepting workplace where he could have the chance to flourish.”

And flourish he did. Shalom joined Shai Asher’s kibbutz-based apprentice program for young adults with special needs, and developed, then strengthened, the abilities he needs to thrive. “Shai Asher helped me learn work skills and work independently with others in a team and listen to instructions,” he says, “things that help me today at my new job.” **GPF Impact: Our funds help underwrite administrative costs.**

SHUTAF ISR 🇮🇸 Creating Inclusive Spaces for Youth of All Abilities

Twelve-year-old Ayala has autism spectrum disorder as well as vision impairment and neurological issues. During the year, she goes to an inclusion program at her local Jerusalem school, but during vacations Shutaf’s summer camp brings her great joy. “Camp Shutaf was one of the best things that ever happened to Ayala,” says her mom. “For the first time in her life, she felt equal in a group where everyone felt equal, and happy amongst other happy children.”

Beth Steinberg and **Miriam Avraham** — themselves mothers of children with developmental challenges — founded Shutaf to provide recreational activities for children of all abilities. In addition to year-round programming for hundreds of participants, as Beth explains, Shutaf has created a curriculum for educators “to make the world a more inclusive place.” **GPF Impact: Our grant underwrites the cost of implementing the new curriculum.**

SPIRIT CLUB FOUNDATION USA 🇺🇸 Helping Individuals with Disabilities Build Strength and Confidence

Alex and Sam, brothers in foster care who have autism and learning disabilities, use their SPIRIT Club scholarships to work out with their trainer, Kristian. Hiking, playing basketball and learning to use gym equipment has helped the pair develop a healthy lifestyle, and Kristian has become an amazing role model and friend. Alex has lost 32 pounds and Sam reports feeling stronger. The boys’ aunt says, “It has truly been a great experience for them and we have seen the impact on their day-to-day lives.”

Jared Ciner founded SPIRIT Club so that people with disabilities could enjoy the benefits of physical fitness classes and the socialization they provide. Executive Director Bethany Keener adds, “Our work is a way of saying to people with disabilities that their lives are valuable and worth investing in.” **GPF Impact: Our grant funds scholarships for participants.**

THE SURVIVOR MITZVAH PROJECT USA 🇺🇸 Helping Holocaust Survivors in Eastern Europe

Zane Buzby founded The Survivor Mitzvah Project, which provides emergency aid to the last survivors of the Holocaust in Eastern Europe who are in desperate need of food, medicine, heat, and caregivers. The goal: “No survivor who has experienced the darkest days of human history will ever be cold, hungry, neglected or forgotten again.” SMP also records their Holocaust experiences for future generations.



Zane’s efforts have even greater impact during Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. SMP maintains contact with survivors despite the turmoil and destruction of a country at war, continuing to provide lifesaving aid and safe passage out of the country. Survivor Rita Grigorieva, taking refuge in a bomb shelter, was stunned to receive a call from Zane offering help and exclaimed, “Your call is as if I found a diamond.” She was able to leave Ukraine, reunite with family members and is now safely resettled in Israel. **GPF Impact: Our funds help support survivors in Ukraine.**



“I think this place saved me.”

— Avigail Sanderovitch, age 17



She and the demands of formal schooling weren’t a good match, and so she often skipped classes and entered the void of unstructured days and undefined goals — and all that can lead to.

But at age 14, urged on by her sister, **Avigail Sanderovitch** walked into Kaima Beerotayim in Israel’s Hefer Valley, and her life and prospects took a dramatic turn upwards.

“I think this place saved me,” says Avigail, now 17. “I can’t even imagine where or what I would have been if I didn’t come here three years ago.”

Kaima Beerotayim, a GPF grantee, is a bucolic educational farm that uses the healing power of nature, utilizes employment as a learning tool, and leverages the notion of community — all to shift the downward trajectory of youth unable to relate to normative school settings.

“There is not one way to learn or one place to learn in,” says CEO **Rani Erez**, who co-founded Kaima Beerotayim with her mother and sister on family land in 2015. “There are so many possibilities and so many needs.”

For Avigail, who by arrangement attends school for a minimal number of days per week, and spends other days at Kaima Beerotayim, time there can look any which way ... from practicing farming techniques and tending to vegetation out in the field ... to helping to manage the farm’s Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program.

But beyond these highly useful skills that seed productive futures for Kaima Beerotayim youth, there is the intentional communal structure that creates hope and support.

“This is our home, and a family structure is one of our focal points,” Rani says, describing, just as an example, how the Kaima Beerotayim community gathers for breakfast each morning to discuss the day ahead and what’s on everyone’s minds. “That personal connection brings them back morning after morning.”

For Avigail, the familial relationships are central, she says, to being seen and heard and giving her a grounding for life.

“This is more than a place to go, or a place to work. It is literally family to me. If I have issues with life, I have someone to talk to. I see Rani as my second mother. She is there all the time for me. All the relationships I have here, I won’t find anywhere else, and I couldn’t be without them.” **GPF Impact: Our grant supports the salary of a social worker.**

ANI SHLISHI ISR 🇮🇱

Giving Skills, Community, and Opportunity to Youth-at-Risk

Tamar had no previous experience, but was hired immediately to work at Ani Shlishi’s second-hand clothing store in Tel Aviv. “That’s just how we do things here,” says co-founder David Baskin.

Slowly, with encouragement, accountability, and learning by doing, Tamar thrived — sorting clothing, organizing inventory, working at the register, providing customer service. She photographed inventory and even directed a staff music video. She has now completed her army service and is beginning her studies in architecture — and credits Ani Shlishi with helping her believe in herself.

Ani Shlishi (“I am Third”), founded by **David Baskin** and **Ilan Kedar**, employs at-risk youth and uses profits to fund vocational scholarships. A newer program helps alumni, like Tamar, transition smoothly to school, military service, new jobs, and more. **GPF Impact: Our grant supports Ani Shlishi’s alumni program.**

CITY STRINGS UNITED USA 🇺🇸

Bringing Music Education to Underserved Kids

Sophia was hesitant about playing the cello and doubted her ability. Then she learned to read and play music. Piece by piece, with practice and perseverance, her confidence soared. One day, **Bithyah Israel**, founder of City Strings United, even came to Sophia’s home to help her prepare for a recital.

In Boston’s Roxbury neighborhood, CSU focuses on students as individuals,

serving youth with differing abilities and backgrounds. Bithyah says with a smile, “We push towards professionalism, but we understand that they’re kids. We’re patient.”

Because CSU’s programs teach collaboration, discipline and public speaking — and create a space for young people to thrive — Sophia now knows she can do anything she sets her mind to. “It is an environment that feels comfortable,” she says of CSU. “If help is needed, help will be given.” **GPF Impact: Our funds underwrite teacher recruitment, training and support.**

CONNECTIONS MENTOR USA 🇺🇸

Mentoring At-Risk Teens to Help Them Succeed

At 18 years old, Mia has spent more than 12 years in the child welfare system. She loves dancing, coloring, and dogs, and is a self-proclaimed excellent cook. She matched with her mentor Emma, whose energy she says equals her own, and who Mia refers to as a sister. “My real sisters aren’t there in my life ... [Emma] understands me and helps me, and I look forward to doing a lot of great things with my sister.”

Teens like Mia, aging out of foster care or the welfare system, still need guidance and friendship. **Paul Muratore**, a long-time mentor, founded Connections Mentor for these kids. “It’s up to the young people to design their future,” says Paul. “Connections mentors aren’t telling their mentees what pathway to take, rather helping them explore their options and figure out what decisions are best.” **GPF Impact: Our funds underwrite administrative expenses.**



DETROIT HORSE POWER USA 🇺🇸 Providing Opportunities to At-Risk Urban Youth

Corey had his share of hard times, including the loss of key family members. Having never been around horses, he was hesitant to join Detroit Horse Power. But he thrived, and now describes his experience as inspiring. The DHP community and the horses, he says, “taught me how to never give up. Horses will always be there for you ... [they] tell us to be strong, you got this and you have someone in your corner.”

Founder **David Silver** credits his own experience with horses with building the skills necessary to be successful in school and in life. DHP’s free summer camps and after-school programs provide a similar opportunity for hundreds of at-risk urban youth to connect with horses, feel confident and persevere. DHP will soon have a new equestrian center built on vacant city land, contributing to Detroit’s renewal. **GPF Impact: Our funds underwrite staffing expenses.**



DETROIT PHOENIX CENTER USA 🇺🇸 Giving Hope to Street-Connected Youth

Sleeping in a storage closet, moving from home to home to start over with a new family in each place, even sometimes living on the streets — it was no surprise that Lila was traumatized. Detroit Phoenix Center gives youth a fresh start and a hand in redirecting their own future. “I am finally able to complete something because of them ... We all come together as one big family and work things out. This place has you, it’s a safe place.”

Courtney Smith’s own struggles with homelessness and poverty led her to found DPC. Here, she says, “A young person can walk in off the street and take a shower, wash their clothes and access a food pantry, computer lab and recreational activities.” Working to end youth homelessness, DPC has served thousands of teens and young adults.

GPF Impact: Our funds cover administrative expenses, food gift cards, winter gear and more.

ENGLISH B’YACHAD (TOGETHER) USA Online English Tutoring to Advance Israeli Young Adults

NEW In 2011, **Marla Gamoran** started Skilled Volunteers for Israel to provide newly retired Baby Boomers with meaningful volunteer opportunities abroad. With the arrival of the pandemic, all travel came to a halt — and in a blast of creativity, English B’Yachad (Together) was born. This growing program utilizes video conferencing platforms to connect US volunteers with young adults from underserved communities in Israel.

The weekly online tutoring program not only improves these young people’s ability to speak English, a prerequisite to future success, but also instills confidence and fosters strong friendships that have gone beyond the tutoring experience.

“English B’Yachad has a transformational impact on our students,” says Avigail Harel of Tech Career, a program which trains Israeli Ethiopians for careers in high tech. As Marla recreated her program in the midst of a worldwide shutdown, she never imagined such outcomes.

GPF Impact: Our funds are used for administrative expenses.



JUST IMAGINE USA 🇺🇸 Giving Inner City Youth a Path to Success

Margareth was 12 years old, living in the US for just one year; she struggled with language and cultural barriers and was often bullied. But then she connected with Just Imagine. Just Imagine provided her with a scholarship to sleepaway camp, and founder **Abby Sondak** bought Margareth her first pair of basketball sneakers. “That pair of shoes, which I have saved in my closet for nine years, convinced me to take basketball seriously,” Margareth says, “and was just one of the many opportunities JI gave me.” She is now attending college on a full academic scholarship.

Just Imagine provides camp scholarships because Abby believes, “If you’ve already had the experience of being away, living with new people and adapting to a new environment, you’re a step ahead.” For disadvantaged youth, scholarships, skills workshops, college prep and campus tours lay the groundwork for success. **GPF Impact: Our grant funds college visits and administrative expenses.**

KAIMA HUKUK ISR Learning through Social Experience and Agriculture

Sixteen-year-old Tali arrived at the Hukuk farm having lost trust in adults and authority. She had dropped out of school and experienced assault and violence on the streets of Tiberias.

Smart and opinionated, Tali melded into the community. She enjoyed agricultural work and began to share her feelings. Her confidence grew and she followed her heart. “After so many disappointments, I arrived here,” she recalls. “I said to myself, you can survive here for a month or two. I spent almost a year.” Tali is now enrolled in school, majoring in computer science.

Employment as education is the basis for all Kaima farms. Founder **Efrat Noy** says of participants, “All they need is a place to belong, meaningful relationships, a reason to get up in the morning. The rest they do by themselves, and all we need to do is watch them bloom.” **GPF Impact: Our funds help underwrite a social worker’s salary.**

MAGEN ISR Supporting At-Risk Ethiopian Teens

Dr. Simcha Chesner has spent most of his professional life working with kids who struggle to fit in, many of whom are part of the large Ethiopian population that’s often left out of Israeli society. Dr. Chesner believes that “you can empower young people by providing them with opportunities to strengthen themselves mentally, physically and spiritually.” He founded

Magen to do just that.

Today, more than 150 Ethiopian students in the Jerusalem suburb of Maale Adumim are part of this holistic program. Each has a personal counselor and participates in intensive weekly sessions that foster their Jewish/Israeli identity. They also partake in sports, music, drama and culinary arts activities. Prior to the pandemic, all of Magen’s participants traveled to Ethiopia, where they could absorb their heritage and gain a greater understanding of just “who they really are.” **GPF Impact: Our grant underwrites administrative expenses.**



HELLO NEIGHBOR USA 🇺🇸 Welcoming Refugee and Immigrant Families

Parinam's family fled Afghanistan, resettling in Pittsburgh in 2019. A few years later she joined Hello Neighbor's Smart Start program, where she was matched with a volunteer who provided one-on-one support through her pregnancy and postpartum journey. "I feel very amazed and happy about the support I received," she says. "The way they supported me and my children through my pregnancy — I will never forget that kindness."

Since 2017, Hello Neighbor, founded by **Sloane Davidson**, has supported more than 800 refugees and immigrants. In addition to Smart Start, other initiatives provide a wide-ranging community of care. HN has also created a consortium of small organizations doing similar work across the country. "We continue to break down barriers of social isolation and build bridges of hope and connection," says Sloane. "But there is still so much work to be done." **GPF Impact: Our grant underwrites the Hello Neighbor Network conference, mini-grants and local work in Pittsburgh.**

HOMES NOT BORDERS USA Supporting Refugees and Asylum Seekers

NEW **Laura Thompson Osuri** has spent a good part of her life working on behalf of marginalized people. Under her leadership, Homes Not Borders settles refugees, asylees and Special Immigrant

Visa holders in the Washington, DC area. HNB's warehouse is filled with new and gently used household furnishings that are quickly moved into refugees' new homes. HNB also provides employment guidance.

Nasser, a former translator for US forces in Afghanistan, arrived six years ago with his family. He is now part of the HNB team. Grateful to have this opportunity to give back to his fellow Afghanis, he says, "I hope I am doing my best to work in this great organization ... I am just trying to bring some smiles and love to these new families." **GPF Impact: Our matching funds help bring a former client on as staff, as well as provide new household items.**



CREATING CONNECTED COMMUNITIES USA

At any one of Creating Connected Communities' (CCC) myriad events for Atlanta-area children and families facing hardship, you may see **Benjamin Schrager**.

He could be running an arts and crafts table — or handing out food, books, and "Smile Bags" with personal care items — or just connecting with kids and hearing what they have to say. Benjamin personifies CCC's mission to enhance the lives of children through creative and robust programming, while empowering teens to become engaged community volunteers and leaders — now and for the future.

"My participation is expanding and shaping my world view, and is a factor in the way I act and define myself," says Benjamin, a high school senior who is a member of the Leadership Development Program of CCC, a GPF grantee.

The program engages Jewish teens in grades 8 to 12 to incubate a young generation for lifetime roles as leaders in the social impact sector and beyond. A formal curriculum offers a deep dive into such issues as leadership within a Jewish context and social justice, to more practical skills including community partnership building, public speaking and fundraising.

The Leadership Development Program began with 20 participants in 2010, and reaches 273 teens this year. Many stay in the program for four years, making it one of their longest and most immersive high school commitments, and an alumni program keeps many involved for years to come.

"They all come from different places and orientations and sets of experiences, and

"There's no way I can't try to change things."

— Benjamin Schrager, Leadership Development Program participant



I often see that 'light bulb' moment when potential is unlocked, skills are practiced, relationships are solidified, and impact is made," says **Amy Zeide**, CCC's Founder and Co-Executive Director.

"There are elements of fun and excitement that our participants bring, along with an intense community mindfulness. They recognize they are building leadership skills and relationships that will greatly inform their paths forward."

Benjamin became familiar with CCC when he raised money and participated in activities for the organization as part of his Bar Mitzvah project. He was so drawn, he says, to CCC's grassroots impact, the opportunity to look at community challenges in the face, and the camaraderie among CCC's teen leaders, he applied to and joined the Leadership Development Program about a year later.

"I don't know how else I would be exposed so intimately to the challenges and situations of people in our community who are struggling," Benjamin says. "Now, there's no way I can't help out and try to change things for them and others."

GPF Impact: Our grant supports a CCC Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program.



INTERNATIONAL NEIGHBORS USA 🇺🇸 Neighbors Helping Newcomers

To see a fine example of what it means to welcome and integrate aspiring Americans to life in this country and help them feel at home, look no further than Charlottesville, VA, where **Kari Miller** felt compelled to lend a hand to refugees being resettled there. It is not just what Kari, her small staff (some former refugees themselves) and volunteers do to welcome new refugees. It is how they go about their work. The word “neighbor” is a strong indication of their approach. As Kari says, “We equip neighbors with resources to go toward independence.”

The Rahmatis are one such family that arrived from Afghanistan in 2018. Now they are self-sufficient and thriving. “International Neighbors is the organization that treats us like a neighbor, not a number,” says Mr. Rahmati. “I don’t know where my family would be without the great people of this organization.” **GPF Impact: Our funds provide for additional staffing.**

NEGEV REFUGEES CENTER ISR Working Together With and on Behalf of Asylum Seekers from Eritrea and Sudan

NEW Tens of thousands of African refugees have sought refuge in Israel, escaping civil war, persecution, forced conscription and more. Today, more than 80% of those remaining are from Sudan and Eritrea. Some have settled in the south, hoping to find a better life. The city of Beersheva is home to almost 1,000 refugees, while nearly 5,000 live in remote areas of the Negev, where social services are in short supply.

The Negev Refugees Center was started more than ten years ago by students at nearby Ben Gurion University. Today, that effort has turned into an official Israeli amuta (nonprofit), the



only one in the region serving the asylum-seeking population. With the help of more than 50 volunteers, their tiny staff provides community, as well as education, personal enrichment and humanitarian and financial assistance. They also raise awareness of the refugees’ plight. **GPF Impact: Our funds provide food scrip for asylum seekers.**

NEW NEIGHBORS PARTNERSHIP USA Creatively Connecting Refugees to Their New Neighbors

NEW Anyone who’s raised a child knows that there’s often a never-ending supply of outgrown clothes. With a long history of assisting refugees settling in America, **Shoshana Akabas Barzel** based New Neighbors Partnership on this bounty. While acclimating refugees to life in New York City, Shoshana quickly recognized that newly arrived children needed clothes. She asked a friend if they had any that their infant had outgrown — and soon learned many others were willing to donate almost-new clothes to refugee families with kids. Now, NNP not only provides an abundance of outfits, but fosters friendships and personal connections often hard to find in a large metropolis.

“New Neighbors Partnership is like my family,” says Ms. Afridi, newly arrived with her family from Afghanistan. “We cannot believe how much help we got.” **GPF Impact: Our matching grant allows NNP to hire a newly resettled refugee to help with the organization’s work.**

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE ALLIANCE USA 🇺🇸 Helping New Americans Integrate in South Florida

Rajaa and her family arrived in the US thinking “it would be the best feeling. Instead,” she says, “it was one of the hardest times in our lives ... We felt so isolated, so alone.” When Rajaa connected with Refugee Assistance Alliance, she learned English, did catering work at advocacy events and began studying for a childcare certificate. Today she still studies, but is also RAA’s Client Services Coordinator, meeting newly arrived refugees and motivating them with her own experience.

Several RAA volunteers support each newly arrived family. English proficiency is a priority, but so are friendships and community. Founder **Kristen Bloom** says, “They are welcome here, and they make our communities stronger. It is our privilege to walk alongside these new Americans as they build their lives here in the US.” **GPF Impact: Our grant is directed to increased staff hours, as well as laptops for RAA and their clients.**



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She was a geologist for decades in Kyiv, working in an exacting field surrounded by colleagues, and beyond them a social circle that nourished her.

But 16 years ago, facing serious surgery at age 70 and with few medical options in Ukraine, she came to Israel to see the specialists she needed. She decided to stay.

Sarah was in her late-80s when she passed away in her small and cramped ground-floor apartment in Haifa in August, just weeks after GPF spoke with her. With no children, and at an age when friends are lost and new ones hard to find, she was in danger of losing connection to the world beyond her front door.

“I’m alone and there is no one. So it’s nice when someone thinks about me,” said Sarah, a Holocaust survivor.

That “someone” was Heart to Plate, an organization founded in 2020 by **Matan Asulin** and **Ronnie Lee**. The two young Israelis believe that the emotional and



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— Sarah, age 86

physical well-being of elderly, isolated people like Sarah can be elevated by a community of care dedicated to bringing them home-cooked meals and some companionship along the way.

“It is more than food,” says Ronnie.

“They know they are not alone in the world anymore. That is the most important thing.”

Heart to Plate, a GPF grantee, creates a cadre of volunteers dedicated to isolated, elderly persons. Each Friday night and on holidays, volunteers bring a home-cooked Shabbat meal and create a much anticipated experience of connection.

“We are not just creating community for our elderly and isolated neighbors, we are bringing them back into the community,” says Matan. “We see the relationships between them and our volunteers growing stronger over time.”

Connections are typically made through social welfare agencies in cities and municipalities where the organization is active. Volunteers — there are about 400 now — come from word of mouth, social media outreach, and emerging partnerships with companies, schools and youth movements.

Heart to Plate began as a small pilot initiative bringing Rosh Hashanah meals and visits to five elderly people in 2020. In the short time since then, it has grown to serving more than 200 beneficiaries in five cities.

When he sent word of Sarah’s passing to GPF, Matan highlighted the gift of Heart to Plate.

“It’s comforting that Sarah was surrounded by people who cared for and visited her in her last year.” **GPF Impact: Our grant helps to cover administrative expenses and salary for a coordinator.**

ACHLA — THE HEYANUT CENTER ISR Making Families Whole

Johanán Flusser is a bit of a magician — just ask any of the families he’s worked with. For people who have unsuccessfully navigated Israel’s welfare system, Johanán’s unique approach to handling profound disabilities has opened new possibilities for people once relegated to isolation and despair.

Immanuel is just one of those who have found new purpose in life. Labeled as “mentally ill” by the system, he spent many lonely years with little hope for the future. With Johanán’s perseverance, Immanuel’s case was finally reviewed by the Ministry of Welfare and a new diagnosis was rendered.

Today, he travels on his own to a job where he receives a salary and says, “Hakol beseder! Toda raba!” “All is well, thank you very much!” With further training, Immanuel will gain even greater independence and, as he admits, perhaps even find a partner.

GPF Impact: Our funds underwrite administrative expenses.



AL-BAQOUR ISR

Supporting Early Childhood Development in the Bedouin Community

NEW When **Shlomit Somech Lehmann**, a social worker and educator, learned her young son was on the autism spectrum, she left her job to devote all her time to getting him the best services available. Upon returning to work in a Bedouin social service agency, she was appalled to see how few services were available to the community — and how hard it was for parents to access them. Using the knowledge she’d gained from her

own experiences, she teamed up with **Dr. Foad El Sana**, a Bedouin pediatrician. Together they formed Al-Baqour, an organization dedicated to providing Bedouin toddlers and parents with enriching early educational experiences.

Al-Baqour’s main program, My First Library, creates lending libraries at Mother-Child Centers, where kids receive medical care. In addition, the organization provides training programs for Bedouin women in early childhood education skills. **GPF Impact: Our funds support training programs and the My First Library program.**

CANDLES OF HOPE ISR

After Pregnancy and Infant Loss, Offering Support

NEW In 2016, **Elysa Rapoport**’s life came to a halt when she gave birth to a stillborn infant. There was a dearth of resources. In fact, many of the practices in place for this loss were contraindicated and not helpful. Who could she speak with? Were there others in similar situations? “It was terribly traumatic,” Elysa shares. “I couldn’t find what I needed, neither through the hospital nor my health fund ... I was looking for a support group.”

Along with her mother, **Rebecca Dreyfus**, z’l, Elysa started a national program that addresses infant and pregnancy loss. Candles of Hope works with both families and medical professionals, providing access to support groups in English and Hebrew (with additional languages to come) and a database of resources. They’ve advocated for policy change with Knesset members, and hold an annual virtual conference that brings together medical staff and families. **GPF Impact: Our matching grant is used to produce written outreach materials.**

JEREMY’S CIRCLE ISR

Supporting Kids Living with Cancer in the Family

Madeleine, a single mother diagnosed with cancer, immediately thought of her daughter’s well-being during this difficult time. Jeremy’s Circle introduced them to others in similar circumstances, giving them a sense of relief and partnership. “People who haven’t experienced disease firsthand can’t understand the pain and suffering that accompanies the struggle. Here, everyone understands me,” she says.

For cancer patient **Jeremy Coleman**, z’l, and his wife **Pamela Becker**, no resources existed to help them connect with young families in similar situations. Pamela and her family founded Jeremy’s Circle to do just that. Activities promote friendship and fun, benefiting children and parents alike. “We have been working to create a space of enjoyment and fun for the children,” says Pamela, “and show them that despite the difficult situation, they can have fun and be happy like any other kid.” **GPF Impact: Our funds are directed to social media expenses.**

MYCHILD’S CANCER USA

Guiding Families Through A Difficult Journey

NEW For **Oded Grinstein** and his wife, their nine-month-old daughter’s diagnosis of a rare, often fatal cancer brought them down a road they’d never imagined. They traveled from their home in Israel to New York, where rigorous treatment saved their daughter’s life. Today, she’s a vibrant pre-teen. Their journey inspired them to start MyChild’sCancer, a platform where families can access information about rare cancers and their treatments and become active participants in their child’s care — essential ingredients for a positive outcome to be possible.

MCC’s Advisory Committees include international experts who review each case and offer cutting-edge treatment information while MCC guides parents through the entire process. Volunteers help with relocation when necessary.

A grateful parent shares, “Words cannot describe how grateful we are ... Without you we would have been on a much different, darker path.” **GPF Impact: Our grant helps cover website development and Advisory Committee expenses.**

NECHAMACOMFORT USA

Supporting Families & Communities Touched by Pregnancy & Infant Loss

NEW “Experiencing the sudden loss of a baby, through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death, is traumatic,” says **Reva Judas**, founder of NechamaComfort. Reva’s own trauma more than 35 years ago inspired her to provide an array of services to those who have experienced a similar loss.

The organization’s wrap-around services help the entire family. They include support groups, burial information, guidance for the greater community on how to help bereaved families — and training for professionals who in the course of their work will interact with them.

“NechamaComfort has been instrumental in helping me move through this incredibly difficult time,” says one woman who has suffered several losses. “They have been available to me day and night. I truly don’t know how I would have gotten through it all.” **GPF Impact: Our matching funds help cover administrative expenses.**



S.A.H.I.

“GPF is a family, and the connection is forever.”

When I think of The Good People Fund, I’m reminded of the innocence and wide eyes of an entrepreneur beginning the journey of social change, and I’m filled with a great feeling of gratitude and inspiration. There is a saying that if you really want something, the universe will help you, and GPF was such a force for S.A.H.I.

The day we learned that S.A.H.I. had grown beyond GPF’s criteria for funding was bittersweet. But I realized how far we’d come and that GPF is a family, and the connection is forever. I will always feel very honored and humbled to be part of this exceptional family of good people supporting good people doing good.

I take very seriously my responsibility as a member of this family to always remember the importance of helping people at the beginning of their way. I will always make time to help new entrepreneurs and try to give them some of what GPF gave to me and to S.A.H.I., including encouragement, advice, and faith. In 2020, when S.A.H.I. was selected to receive the Israeli Presidential Award for Volunteerism, one of the first people I called was Naomi Eisenberger at GPF. Together, we reflected on our journey together. The moment said everything.

— Avraham Hayon, CEO and Co-Founder, S.A.H.I.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

COURAGEOUS PARENTS NETWORK

“The personal is what mattered most.”

The greatest impact during our time as a Good People Fund grantee was the personal, heartfelt encouragement I received from Executive Director Naomi Eisenberger and board members in that first meeting to move forward in our early years, and the vote of confidence through financial support.

Not all support is equal, even when the dollar amount is the same. A corporate grant doesn’t mean nearly as much as one from GPF, which is paying such close attention to the mission, the work, and the people. I felt the attention and grant as encouraging and motivating, but the personal is what mattered most.

We live at a time of overwhelming need and deeply distressing issues confronting all living things. The GPF community consists of those who have responded by doing whatever they can with the time and talents they have, and with the supportive treasures of generous others. GPF is an antidote to despair and disempowerment, a sign of hope and a jolt of encouragement.

— Blyth Taylor Lord, Founder and Executive Director, Courageous Parents Network

“For the first time, I have economic independence.”

— Shramilla, age 23, of Mokhada, India



She attended a government-sponsored training program to learn how to sew, believing that it would equip her to move on from menial jobs that paid little.

But in Palghar, a district just north of Mumbai in India, there was no sustained need for her new skill, so **Shramilla** returned to working in rice paddies and doing odd chores with little pay and no prospects.

That is, until Gabriel Project Mumbai (GPM) — a Good People Fund grantee — established its Tribal Threads program in Mokhada five years ago. In this remote, underserved and challenged village, about a dozen women work in a sewing collective making products like face masks for UNICEF, cloth products for area hotels and other contracted items.

Many of the women use machines bought by The Good People Fund for Tribal Threads. And beyond that space, more women participate and work from home in nearby villages.

“A goal is to give women in the most vulnerable communities a livelihood,” says **Jacob Sztokman**, GPM’s Founding Director. “It means they have options, and the ability to make better decisions for their own lives and for their families.”

Tribal Threads is just one example

of GPM’s multiple creative programs that collectively reflect its holistic mission to break the cycle of poverty and lost opportunity within urban slum communities in Mumbai and in rural villages in remote areas beyond the city.

The GPM approach elevates multiple intertwined and mutually supportive pillars supporting community development: nutrition, health, education, and livelihoods. “You don’t just give great education and then everything is good. You need a more robust idea of community development,” Jacob says.

Besides the Tribal Threads program, The Good People Fund has supported other GPM programs advancing women’s livelihoods and the positive rippling effects.

One is Masala Mamas, a kitchen collective in which women cook hot meals delivered to children in school, and promote positive nutritional outcomes. Another is Niyama (Hindi for “healthy living”), a year-old social enterprise growing livelihoods through preparation and marketing of non-medicinal tribal remedies, such as balms and oils.

For Shramilla, now 23, the sewing collective was the catalyst it was designed to be. With some additional GPM training, she learned new sewing skills — like advanced stitching and embroidery — and was able to get a second job making traditional kurta shirts. Later, she saved enough money to buy her own sewing machine, and began her own business employing two other women.

“For the first time, I have economic independence,” Shramilla said proudly and with gratitude. **GPF Impact: Our funds support Niyama, GPM’s new natural products social enterprise to support livelihoods.**

BIRDIELIGHT USA Educating Our Youth About Fentanyl Poisoning

NEW The statistics are astounding. According to the CDC, more than 150,000 people lose their lives to fentanyl poisoning annually. In fact, fentanyl poisoning is the leading cause of death among adults between the ages of 18 and 45.

In March 2021, **Dr. Beth Weinstock** and her family learned firsthand the dangers of this drug when her 21-year-old son, Eli, died after ingesting an herbal supplement laced with fentanyl. While grieving this unspeakable loss, Dr. Weinstock and her daughter Olivia knew they needed to educate others of the danger in their midst. Dr. Weinstock believes that “this synthetic opioid is our new enemy, and it’s time our young people learn how to fight.”

To arm these teens and young adults, BirdieLight speaks on campuses around the country, disseminates written materials and distributes fentanyl test strips — which, when used, can identify if fentanyl is present in any drug being ingested.

GPF Impact: Our matching grant is directed to administrative costs

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY USA Combating Poverty, One Family at a Time

During the journey from Guatemala, Elena became separated from her daughters, who spent months at an immigration center and in foster care. They have reunited, but the separation was traumatic. Family-to-Family matched them with a sponsor who provided things like monthly food donations and letters of support as they struggled to regain footing. “I am beyond thankful for the caring during the hardest days in this country,” Elena says.

Family-to-Family has provided more than 64 million meals to families, veterans and others in 36 communities across the US. “This is what our program is designed to do,” says founder **Pam Koner**. “To give those in need not only the security of a monthly grocery gift card, but also the knowledge that there’s another family out there ... who is thinking about them, worrying about their problems and celebrating their successes.” **GPF Impact: Our grant funds administrative expenses, and food for refugees.**



FEAST (FOOD – EDUCATION – ACCESS – SUPPORT – TOGETHER) USA 🇺🇸
Guaranteeing Better Food Outcomes for All

Even with support from government food programs, Mara, a single mother, could rarely afford to serve nutritious meals. She joined a FEAST group to improve her family’s health and learned how to cook healthy meals that cost \$10 or less. A graduate of the 16-week Wellness Program, she says, “Eating those leafy greens made a big impact for my son ... We were able to take him off the iron supplements.”

Founded by **Sam Polk** in 2013, FEAST’s programs around the country combine nutrition education and access to healthy foods with support groups. Executive Director Ave Lambert shares, “FEAST is addressing the underlying causes of nutrition insecurity with food-as-medicine education and support for food-insecure families. We love our community stories of healing that show how our program works.” **GPF Impact: Our funds are directed to several FEAST programs. Additional funds are directed to participants’ Covid-related needs for rent and food assistance.**



FEEDING THE NEIGHBORS

NECHA MALKA ISR
Quietly Feeding Hungry Families

ZEHAVA AND KARYN ISR
Delivering Food Packages to Families in Need

Sarah is a divorced single mother of two with no immediate family and a dire financial situation. Each month, she stretches the salary from her low-paying job to feed herself and her young children. All across Israel, there is no shortage of people struggling to make ends meet, who have to choose between paying their rent and feeding their family.

For years, three women — **Shira Gilor** in Hashmonaim, and **Zehava Taub** and **Karyn Gellman** in Jerusalem — have been working quietly to help their neighbors in need. Shira, who also runs a second-hand clothing shop, is a huge source of support. She coordinates volunteer community members to deliver packages of food and basic necessities. “Because of Shira’s kindness and hard work,” says Sarah, “there are families eating meals and proper food.” Zehava and Karyn also organize monthly food donations and the distribution of supermarket gift cards, proving that what may seem to be a modest gesture can have a big impact. **GPF Impact: Our funds underwrite the cost of supermarket gift cards.**

PESIA’S KITCHEN ISR
Rescuing Excess Food

Tzippi and her two young children fled their village near the Ethiopian-Eritrean border to find safety in Israel. Abused, they lived on the streets of South Tel Aviv, then in a shelter. When

they met **Gideon Ben Ami** and **Pnina Raphael** they were malnourished, with no access to food or clothing. Tzippi says of Pesia’s Kitchen, “We wouldn’t have survived without their support.” Today the family is safe, living in an apartment — and the children are outstanding students.

Tzippi is just one of many served and cared for by Pesia’s Kitchen. Food rescued from local restaurants and markets and an abundance of gleaned fruit and vegetables donated by Leket Israel, the National Food Bank, provide more than 2,000 meals daily for Holocaust survivors, refugees, homeless people... anyone hungry. It’s done with love and compassion — things sorely missing from their lives. **GPF Impact: Our funds are used for general operating expenses.**

RUCA’S FARM ISR
Creating Social Rehabilitative Farms for IDF Veterans

NEW Itzik Saidian was a 26-year-old IDF veteran in 2021 when he set himself on fire at the Rehabilitation Division of the Ministry of Defense. This desperate act was to draw attention to the dearth of resources for soldiers struggling with PTSD.

Each war Israel experiences brings a stream of injured soldiers facing physical and emotional disabilities. Despite significant resources focused on their healing, many still struggle with PTSD. There are 40,000 other soldiers like Itzik and only 20% of those receive trauma-focused care.

It is for soldiers like Itzik that **Nir Lahav**, a former attorney and businessman, dreamed about starting Ruca’s Farm, a social rehabilitative farm that would combine physical labor with individual and group therapy. Poised to welcome participants this fall, Nir has found markets for the farm’s bounty and believes this model can be replicated throughout the country. **GPF Impact: Our matching grant underwrites a therapeutic director position.**



HOPE & COMFORT
“GPF made me a better leader.”

The Good People Fund consistently pushed me to think strategically, to find better ways to raise awareness, and to use all of the resources available to us, including the wonderful GPF network. That confidence in me — and what we were doing — was incredibly reassuring and humbling given the amazing organizations that were and continue to remain part of the GPF portfolio.

Needless to say, the financial support that we have received over the years was critical, allowing us to scale our impact to help more children and families in need, whether by purchasing items at or below wholesale costs, or helping us find better ways to track and measure our impact.

But on top of the monetary support, the regular conversations that I’ve had with Executive Director Naomi Eisenberger have been invaluable in helping us think more wisely about chapters along the way — including key hires, ways to share resources across mission-aligned organizations, and the role of the Board, just to name a few. The advice has made me a better leader and our organization more impactful and efficient.

— Jeff Feingold, Founder and President, Hope & Comfort

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

KAIMA
“Still grateful for the enduring partnership.”

I don’t feel like a Good People Fund alum in the sense that I “graduated.” I am still a student, still learning, and still grateful for the enduring partnership. Kaima’s partnership with GPF affirms something essential that would have helped me in my youth — people who tell you your dreams are crazy will likely remain stuck in the same place, so just keep pursuing your dreams, see the big picture, and never give up!

I am both personally and professionally more attuned now to working to identify potential in others. This is exactly what GPF does. Kaima now frequently meets with younger amutot starting-out to help identify the strengths and weaknesses of their operating model. Sometimes this is done in concert with Naomi at GPF and sometimes on our own. These are some of our lasting GPF moments.

We count ourselves fortunate to not only have benefitted from funding but also from the ongoing friendship and professional guidance which helped us develop from a single youth-run, CSA operating farm into a network of four locations in Israel and one in Tanzania! Our story would simply not be possible without the involvement of GPF.

— Yoni Yefet-Reich, Co-Founder and Director, Amutat Kaima



“I want to be a pioneer in my family and culture.”

— Hanna Avera, daughter of Ethiopian olim in Israel



Her parents arrived in 1991 as part of Operation Solomon, the historic airlift that brought thousands of Ethiopian Jews to Israel. She was born two years later, one foot in modern Israeli society — and one in the mores of her traditional native culture.

Still, **Hanna Avera** remembers her father, a street cleaner, and her mother, a homemaker raising seven children, emphasizing education as the way forward in their new country, along with dreams and aspiration.

“My parents encouraged me to be ambitious, but I knew my path to success would be very difficult,” she says.

In Netanya, the central coastal city in Israel that is home to a vast number of Ethiopian olim, that path is indeed difficult, with challenges such as poverty and acceptance making individual and collective strides hard.

It is there that The Forgotten People Fund — a GPF grantee — does its legwork and makes its impact, vetting cases of need and providing financial, material, and even emotional support to olim.

Anne and David Silverman, and **Wendy and Jeff Starrfield**, mainstays on the streets of Netanya and at a community center for olim, identify the most compelling needs and how The Forgotten People Fund can help, from supplying grocery gift cards, to helping pay for educational expenses.

Speak to Hanna even just briefly, and a young woman with drive — and a deep sense of obligation to her parents’ sacrifices, to her community’s struggles, and to Israel’s promise — emerges clearly and forcefully.

After serving in the Israel Defense Forces, where she rose to the level of commander, she enrolled at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya and earned a BA degree in Government in 2019 and a MA degree in Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution in 2021.

The Forgotten People Fund provided Hanna with stipends for living expenses to alleviate financial pressures during her studies, and a new computer — made directly possible by GPF — to replace a failing old one, so her studies went uninterrupted.

Hanna, now 29, is working for a government department that deals with social equality issues. With her education and growing experience, she aims to some day represent Israel in the diplomatic arena, as an ambassador or at the United Nations, and to advance issues of importance to women and girls.

“Throughout my life, I have seen people who do not believe in themselves or their abilities to change their situation, and so many times I have witnessed that having one person to stand behind them and believe in them helped them fulfill their potential.

“That has made all the difference for me as I aim as high as possible and run toward my goals. I want to be a pioneer in my family and culture.” **GPF Impact: Our grant provides stipends for Ethiopian-Israeli students like Hanna.**



FOR GOOD PGH USA 🇺🇸

Offering Support to Underserved People in Greater Pittsburgh

Rosalyn, aka Mom Roz, lost two sons and a stepson to the gun violence that plagues the community of Braddock, PA, a once-thriving steel town. Through the sadness, For Good PGH’s Helping Out Our People Alliance offered much needed support. “I love the HOOP program — they are my new family,” Mom Roz says. “They are strong, loving and caring people who know the pain that I share. We help each other.”

The initiatives of For Good PGH, founded by **Gisele Fetterman** and **Kristen Michaels**, are impactful. Local residents shop, free of charge, for donated clothing and housewares at Free Store 15104. The Fairy Fund helps with grocery and utility bills, Girl Code Woodland Hills offers career advice for high school students — and other programs provide hope for a community in crisis. **GPF Impact: Our funds are directed to The Fairy Fund and the purchase of a new truck.**

MITZVAH CIRCLE FOUNDATION USA 🇺🇸

Providing for People Walking Along Life’s Edge

Linda, a single woman in her seventies, was diagnosed with advanced stage breast cancer. Aggressive treatment left her feeling incredibly sick and unable to work. Then, Hurricane Ida hit. While Linda was recovering from the loss of her home and her belongings, Mitzvah Circle stepped in to help her rebuild her life. “Linda didn’t have a blanket or a cooking pot,” says founder **Fran Held**. “One thing that was critical to her survival was food. Linda did not have family to prepare meals for her so Mitzvah Circle provided a gift card for a local supermarket and a rice cooker.”

A crisis can strike at any time. Mitzvah Circle volunteers sort, pack and deliver customized packages of essential items often out of recipients’ reach. Clothing, diapers, hygiene supplies and caring provide the support that everyone deserves. **GPF Impact: Our matching funds underwrite the salary for a Spanish-speaking social worker.**

ONE CAN HELP USA 🇺🇸

Supporting Court-Involved Families in Massachusetts

After a long illness, Tiana lost her job and moved to a shelter in a new town with no phone, money or transportation. Soon after, she suffered a mental health crisis — and her children were put in foster care. Her journey “back up,” as Tiana puts it, began when her court-appointed attorney applied to One Can Help for funds to cover medical co-pays, a bus pass and other essentials. “I felt less stressed and more supported, which allowed me to make better decisions,” Tiana recalls. “I was able to secure [a job and] an apartment with their help ... We are stable now.”

Anne Bader-Martin, an attorney and the founder of OCH, says, “We are providing resources that just aren’t available elsewhere.” Those resources often stop a tenuous situation from deteriorating further, securing positive outcomes for vulnerable families. **GPF Impact: Our matching funds are used for administrative expenses.**



PUERTO RICO LIT USA 🇺🇸

Responding to Essential Needs After Disaster Strikes

Imagine having to store your insulin in a cooler filled with ice. For Wilda, this was the norm, until **Erika Velez** heard her plight and purchased a refrigerator for her. “I am eternally grateful for the help,” says Wilda, “so that I can have a healthy life with my sugar levels in control.”

Erika founded Puerto Rico Lit in immediate response to the devastation of Hurricane Maria, and five years later is still helping residents. Appliances, mattresses, food, clothing — no need is too small or too great. “I am honored every day for the privilege of being able to help all kinds of people in difficult situations,” says Erika. “I have helped people after earthquakes, hurricanes, fires and under tough circumstances. This work makes me a better person.” **GPF Impact: Our funds purchase essential items distributed to those in need.**

TEN GAV ISR 🇺🇸

Crowdfunding to Help Those in Need

For nine-year-old David, an artistically talented child, developmental delays and ADHD impacted all aspects of his life. Art therapy would have provided a perfect outlet for his creativity and energy, but it was beyond his parents’ means — until his social worker approached Ten Gav, a crowdfunding platform founded by **Naomi Brounstein** and **Vivi Mann**. Using donors’ funds, Ten Gav was able to underwrite the art therapy and give David a



chance. “He has found the one place where he gets positive feedback that is so important for his gentle soul,” his social worker says.

As Naomi puts it, “We provide easy access to good people around the world who want to help.” And in turn, Vivi adds, “The ability to turn to Ten Gav donors for help empowers social workers to get out there and do their very best for their clients.” **GPF Impact: Our funds help cover the salary of a social services coordinator.**

THE FOOD PROJECT USA 🇺🇸

Using Food to Heal a Neighborhood

Born and raised in southwest Baltimore, Demonte lost both a brother and a nephew to gun violence. After meeting **Michelle Suazo**, founder of The Food Project, he found work and realized that he had reason to remain in

the community. Demonte was able to get his ServSafe certification and is now the production manager of Seedy Nutty, a healthy snack The Food Project produces in a former elementary school. “My goal is to continue to grow jobs,” he says, “so we can keep from losing more young people to the streets.”

As Michelle explains, “The Food Project has been working hard to hire at-risk youth to feed the vulnerable in their community.” Culinary training, urban farming and more teach necessary skills while the volunteers and staff instill a sense of hope. **GPF Impact: Our funds underwrite administrative and food expenses, as well as youth salaries and transportation.**

THE WAREHOUSE NJ USA 🇺🇸

Helping to Create New Beginnings

“All I want is a bed for my daughter, who is three. I want to help create a new life after we lost everything,” Nicole says as she walks around the warehouse. A single mother who survived domestic violence, Nicole is starting her new life and creating a happy home for her child with the help of The Warehouse NJ.

In less than three years, The Warehouse NJ, founded by **Kim Sleeman**, has collected and placed more than 6,000 pieces of donated furniture, and furnished homes for over 800 people. Whether homeless, new to the country or displaced due to a flood or a fire, individuals feel secure and hopeful as they start over.

“I listen to their story and hear what their vision is for their new life,” says Kim, “and they pick out whatever they need to create a new home.” **GPF Impact: Our matching grant helps underwrite administrative costs.**



Allocations and Index

GRANTEE	AMOUNT	PG	GRANTEE	AMOUNT	PG	GRANTEE	AMOUNT	PG
Achla	18,490	27	Hello Neighbor	15,000	22	Pesia’s Kitchen ^^	179,045	32
*Al Baqour	20,000	27	*Homes Not Borders	12,500	22	Puerto Rico Lit	9,000	36
Ani Shlishi ^^	119,306	19	I Support the Girls	10,000	6	Pure Heart Foundation	18,500	7
ATZUM	28,850		In Between - Bein Le Vein •	41,335		Refugee Assistance Alliance	34,507	25
*BirdieLight	15,000	31	Inbar •	33,031		Road to Recovery ^^	52,800	11
*The Blue Dove Foundation	10,000	7	International Neighbors	39,800	24	*Ruca’s Farm ^^	161,659	32
Big Brothers, Big Sisters Israel •	9,900		Jeremy’s Circle ^^	137,384	28	S.A.H.I. •	25,050	
Breaking the Chain	6,000	15	jGirls+ Magazine	10,079	14	Sahar	20,000	8
*Candles of Hope	7,500	28	Just Imagine	18,000	21	Second Helpings Atlanta	5,000	
Caravan to Class	7,500	12	Kaima •	252,518		Shai Asher ^^	116,686	16
City Strings United	7,000	19	Kaima Beerotayim	20,269	18	Shalhevet •	46,683	
*Compassion Prison Project	15,000	13	Kaima Hukuk	29,615	21	Shutaf	11,079	16
Connections Mentor	20,000	19	Kaima Nahalal ^^	53,134	12	SPIRIT Club Foundation	15,000	17
Creating Connected Communities	7,000	23	Kuchinate •	25,914		The Survivor Mitzvah Project ^^	43,000	17
Detroit Horse Power	15,000	20	LiLY-Lifeforce in Later Years	25,000	15	Ten Gav ^^	186,816	36
Detroit Phoenix Center	23,510	20	Magen ^^	43,000	21	TribeTalk ^^	37,831	11
Emma’s Torch	5,000	10	*Magen for Jewish Communities	15,000	7	Tzimaon •	990	
*English B’Yachad (Together)	10,000	20	MARVA ^^	33,000	15	Unchained At Last	5,000	
Envision Kindness	6,300		*Medical Justice Alliance	10,000	13	Uplifting Lives One at a Time^^	523,782	5
Everyday Boston	2,500	9	Mitzvah Circle Foundation	20,000	35	The Warehouse NJ	8,500	37
Family-to-Family	14,000	31	Music Mends Minds	10,000	16	Witness to Mass Incarceration	20,000	13
FEAST	20,000	32	*MyChild’sCancer	17,000	28	ZA'AKAH	17,995	8
*Fighting Online Antisemitism	15,000	9	Necha Malka ^^	27,605	32	Zehava and Karyn	7,800	32
The Food Project	42,389	37	*NechamaComfort	18,000	28			
For Good PGH	26,000	35	*Negev Refugees Center	5,000	24	^^ A portion of this grant was donor-recommended		
The Forgotten People Fund ^^	95,053	34	*New Neighbors Partnership	20,000	25	• All of this grant was donor-recommended		
Gabriel Project Mumbai	9,000	30	Nivcharot ^^	29,900	12	* New program		
Heart 2 Hart Detroit	10,000	13	One Can Help	20,000	36			
*Heart to Plate	27,898	26	*People of the Book	24,139	9			

Financials

FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022

SUPPORT AND REVENUE				TOTAL
Contributions				3,269,634
Investment Income				264
				3,269,898
	PROGRAM SERVICES	MGMT & GENERAL	FUND- RAISING	TOTAL
Grants	3,176,699			3,176,699
Expenses:				
Salaries *	66,209	14,187	14,187	94,583
Payroll Taxes	5,635	1,186	1,186	8,007
Administrative Support *	-	39,860	-	39,860
Bank and Credit Card Fees	-	9,030	-	9,030
Consulting	1,200	29,588	-	30,788
Depreciation & Amortization	169	20	20	209
Insurance	-	3,266	-	3,266
Marketing	30,053	-	20,035	50,088
Office	-	2,149	-	2,149
Payroll Service	185	40	40	264
Postage and Shipping	672	144	144	960
Professional Fees	-	12,500	-	12,500
Telephone and Internet	279	60	60	398
Travel and Lodging	7,440	1,594	1,594	10,629
Technology Expenses	4,168	893	893	5,955
Total Expenses	116,010	114,517	38,159	268,686
Total grants and expenses	3,292,709	114,517	38,159	3,445,385
Change in Net Assets				-175,487
Net Assets at July 1, 2021				420,749
Net Assets at June 30, 2022				245,262

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

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