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IN MEMORIAM



Glenn Rosenkrantz, z"l – As our communications consultant, Glenn brought both his words and his heart to enhance our work.



Marc Fogel, z"l – More than a Board member, Marc brought his brilliance and his passion for the Good People Fund to us for many years.

Message from Julie



Since stepping into my role as Executive Director of the Good People Fund after three years of working alongside Naomi, I've had the joy of getting to know this remarkable community more deeply. I've listened to our grantees articulate their visions, describe their needs, and push through challenges with resilience and grace. I've spoken with our supporters and volunteers about what draws them to this work. And I've been continually inspired by the creativity, courage, and humanity I encounter each and every day.

This Journal of Good captures what is at the heart of the Good People Fund: **a belief in people**. For nearly two decades, the Good People Fund has sought out extraordinary individuals with bold ideas and enormous hearts, and given them trust and support. We listen, invest, mentor, connect, and help these changemakers build the strong organizations that their communities need.



In the pages ahead, you'll meet some of the remarkable people who bring that vision to life. I hope you'll be inspired by their stories — by the passion that led them to launch their projects, by their creative solutions to ongoing challenges, and by the determination they bring to making their communities more caring, just, and whole. **Together, their stories are a powerful reminder of how much good can begin with one person deciding to act.**

That belief in people extends far beyond our grants. Through workshops, mentoring, practical resources, pro bono expertise, and more, we are helping our Good People build stronger, more sustainable organizations. And when we bring our grantees together — as we did at our first gathering in 2024 and are preparing to do again in April 2027 — we see something equally powerful happen: individual changemakers become a community, sharing ideas, wisdom, and support. They emerge stronger and with renewed energy for the work ahead.

I'm incredibly proud to carry this work forward and deeply grateful to Naomi for building a visionary model of tzedakah and entrusting me to lead it into the future. I'm grateful to our Board for the care and commitment they bring to this next chapter, and to every supporter who makes this beautiful tzedakah possible.

We will continue nurturing our visionary leaders, while strengthening their extraordinary organizations. We will deepen the relationships that make our community so special. And we will ensure that the Good People Fund remains strong, responsive, and ready to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.

I could not be more excited about what lies ahead — or more grateful to have you alongside us.

With gratitude,

Julie

Julie Fisher
Executive Director

Message from Naomi



Transition!

As I cleared out nearly two decades of files and papers after stepping down as Executive Director, I was reminded of the many relationships I built with our donors and grantees. It brought to mind a Talmudic text: "I have learned much from my teachers, more from my colleagues, and most from my students" (Ta'anit 7a). And so it has been throughout my career since creating the Good People Fund. Many people have heard me say that our grantees "are the greatest people that God has put on this earth." I continue to marvel at those who have taken a personal trauma and rather than run from it, dedicate themselves to helping others who are experiencing similar challenges. Or those who leave the security of a well-paying job to begin anew, following their dreams to make this a better world. Or retirees who forego daily golf or pickleball to use their talents and experience for that same purpose. They are the people I have learned from, and in my new role, I get to keep learning from them.



In the almost four months that have passed, I find myself loving this new role and the flexibility it gives both to me and to GPF and its new leadership. For so many years the idea of succession and then transition dominated our focus. Reaching this milestone, and knowing we've done it successfully, is an enormous relief. Founder-driven organizations have unique characteristics but Julie Fisher's capable hands, and guidance from a deeply committed Board will, I know, move us forward, always keeping in mind the unique features that characterized our tzedakah work.

So, what does "Executive Director Emerita, Master Mentor" actually mean? What do I focus on in this new role that has me at my desk a few days a week (sometimes more), leaving more time to read a book, travel, or have lunch with a friend? I am here to answer questions and provide guidance to Julie, but as Master Mentor I am doing what I loved so much about my work all of these years. Now I have the time to sit with grantees and dig more deeply into the challenges they face as they grow their work. Is their mission statement clear and concise? Does their website present the case for their work in the most appealing and compassionate way possible? How do they handle a Board member who often dominates meetings? How do they raise money in these challenging times? Without the pressure of running the organization on a day-to-day basis I can now offer our grantees something that very few other funders provide. I am deeply grateful to the GPF Board who offered me the opportunity to remain involved and continue to help build our unique tzedakah model.

While I may not have as many opportunities to interact with each of you, our very committed donors who along the way became true friends, I am still here and would love to hear from you.

Thank you all for continuing to believe in this work and helping to make it possible.

Naomi

Naomi K. Eisenberger, Founder,
Executive Director Emerita, Master Mentor

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

SHELTER MUSIC BOSTON USA

Restoring Humanity Through Classical Music



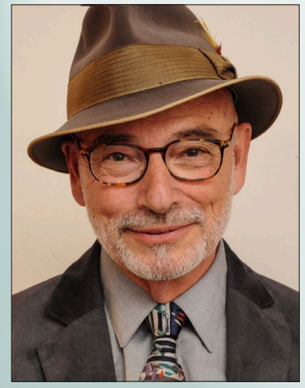
Julie Leven believes music is a common language for everyone. As a classically trained violinist, she spent decades performing in concert halls accessible only to the privileged few. That's why in 2010, she founded Shelter Music Boston — a vibrant organization that brings free monthly live chamber music performances to homeless shelters, transitional housing communities, rehabilitation centers, and other support facilities often overlooked by traditional arts institutions. Professional musicians perform not on grand stages, but in community rooms and shared spaces, meeting people where they are and creating opportunities for human connection through music.

For many audience members, Shelter Music Boston's concerts provide respite, joy, and a reminder of their humanity. Every concert builds bridges between musicians and listeners whose lives might otherwise never intersect. The impact of these concerts is profound. A man experiencing homelessness shared that when listening to the music, he forgot he was homeless. A woman overcoming addiction told Shelter Music Boston's musicians that she had only ever felt happy doing drugs, but would listen to Mozart when stressed out in the future.

Having completed its 1,000th concert, Shelter Music Boston demonstrates how one person's creativity and compassion can spark lasting change. By bringing music into places where hope is often in short supply, Julie and her team remind us that healing can begin with something as pure as the sound of a violin. ■

ATZUM - JUSTICE WORKS ISR

The Rabbi Who Didn't Look Away



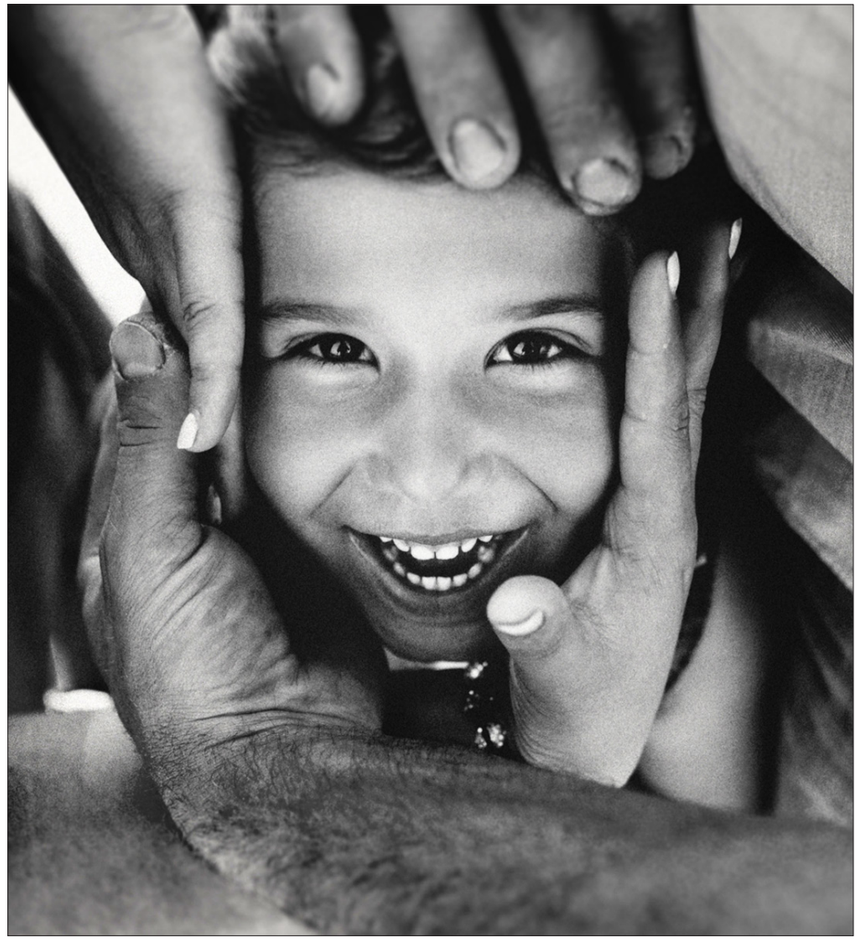
Rabbi Levi Lauer has spent his life refusing to accept the phrase "that's just the way things are." Since making Israel his home, he has devoted himself to serving as an educator, rabbi, and social activist, supporting people overlooked by institutions, forgotten by society, or trapped in circumstances beyond their control. Rather than turning away from complex problems, Levi has made it his life's work to confront them with compassion, persistence, and an unwavering belief in every person's inherent dignity.

That conviction led him to found ATZUM - Justice Works in 2002. Under his visionary leadership, the organization has become one of Israel's most respected voices for people whose struggles too often go unseen. Whether advocating for Holocaust survivors, supporting asylum seekers, recognizing the Righteous Among the Nations, or creating programs that root young Ethiopians in their heritage, Levi has demonstrated that meaningful change begins when someone chooses to see what others ignore. Today, ATZUM's flagship initiative has not only resulted in a law that protects victims of human trafficking and prostitution, but also continues to help survivors access higher education and build an independent future.

Levi's leadership embodies moral courage, relentless determination, and the ability to translate deeply held values into practical action that transforms lives. Thanks to that vision, thousands of vulnerable Israelis have found not only critical support, but renewed hope, dignity, and the chance to chart a new path forward. ■

Uplifting Lives Program

No One Should Face Grief Alone



When 13-year-old **Ayana** died after a lifetime of medical challenges, her mother faced an unimaginable reality: grieving the loss of her daughter while struggling to afford a funeral.

Ayana was known and loved by the hospital staff who cared for her through years of complex health conditions, including a liver transplant, autoimmune disease, and numerous infections. After an unexpected hospitalization and weeks of intensive treatment, her mother made the courageous decision to focus on comfort and end-of-life care. In her final days, Ayana spent precious time with her siblings in the hospital's Comfort Suite before passing away peacefully with her mother at her side.

For any family, the death of a child is a devastating emotional loss. For families already living with economic constraints, death comes with an additional financial burden. Ayana's mother, a single parent caring for eight children, many with significant medical needs, suddenly faced funeral expenses she could not afford alone.

The Good People Fund's Uplifting Lives Program provided financial assistance when Ayana's family needed it most. We provide direct support for urgent needs such as funeral expenses, emergency housing, medical care, and adaptive equipment that fall outside of typical philanthropic giving. While the dollar amounts are often modest, the impact can be profound.

We partner with our established network of trusted grantees, alumni, and partner organizations that work directly with vulnerable individuals and families every day.

For Ayana's family, assistance with funeral expenses offered more than financial relief. It allowed her family to grieve with dignity during a time of tremendous heartbreak.

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MEET OUR GOOD PEOPLE

Protecting Health and Wellbeing

Supporting physical, emotional, and communal health.

A COURAGEOUS VOICE USA
Protecting Kids from Abuse and Exploitation

Child abuse is reported every 13 seconds in the United States, yet fewer than 20% of reported abusers are ever prosecuted. **Amy Ever**, a survivor of child sexual abuse, founded A Courageous Voice because she believes that no child should suffer in silence. As she explains, "My work with youth began over 30 years ago to ensure children have a voice. As a survivor of child sex abuse, I never want to see another child be affected the way I was."

A Courageous Voice addresses this crisis through prevention. Serving communities outside Detroit, the organization educates parents, teachers, and community members while providing a K-12 curriculum that teaches children to recognize, respond to, and report unsafe situations. By giving children the knowledge and confidence to protect themselves — and equipping the adults around them to recognize the warning signs — A Courageous Voice is helping prevent abuse before it happens and ensuring more children grow up safe, heard, and empowered.

BACK TO LIFE FARM ISR
A Healing Home for Veterans and Animals

NEW Israeli veterans who carry the wounds of trauma are often unable to access the care and support they need to heal. **Assaf Nave** and **Chen Schatzberger** know this firsthand after their close friend Amir ("Dani") Yardenai, a decorated combat veteran, died by suicide in 2024.

In Dani's memory, they founded Back to Life Farm at Kibbutz Sdot Yam, where veterans heal alongside more than 200 rescued animals in a peaceful, nine-acre sanctuary. Open to any veteran, the farm offers a place of acceptance, connection, and recovery. Assaf explains, "You need to help them resolve their memories, be able to live in peace … and reconnect them to life." By restoring hope and purpose, Back to Life Farm is helping veterans reclaim their lives, one relationship, one animal, and one day at a time.

B'DARCHEI TAMAR (IN TAMAR'S PATH) ISR
Supporting Families Facing Childhood Cancer

A childhood cancer diagnosis transforms every aspect of a family's life. After losing their daughter Tamar to cancer, **David and Iris Herman** turned their grief into hope for others. Inspired by Tamar's extraordinary kindness, love, and gratitude, they founded B'Darchei Tamar to ensure that no family faces cancer alone. The organization supports children undergoing treatment and their loved ones, while creating opportunities for families to connect and share experiences. David says, "The organization's name is a direct continuation of Tamar's personality and of her choice to live a life of kindness, love, and gratitude."

Today, B'Darchei Tamar is a lifeline for families in Israel's periphery, where care is harder to find, replacing isolation with community and ensuring that Tamar's legacy continues to bring comfort, resilience, and compassion to those who need it most.

BIRDIELIGHT USA
Educating Youth About Fentanyl Poisoning

The fentanyl crisis has claimed the lives of thousands of young people. Physician and mother **Beth Weinstock** knows this tragedy firsthand — her son Eli died within minutes after taking what he believed was a nutritional supplement. Beth says, "My son Eli was not struggling with addiction. He tried something he thought was something else, and it was poisoned with fentanyl."

Determined to prevent other families from experiencing that same loss, Beth and her daughter Olivia founded BirdieLight to educate young people about the dangers of fentanyl poisoning. Through school programs, awareness campaigns, fentanyl test strips, Narcan training, and harm-reduction resources, the organization equips youth with the knowledge to recognize risk and make informed decisions. Today, as the fentanyl crisis recedes, BirdieLight addresses new threats to young lives, and continues to offer families hope that fewer lives will be claimed.

CANDLES OF HOPE ISR
Infant and Pregnancy Loss Support

The loss of a baby through stillbirth is a devastating tragedy, yet many grieving parents navigate their heartbreak alone, with little emotional support. After experiencing the stillbirth of her daughter, **Elysa Rapoport** discovered just how isolated bereaved families can feel. She founded Candles of Hope to provide the support system she wished had existed for herself. Through peer support groups, educational workshops, conferences, and advocacy for improved healthcare practices, the organization helps families find community while working to transform the way pregnancy and infant loss is understood and addressed. Elysa reflects, "The more I shared, the more I realized … we were able to mutually support one another."

Today, Candles of Hope is helping bereaved families heal, raising public awareness, and driving systemic change so that parents experiencing pregnancy and infant loss receive the compassion, care, and support they deserve.

KAVOD V'NICHUM USA
Revitalizing Sacred End-of-Life Care

As fewer Jewish communities maintain an active *chevra kadisha* (burial society), sacred end-of-life traditions are fading away and many feel unprepared to honor the dead and offer comfort to mourners. **Sarit Wishnevski** leads Kavod v'Nichum to equip synagogues and Jewish communities with the education, training, and support they need to reclaim ancient practices and make them accessible to a new generation.

The impact reaches far beyond burial preparation. By inspiring more people to participate in the sacred work of end-of-life care, Kavod v'Nichum creates community, deepens Jewish connection, and reminds us that accompanying one another at life's end is both a profound act of love and a shared communal responsibility. Sarit reflects, "People tell us that *chevra kadisha* is one of the most meaningful ways they participate in Jewish life."

MAGEN FOR JEWISH COMMUNITIES ISR
Helping Survivors Find Their Voices

For too long, sexual abuse within Israel's Orthodox and Haredi communities has been shrouded in silence and shame. **Shana Aaronson** leads Magen to confront this reality through prevention, education, survivor advocacy, and partnerships with experts in Israel and around the world. She explains, "My work is heartbreaking more often than not. I am a daily witness to the most horrible things that threaten to break a person's spirit."

Even in communities where abuse is difficult to acknowledge, Magen helps survivors find their voices while encouraging institutions and leaders to respond with greater accountability and compassion. By breaking the silence, Magen is creating safer communities, empowering survivors to seek help, and making the protection of vulnerable people a shared responsibility.

MEDICAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE USA
Advocating for Medical Care as a Human Right

People in prison experience higher rates of chronic illness than the general population, yet they are often denied access to medical care. Emergency physician **Dr. Mark Fenig** explains, "People in prison suffer disproportionately from chronic health conditions… For every year served, people in prison lose two years of life."

After witnessing the inequities exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Fenig and **Dr. William Weber** founded Medical Justice Alliance to advocate for the healthcare rights of incarcerated people. By mobilizing physicians and other healthcare professionals, the organization provides medical expertise, education, and advocacy to help people in prison receive appropriate, humane care. Today, Medical Justice Alliance has built a network of more than 840 medical volunteers across 47 states, advancing the principle that access to quality healthcare is a fundamental human right, regardless of incarceration.

MUSIC MENDS MINDS USA

Unlocking Memory with Music

For people living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, memory loss often brings isolation, disconnection, and the loss of identity — not only for those diagnosed, but also for the families who love them. After watching her husband **Irwin z"l** come alive whenever he sat at the piano, **Carol Rosenstein** discovered that music could unlock memories, emotions, and joy that seemed out of reach. Inspired by that experience, Carol and Irwin founded Music Mends Minds to harness the therapeutic power of music.

Through musical support groups, community bands, and virtual programs, the organization helps people with neurocognitive conditions and their caregivers connect, perform, and rediscover purpose. Carol says, "Music is medicine for the mind." By replacing isolation with relationships and creating moments of recognition, confidence, and joy, the organization helps participants and their families experience the healing power of making music together.

MYCHILD'SCANCER ISR

Supporting Families Affected By Cancer

Families confronting childhood cancer are often overwhelmed by complex medical decisions and uncertain where to turn for the best treatment. When **Oded Grinstein's** infant daughter was diagnosed with a rare cancer, he and his wife faced that frightening reality firsthand, traveling from Israel to the US to find the specialized care that ultimately saved his daughter's life.

Determined to help other families who faced similar health crises, Oded founded MyChild'sCancer. The organization connects families with leading pediatric cancer specialists around the world, providing expert second opinions, educational resources, international medical conferences, and WikiCancer, a comprehensive online platform that brings together the latest knowledge about childhood cancers.

By making world-class expertise more accessible, MyChild'sCancer empowers families to make informed treatment decisions, improves access to cutting-edge care, and gives children facing cancer a stronger chance for the best possible outcome.

NECHAMACOMFORT USA

Supporting Jewish Families After Infant and Pregnancy Loss

The loss of a pregnancy or infant is a devastating experience, and many families are forced to endure that grief in silence. More than 35 years ago after her son died just hours after birth, **Reva Judas** felt terribly isolated, with little recognition or compassionate support for her loss.

She founded NechamaComfort to ensure that no family has to navigate pregnancy or infant loss alone. Through support groups, counseling, educational programs, and individualized care — including specialized support for parents facing pregnancy *after* loss — the organization helps families find comfort while also training healthcare professionals, clergy, funeral directors, and community leaders to respond with greater sensitivity and compassion.

Today, NechamaComfort has transformed how Jewish communities respond to these losses, replacing isolation with understanding, connection, and enduring support. Reva says, "Our goal is that the couple should never feel alone."

RONI'S NEIGHBORS ISR

Confronting the Epidemic of Loneliness

Loneliness has become a growing epidemic among older adults, leaving many isolated from the companionship and community essential to their well-being. In 2020, friends **Roni Lee z"l** and **Matan Asulin** set out to change that by creating what is now Roni's Neighbors. Inspired by Roni's commitment to caring for elderly neighbors and the idea that food can be a unique "bridge builder" among strangers, the organization pairs volunteers with older adults for weekly visits, shared meals, and lasting friendships, creating meaningful connections across generations. Following Roni's tragic death in 2023 at the age of 28, **Carmel Sofer** and **Shir Mordehay-Grunewald** expanded the organization's reach across Israel.

Today, teams of volunteers in cities throughout the country are helping older adults feel seen, valued, and connected while strengthening the fabric of their local communities. Shir explains, "More than anything, we build resilient community networks through connection, trust, and care."

RUCA'S FARM ISR

Healing Veterans Through Farming

For many Israeli veterans, the psychological wounds of military service can last long after they return home. PTSD can leave them feeling isolated, disconnected, and uncertain about how to move forward. Former kibbutznik **Nir Lahav** founded Ruca's Farm to offer a different path to recovery. On a 12-acre organic farm, veterans participate in farming alongside group therapy, yoga, beekeeping, and other therapeutic activities that help them regain confidence, build community, and develop, in Nir's words, "tools for a normative life." He says, "PTSD does not go away. The good news is you can live with it."

Nearly 350 veterans have found healing at Ruca's Farm. Alongside the transformation of once-barren land into flourishing greenhouses and orchards, participants are rebuilding their lives with renewed purpose, resilience, and hope.



STREET MEDICINE TEL AVIV ISR

Bringing Healthcare to People on the Streets

NEW

For people living on the streets, even treatable medical conditions can become life-threatening when they cannot access healthcare or are too fearful to seek treatment. **Ronnie-Lee Sneh** witnessed this firsthand as a social worker in a homeless shelter. In 2022, she founded Street Medicine Tel Aviv to bring medical care directly to people experiencing homelessness through mobile teams of physicians and healthcare professionals equipped with diagnostic tools, medications, and wound care supplies. Ronnie-Lee explains, "We go to them, see them for who they are and provide them with care while showing them respect and dignity."

By meeting people where they are, Street Medicine Tel Aviv is improving health outcomes, preventing medical crises, and restoring dignity, trust, and human connection to some of society's most vulnerable individuals.

STREETSCAPE USA

Peer Support and Outreach for People Who Are Homeless

For people experiencing homelessness, finding help can feel overwhelming. After surviving an abusive marriage, addiction, and years living on the streets of Boulder, Colorado, **Jen Livovich** was determined to help others find the support she once needed. Jen founded Streetscape while earning her second college degree. Led by people who have experienced homelessness themselves, the organization provides housing navigation, mental health support, legal assistance, and advocacy, meeting people with compassion, dignity, and practical help.

Today, Streetscape is helping people move from survival to stability, and offering them a voice in their own recovery. Jen says, "I have a whole lifetime of experience in bouncing back. This is my life purpose, and if I have anything to do with it, there will be many more Jen Livoviches in the city of Boulder."

TERRA UMA ISR

Healing Trauma in the Vineyards

For many veterans living with PTSD, the battle does not end when they return home. Too often, they struggle to find purpose, connection, and effective paths toward healing. After surviving a nearly fatal war injury, **Tomer Weinberg** discovered unexpected healing in the vineyards following his father's death. There, he worked the land and made wine, which restored his sense of peace and possibility.

Inspired by his own experience, Tomer and several fellow soldiers founded Terra Uma in 2022. Through its yearlong "vinotherapy" program, veterans work alongside professional vintners to cultivate grapes, produce wine, and engage in a therapeutic process that combines agriculture, craftsmanship, community, and emotional recovery. Tomer reflects, "In the vineyard, the soul calmed down and the body relaxed." Today, Terra Uma is helping veterans transform their trauma into resilience, and face the future with confidence.

THE SURVIVOR MITZVAH PROJECT USA

Ensuring No Survivor is Forgotten

Decades after the Holocaust, thousands of survivors in remote areas of Eastern Europe still live in extreme poverty, lacking food, medicine, heat, and human connection. After encountering these forgotten survivors while tracing her family's roots, former filmmaker **Zane Buzby** founded The Survivor Mitzvah Project to ensure they would never again be abandoned. Guided by the belief that "no Holocaust survivor who has endured the darkest days of human history will ever be hungry again or suffer or be forgotten or neglected," the organization also preserves survivors' stories through one of the world's largest collections of personal testimonies and correspondences.

Today, The Survivor Mitzvah Project provides both tangible care and visibility, helping survivors live their remaining years with dignity while ensuring their voices and experiences are never forgotten.

WIND CHIMES ISR

Helping Humans and Animals Recover from Trauma

In the wake of October 7th, trauma has left deep emotional wounds across Israel, not only among people, but also among countless abused and abandoned animals. Many survivors struggle to heal, while rescued animals carry their own histories of fear and neglect.

Recognizing the healing power of the human-animal bond, **Noam Rudich** founded Wind Chimes to bring traumatized people and rescued animals together in a therapeutic setting. Guided by trained professionals, participants work alongside dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, ducks, and other animals who have suffered. Noam explains, "I founded Wind Chimes to connect the stories of animals and humans, and offer both sides the opportunity for a healing bond."

Today, Wind Chimes is helping both people and animals recover together, demonstrating that healing is often strongest when it is experienced side by side.



WITNESS TO MASS INCARCERATION USA

Helping People Thrive After Leaving Prison

For people leaving prison, freedom often comes with overwhelming obstacles. Without housing, technology, employment, or social support, many struggle to rebuild their lives and are at risk of recidivism. After experiencing federal prison, solitary confinement, and reentry herself, **Evie Litwok** knew how hard it was for formerly incarcerated people to thrive.

Turning her own experience into action, Evie founded Witness to Mass Incarceration to help people reclaim their lives with dignity. Through initiatives including the Suitcase Project, which provides a phone and laptop computer upon release, vocational training, and other practical support, the organization helps people successfully transition back into their communities.

Evie says, "I know what it's like to get out of jail homeless and penniless — my Jewish values inspired me to help others like me."

ZA'AKAH USA

Justice for Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse

For survivors of child sexual abuse in insular religious communities, speaking out can come at an enormous cost. Fear, stigma, and communal pressure often leave survivors without support, accountability, or justice. After enduring years of abuse, **Asher Lovy** did not want other survivors to suffer alone.

Today, Asher leads ZA'AKAH, which advocates for survivors of child sexual abuse in the Orthodox Jewish community and beyond. The organization raises public awareness, operates a "warmline" during Shabbat and holidays, and supports survivors as they seek help.

ZA'AKAH helped secure landmark victories, including the Child Victims Acts in New York and New Jersey, expanding survivors' access to justice while fostering disclosure, healing, and accountability. Asher says, "I want others to benefit from my experience and what I've learned."

Alleviating Poverty and Securing Basic Needs

Helping individuals and families live with dignity.

BREAKING THE CHAIN THROUGH EDUCATION USA

Ending Child Slavery in Ghana

Child trafficking and forced labor continue to rob thousands of children in Ghana of their freedom, education, and future. After reading about children sold into slavery on fishing boats to repay family debts, high school history teacher **Evan Robbins** refused to look away. He recalls, "Here was this child that had to work 16 hours each day, eating just one meal each day, barely clothed…"

What began as a classroom conversation with his students grew into Breaking the Chain Through Education (BTCTE). Working alongside local partners in Ghana, the organization built a school campus, provides quality education and vocational training, and equips young people with the skills they need to build independent, self-sufficient lives.

More than two decades later, BTCTE is helping break the cycle of poverty and exploitation by ensuring that children once at risk of slavery can pursue an education, discover their potential, and shape their own futures.

FOR GOOD PGH USA

Reviving a Former Steel Town

As Pittsburgh-area steel towns declined, many families were left facing poverty, isolation, and a lack of access to basic necessities and opportunity. For **Gisele Fetterman**, an immigrant from Brazil who came to the US seeking safety and a better future, those struggles demanded more than sympathy; they called for action rooted in dignity and kindness.

Founded in Braddock, Pennsylvania, For Good PGH creates practical, community-driven solutions that help neighbors thrive. From its Free Store, where families can access clothing and household essentials at no cost, to programs that support women entrepreneurs and create welcoming community spaces, the organization removes barriers while fostering connection and belonging. Gisele says, "We all have the desire to do good for each other."

By replacing scarcity with generosity and isolation with community, For Good PGH is helping restore hope, strengthen neighborhoods, and demonstrate that small acts of kindness can spark lasting change.



GABRIEL PROJECT MUMBAI ISR

Fostering Hope in India's Slums

For millions of children growing up in Mumbai's slums, poverty limits nearly every opportunity. Poor nutrition, limited access to education and healthcare, and economic hardship make it difficult for families to build stable futures. While visiting Mumbai in 2011, social entrepreneur **Jacob Sztokman** was deeply affected by what he saw. "These beautiful children were no different than my own children," he recalls. "I could not remain passive in the face of such extreme poverty; this was an opportunity to help."

That conviction led him to create Gabriel Project Mumbai, which addresses poverty through education, nutrition, healthcare, and community development. Its programs include after-school learning centers and Tribal Threads, a sewing program that offers sustainable livelihoods for women in underserved tribal communities. By addressing immediate needs and long-term opportunity, Gabriel Project Mumbai supports healthy and educated children, empowered women, and stronger, more connected communities.

JLM FOOD RESCUERS ISR

Rescuing Food, Building Community

Every day, tons of perfectly good food are discarded while many families struggle to afford fresh, healthy produce. In Jerusalem, the problem is not food scarcity but food waste, unequal distribution, and barriers to access.

Determined to change that reality, young Jerusalemites **Itay Peled** and **Daniella Seltzer** founded JLM Food Rescuers in 2018. Operating from one of the city's largest wholesale markets, the organization rescues surplus fruits and vegetables and mobilizes volunteers to deliver them throughout the city. As Daniella explains, "Our work envisions a Jerusalem in which everyone has equitable access to healthy food." Through its visitors center, JLM Food Rescuers also educates thousands about food waste, sustainability, and food literacy. By transformng surplus into sustenance, JLM Food Rescuers is fighting hunger, building stronger communities, and inspiring similar efforts across Israel.

NECHA MALKA ISR

Sustaining Families Through Crisis

For many families facing financial hardship, the greatest burden is often the shame that prevents them from asking for help. When **Shira Gilor** learned that a neighbor did not have enough food to feed her children, she realized that many others in her community were struggling in silence.

Determined to respond with compassion and dignity, Shira delivered groceries to that family the very same day. What began as one act of kindness grew into Necha Malka, a volunteer-driven organization that provides monthly food packages and essential household items to dozens of families, as well as a "thrift shop" where people can buy clothes and other essentials.

Supermarket vouchers allow recipients to choose the foods they need most, preserving independence and dignity. By meeting urgent needs with discretion and respect, Necha Malka ensures that families can weather difficult times without sacrificing their sense of self-worth. It is a reminder that sometimes the most powerful acts of generosity begin with simply noticing a neighbor in need.

OFFER KINDNESS USA

NEW

Turning Surplus into Sustenance

Each year, thousands of pounds of fresh fruit go to waste while many families struggle to afford healthy food. When **Simon and Aleeza Berman** saw fruit rotting in their own backyard as neighbors faced food insecurity, they recognized an opportunity to bridge that gap.

They founded Offer Kindness to rescue surplus fruit from backyards, orchards, and packing houses and deliver it directly to people who need it most. What began with a single fruit tree has grown into a community-wide effort that now rescues 15,000 to 20,000 pounds of fruit each week across California's Central Valley. Simon says, "We started this organization because the fruit trees in our backyard were producing more than we could eat." Offer Kindness reduces hunger and brings neighbors together, showing that simple acts of generosity can nourish thousands.

PESIA'S KITCHEN/EAT ISR

Feeding People, Fueling Minds

While vulnerable families struggle to put healthy meals on their tables, tons of fresh food from farms and orchards go to waste. Inspired by his grandmother Pesia, who never turned away anyone in need, **Gideon Ben Ami** founded Pesia's Kitchen to rescue surplus food and deliver it to those who need it most. Guided by his belief that "the Bible commands us about 36 times to care for the stranger," the organization has become a leading force in food rescue across Israel.

Today, in addition to the work Gideon and his son **Yoni** do providing fresh produce to shelters and local organizations, they run a growing nationwide school-based program, EAT, inspiring the next generation. Students learn about sustainability and rescue, pack, and deliver food to neighbors in need, both reducing waste and fighting hunger.

ZEHAVA AND KARYN'S FOOD PROJECT ISR

Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Jerusalem

Baka is one of Jerusalem's most affluent neighborhoods, but within its leafy streets are families who cannot afford enough food. When **Karyn Gellman** and her friend **Zehava Taub,** who worked in a nearby school, learned that neighbors were going hungry, they did not look away.

Together, they built a network of volunteers that delivers monthly packages of food and essential household items to families in need. During the holidays, they also provide supermarket vouchers, giving recipients the dignity to choose the food that best meets their families' needs.

What began as two friends helping their neighbors has grown into a lasting community effort that ensures vulnerable families receive not only nourishment, but also the reassurance that they are seen, supported, and not alone.



ZUMWALT ACRES USA

A Regenerative Agriculture Community

Industrial agriculture has depleted soil, reduced biodiversity, and contributed to a changing climate, leaving the next generation searching for more sustainable ways to grow food and care for the land. Twin sisters **Remi and Gavi Welbel** transformed their family's multigenerational Illinois farm into Zumwalt Acres, a living laboratory where regenerative agriculture, environmental stewardship, and Jewish values come together.

Through regenerative farming, educational internships, and research partnerships, including collaborations with Yale University, Zumwalt Acres equips emerging environmental leaders with the knowledge and hands-on experience to restore the land. As Gavi explains, "Farming can, and must, be at the forefront of creating a more resilient, healthy, and just environment." By proving that healthy soil, scientific innovation, and sustainable agriculture can work hand in hand, Zumwalt Acres is helping cultivate a more resilient future for both people and the planet.

Fighting Online Antisemitism ISR

The Grandson of Holocaust Survivors Who Stops Antisemitism in Its Tracks

Long before he founded Fighting Online Antisemitism, **TOMER ALDUBI** understood that antisemitism was never just history. The grandson of Holocaust survivors, he grew up hearing stories that shaped his understanding of what hatred can become when it is left unchecked. Those lessons became deeply personal as a young adult. While traveling abroad, Tomer encountered antisemitism firsthand as strangers reduced him to offensive stereotypes or made casual assumptions about Jews and money. Even then, Tomer refused to hide his Israeli identity, believing no Jew should feel compelled to conceal who they are simply to feel safe.

As he watched antisemitism evolve in the digital age from a rare occurrence to frighteningly mainstream, he recognized how vulnerable many Jews felt navigating online spaces that had become increasingly hostile.

But rather than retreat, Tomer chose to act. Before launching Fighting Online Antisemitism, he led an initiative supporting Israeli students confronting antisemitism around the world. The experience taught him how to organize volunteers, build coalitions, and respond quickly to emerging threats. Combined with his work as a journalist and theatre director — where he learned the power of storytelling and communication — Tomer gained the tools to transform personal conviction into public action.

Today, Fighting Online Antisemitism harnesses both technology and people to challenge hate where it spreads fastest. The organization combines AI-assisted monitoring with a global network of volunteers who identify and report antisemitic content in more than ten languages. Volunteers from Israel, Brazil, the United States, Canada, Switzerland, Belarus, the United Kingdom, and beyond work together to confront online hate, educate the public, and engage technology platforms in creating safer digital spaces.

The need became even more urgent after October 7th, when Jewish communities around the world experienced an unprecedented surge in online harassment, denialism, and incitement.

At a time when many Jews feel isolated and overwhelmed, Fighting Online Antisemitism has become both a rapid-response network and a powerful reminder that confronting hate is not the responsibility of any one individual alone. What makes Fighting Online Antisemitism both unique and powerful is its grassroots ethos. Trained volunteers from around the world representing diverse backgrounds share a common belief: digital spaces should be free from hateful rhetoric. Each reported post, each removal, and each action is no longer an individual act but a communal one. At its core, Fighting Online Antisemitism is not only combating hate but changing the norms of online discourse by refusing to surrender to antisemitic voices. ■

"The fight against antisemitism is first and foremost a fight for tolerance and acceptance. It is a fight for a better future for all of us."

—Tomer Aldubi, Founder, Fighting Online Antisemitism



Ma'atzimot:
Empowering Ethiopian Women
ISR

A Journey of Strength and Resilience

When **RACHELI TADESSA MALKAI** reflects on the women who raised her, she thinks immediately of their strength. Born in Ethiopia, Racheli immigrated to Israel with her family during Operation Solomon in 1991. She experienced firsthand the cultural dislocation, racism, economic hardship, and social isolation that many Ethiopian-Israeli families continue to face today. But she also witnessed extraordinary resilience: mothers holding families together and girls striving for educational opportunity. Within many Ethiopian-Israeli families, women became the emotional and economic anchors of the household, sometimes while coping with domestic violence, alcoholism, and the lingering trauma of migration.

Racheli watched these women closely. She saw not only their hardships but also their extraordinary resilience, dignity, and determination. She came to believe that changing the future for Ethiopian-Israeli girls needed to begin by honoring the women who had made that future possible.

That conviction became Ma'atzimot: Empowering Ethiopian Women.Today, Ma'atzimot supports Ethiopian-Israeli girls and young women during some of the most formative years of their lives. Through mentoring relationships, educational enrichment, leadership development, and a powerful community of belonging, participants discover that their identities are sources of strength rather than obstacles to overcome.

The organization helps young women find their voices, build confidence, imagine futures in higher education and professional leadership, and recognize themselves as people capable of shaping Israeli society — not merely finding their place within it.

The impact of this work is often deeply personal: A shy teenager learns to speak confidently in front of a group. A young woman becomes the first in her family to attend university. Participants return years later as mentors themselves, creating a cycle of empowerment that ripples outward through families and communities.

Today, Ma'atzimot's Facebook community connects more than 18,000 Ethiopian-Israeli women, with thousands more reached through its leadership and mentoring programs. Yet Racheli measures success differently. She sees it every time a young woman realizes that the resilience she inherited from her mother and grandmother is not simply a story of survival; it is the foundation for leadership and central to shaping Israel's future. ■

"When one woman dares to dream, an entire community can create change."

—Racheli Tadessa Malkai, Founder, Ma'atzimot - Empowering Ethiopian Women



Lemonade Fund ISR

Cancer's Hidden Cost: A Personal Story

There are some people who see a need in the world and decide they cannot look away. **SHARI MENDES**, founder of Lemonade Fund, is one of those people.

An architect by training, Shari never imagined that her own breast cancer diagnosis in 2010 would lead her to create Israel's only emergency financial relief fund for women facing breast cancer and, as of 2025, gynecological cancers. But sitting in hospital waiting rooms during treatment, she began hearing stories that stayed with her long after her treatment ended: mothers unable to pay rent, families skipping meals, women delaying care because they feared financial collapse more than cancer itself.

Shari decided to act. In 2011, Lemonade Fund was born. What began as a grassroots effort by a small group of women determined to help other women has since grown into a safety net serving patients across Israel — regardless of religion, ethnicity, gender, or background. Today, it is Israel's only breast and gynecological cancer emergency relief fund. The organization provides funding to help cover non-medical costs, such as the cost of childcare, transportation to treatment, housing costs, groceries, school supplies, and other urgent needs that can quickly overwhelm families already carrying the emotional weight of illness. The philosophy is simple: no one should have to choose between healing and survival. And since October 7th, the need has only intensified. Lemonade Fund quickly launched wartime emergency grants for vulnerable cancer patients navigating treatment amid displacement, reserve duty, lost income, and national trauma.

Through it all, Shari has remained a force of compassion, dignity, and fierce practicality. Her work reflects a particular kind of leadership: deeply personal, profoundly responsive, and rooted in the belief that kindness is most meaningful when it arrives exactly when it is needed most.

At its heart, Lemonade Fund is about helping people preserve their dignity when life feels unbearably fragile. It is about reminding people that even in the hardest seasons, they are not alone. ■

"Our support is an economic safety net, so that patients can breathe while they are in treatment and focus on their recovery."

—Shari Mendes, Founder, Lemonade Fund



Abrahamic House USA

A Secret Bible, A Shared Future: Mohammed "Mo" Al Samawi's Extraordinary Journey

A secret Bible is not a typical gift for a Muslim in Yemen. But the life of **MOHAMMED "MO" AL SAMAWI** is anything but typical. Long before he became an interfaith leader, Mo was a curious child who had been taught to hate Jews. One day, when a teacher quietly gave him a Bible, his whole world began to change. Slowly, he learned that "those people" were not enemies to fear, but human beings with stories, wisdom, and dignity of their own.

That insight would become a lifeline.

As violence and extremism in Yemen escalated, Mo's own safety became increasingly precarious. Ultimately, an extraordinary network of Jews, Muslims, and Christians — many of whom were strangers who learned about Mo through social media — helped him survive and find refuge in the US. Their courage not only saved his life but reshaped his understanding of what it means to build a life rooted in love rather than fear.

Today, Mo has transformed that hard-won understanding into Abrahamic House, an organization in Washington, DC that brings together Muslim, Jewish, Christian, and Baha'i emerging leaders to live together in intentional community. Residents do not merely talk about coexistence; they practice it every day, around the dinner table, through difficult conversations, in shared service, and in the quiet, unglamorous work of building trust. Abrahamic House is rooted in a simple but radical idea: that living together can change how we see one another, and what we believe is possible.

Mo's story is a powerful reminder that healing often begins with one person choosing a different path, and that differences can be sources of strength and celebration. Through Abrahamic House, Mo is ensuring that others get to live that truth, too. ■

"Conflict will only end when people see each other as full and complex human beings."

—Mo Al Samawi, Founder, Abrahamic House



Bagel Rescue USA

Turning Leftovers Into a Lifeline

For most people, a bagel is simply breakfast. For **ERIN STIEGLITZ**, it's an opportunity to solve problems, rally a community, and make sure good food reaches people instead of landfills.

In late 2020, as the pandemic upended daily life, Erin was looking for a family service project. Her plan was simple: provide breakfast to frontline healthcare workers caring for COVID patients. Then her 9-year-old son asked a simple question: Why not ask a local bagel shop to donate its leftover bagels instead? Erin didn't just love the idea; she decided to bring it to life. Her son's spark of curiosity became Bagel Rescue, a nonprofit based in Atlanta that supports hunger relief. Bagel Rescue tackles two challenges at once: food waste and food insecurity

Every day, Bagel Rescue rescues perfectly good bagels and baked goods from bakeries and delivers them to shelters, food pantries, youth programs, senior residences, recovery programs, and other community organizations serving neighbors in need.

None of this happened because Erin had a background in nonprofit management; she didn't. She had a communications background, a Canva account, and a refusal to let a good idea die on the vine. She taught herself the business side "piece by piece," recruited a board, and built a volunteer force that now runs bagel routes seven days a week across a dozen-plus counties. Ask her about it and she'll deflect the credit to her sons, her husband, and the volunteers who show up before sunrise, but it was Erin who turned one family's breakfast run into an organization that shows up, every single day, for people who need it most.

What began with one bagel shop and one determined family has grown into a remarkable movement. Today, Bagel Rescue partners with more than 90 bakeries and bagel shops, supports nearly 100 feeding programs, and has rescued millions of bagels. Erin, whose favorite bagel is "whole wheat everything," never planned to start a nonprofit. She simply saw an opportunity, inspired others to join her, and proved that one person's energy and determination can transform a simple idea into a force for good. ■

"I want people to know that everyone can make a difference, even with something as simple as a bagel."

—Erin Stieglitz, Founder, Bagel Rescue



Inheritance Theater Project

USA

The Stories We Inherit and the Ones We Create Together

For most of his career, **JON ADAM ROSS** thought he was making theater. Then, over years spent creating plays alongside students, clergy, neighbors, and communities, he began to notice something unexpected. The rehearsals often mattered as much as the performances. People who might never have shared a meal — or even a conversation — were listening to one another, telling stories they had never spoken aloud, and discovering common ground they hadn't known existed. The final production was almost beside the point.

Today, Jon transforms that insight into a model for creating community through collaborative storytelling. In an era marked by polarization, distrust, and isolation, he invites people not simply to watch theater, but to create it together.

An actor, playwright, educator, and graduate of NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, Jon has spent more than 25 years exploring the relationship between storytelling and human connection. His work has taken him to institutions including Harvard Divinity School, Union Theological Seminary, and The Jewish Theological Seminary, where he witnessed again and again the remarkable capacity of shared creative work to bridge differences of faith, identity, generation, and lived experience.

Those experiences led him to create the Inheritance Theater Project in 2015. The organization's process is as distinctive as its productions. Every original play grows from three sources: the history of a particular place, the lived experiences of the people who call it home, and a shared cultural touchstone — a sacred text, beloved song, or inherited story that resonates across communities. Participants become collaborators, weaving their own voices into a collective narrative that belongs to everyone who helped create it.

The result is far more than theater. Strangers become neighbors. Neighbors become creative partners. Communities that once struggled to see one another begin imagining a shared future together.

Over the past decade, the Inheritance Theater Project has engaged more than 15,000 people in over 20 cities across the US and beyond. Each project creates a space where curiosity replaces certainty, empathy grows through listening, and people leave with a deeper appreciation not only for one another's stories, but for their own. ■

"One story told by itself is lovely, but hundreds of stories told at the same time become this brilliant light."

—Jon Adam Ross, Co-Founder, Inheritance Theater Project



Healing Communities Across Differences

Fostering resilient relationships and building bridges.

A NEW DAWN IN THE NEGEV ISR

Creating Hope for Bedouin Youth and Community

Many Bedouin youth in Israel face limited educational opportunities, high dropout rates, and few pathways to higher education, employment, or full participation in society. These barriers leave many young people without the support they need to realize their potential.

Jamal Alkirnawi founded A New Dawn in the Negev to create a model of Bedouin-Jewish partnership that invests in the next generation. Through academic support, enrichment programs, leadership development, and cross-community engagement, the organization equips young people with the skills, confidence, and relationships to thrive. Guided by Jamal's belief that "change will only come through working together," A New Dawn in the Negev is empowering Bedouin youth while building stronger connections between Bedouin and Jewish communities to create a more inclusive future for Israel.

ELEVATE+ USA

Opening Doors Through Paid Internships

For many students from low-income and underserved communities, the path to a successful career is blocked before it begins. Without access to paid internships, professional networks, or workplace experience, they often miss opportunities that shape future success.

Drawing on more than 30 years working in Human Resources, **Andrew Walker** founded Elevate+ to change that. The organization raises funds to underwrite students' paid internships and provides mentorship and professional development — giving them the experience, skills, and confidence to thrive while helping nonprofits expand their work.

Today, Elevate+'s "double impact" model benefits both students and communities. In 2025, more than 30 students interned with 26 organizations across multiple states and industries, building brighter futures. Andrew says, "The students' success is what keeps us going."

ENGLISH B'YACHAD USA

Helping Israelis Learn English

For many young Israelis, strong English skills are essential for higher education, career opportunities, and global engagement. Yet not every student has access to the individualized practice and encouragement to become fluent.

When the pandemic halted international volunteer programs, **Marla Gamoran** transformed a challenge into an opportunity by creating English B'Yachad. The program pairs retirees and other volunteers with Israeli students for weekly one-on-one English tutoring, combining language instruction with mentorship and meaningful human connection.

Today, English B'Yachad is helping students improve their English while building confidence, friendships, and cross-cultural relationships that extend far beyond the virtual classroom. Marla says, "English B'Yachad does more than improve language skills. It builds confidence. It builds relationships. It builds connection."

EVERYDAY BOSTON USA

Sharing Stories, Building Communities

In every city, stereotypes and fear create invisible barriers between neighbors. Journalist **Cara Solomon** founded Everyday Boston to break down those barriers through the power of personal storytelling. Guided by the belief that "Stereotypes divide us and stories connect us," the organization teaches people of all ages to listen, share stories, and discover one another's humanity.

The result is a stronger, more compassionate city. Since 2015, Everyday Boston has elevated the voices of residents confronting healthcare inequities, helped incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people reclaim their narratives, empowered children and adults to become storytellers, and inspired thousands of acts of kindness through the annual distribution of more than 10,000 handwritten Valentine's Day cards. One story at a time, Everyday Boston is building more connected, resilient, and caring communities.

FATHERS FIGHTING 4 FATHERS USA

Building Strong Families

In some of Baltimore's neighborhoods, economic hardship strains families and pulls fathers away from the roles they want to play. **Markus Trent** understands those pressures intimately, and he founded Fathers Fighting 4 Fathers to address them head on. The organization equips fathers with mentoring, financial literacy training, health and wellness programs, and family breakfasts, giving them the skills and support they need to show up fully for their children.

When fathers are engaged and empowered, whole neighborhoods grow stronger. Markus says, "The reason I founded Fathers Fighting 4 Fathers was to encourage and promote family structure. Studies show that if both parents are in their children's lives in a positive manner, they are better off."

JAB CAMP USA

Combating Hate Through Sports



In many communities, young people have few safe spaces to develop confidence, leadership, and connections across racial and cultural lines. For **Jared Armstrong**, who played professional basketball in Israel, sports had been exactly that kind of transformative space. He founded JAB Camp for youth ages 6 to 14, combining elite basketball training with a curriculum covering financial literacy, nutrition, leadership, inclusion, and confronting racism and antisemitism.

Based in Philadelphia, the camp brings together players from diverse backgrounds, teaching teamwork and respect alongside the game itself. Jared says, "I want to use basketball to bring kids together and give them an outlet to forget, for a moment, about what's happening in the world."

JUST IMAGINE USA

Expanding Opportunities for Inner-City Youth

Sleep-away sumer camp is a special place where kids become independent, share experiences with new friends, unplug from the pressures of school, and, for many, a chance to prepare for the college experience ahead. Elementary school educator **Abby Sondak** understood those opportunities were not available to the children she taught. She started Just Imagine to address this gap.

Abby shares, "I was appalled at the differences between the education and experiences that children whose families have money had access to, compared to my inner-city students." Driven by that inequity, Abby has made it possible for hundreds of inner-city students to take that first important step that comes with camp experience, opening a world of opportunities.

KAIMA HUKUK ISR

Social Experience and Agriculture

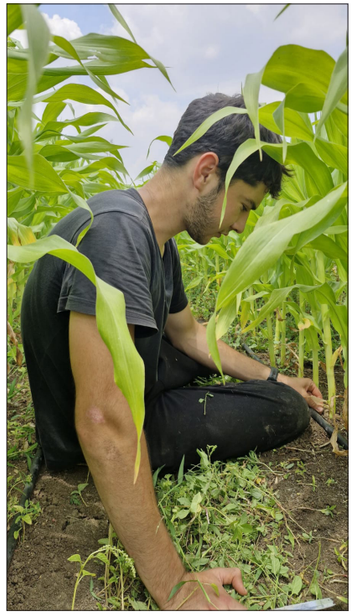
Kaima Hukuk, part of the Kaima network and situated in northern Israel, is an organic educational farm that empowers vulnerable youth, especially teens who have struggled in traditional school settings. Through its "employment as education" model, participants gain job experience, mentorship, and a supportive environment while growing organic produce sold through a community supported agriculture (CSA) program.

Founded by a group of educators led by **Asaf Zaiden** and his wife, **Efrat Noy**, Kaima Hukuk provides young people with guidance, life skills, and a chance to rebuild confidence and trust. Asaf explains, "The core mission of the farm is about building relationships with others, about helping them regain their trust in society." The patience and care required in organic farming also helps young people grow and thrive.

KAIMA NAHALAL ISR

Empowering Youth Through Social Experience and Agriculture

Kaima Nahalal farm helps young people facing personal, social, and academic challenges find direction and purpose. Raised in an agricultural community and deeply connected to the land, **Merav Carmi** witnessed firsthand the healing power of farming and established Nahalal, part of the Kaima network, after seeing the life-changing effect that working the land could have on youth struggling to find their place.



Participants develop practical skills, responsibility, and self-confidence while being part of something bigger than themselves. They grow organic produce that is sold and distributed to the community, connecting them directly to local families and reinforcing the value of their work. As Merav asserts, "This land has taught me so much about abundance and healing. It truly has all the right ingredients for transformation."

MAGEN ISR

Guidance and Support for Ethiopian Teens

More than 50% of Ethiopian Israelis live below the poverty line, and the teens within this community often navigate adolescence without the cultural grounding or resources to thrive. **Dr. Stuart Chesner**, a clinical psychologist who spent years working with youth in Israel, saw the gap clearly.

He founded Magen to fill it, offering a holistic approach that weaves together academic support, emotional development, and social skills, while helping teens explore and embrace their Ethiopian heritage. Stuart says, "I am trying hard to become one of the good people. I am uncertain as to whether my efforts will succeed, but I am convinced of the nobleness of this struggle."

REKINDLE USA

Social Change Through Black and Jewish Dialogue

Sometimes magic happens over Shabbat dinner, as it did when **Matt Fieldman** invited **Charmaine Rice** and her mother to join his table. Together, the two founded Rekindle in 2022, dedicated to rebuilding the bonds between Black and Jewish Americans forged during the Civil Rights Movement and since frayed. The Rekindle Fellowship brings leaders together for honest dialogue and shared action.

Charmaine says, "It was just such a great experience to see what that meant to my mom, having a place where she felt comfortable asking questions, learning more about a culture that's different than her own." What began in Cleveland at a welcoming Shabbat table has grown into a national movement spanning 20 cities.

SPORT - BRIDGE TO EDUCATION ISR

Empowering Vulnerable Youth through Sports

As a sports educator, **Dr. Rutie Pilz-Burstein** saw firsthand how sports could build confidence, discipline, and resilience in vulnerable youth. Inspired by that potential, she founded Sport – Bridge to Education to help children facing social, economic, and educational challenges. These structured sports programs teach skills that translate into success in school, work, and community life. Attendance and graduation rates improve, broken relationships are rebuilt, and substance abuse is reduced. Many participants go on to complete military service and serve in leadership roles.

"For these young people, sport is the first opportunity to experience success and to develop a sense of belonging, competence, and self-awareness," says Rutie. Thanks to her vision, playing sports is helping young people break cycles of failure and find new paths to responsibility and success.

SUNFLOWER OF WESTCHESTER USA

Fostering Growth and Resilience

NEW Children in foster care face complex transitions, and the families who welcome them often find themselves without adequate resources or support. Young adults who age out of the system face those challenges entirely alone. **Walter Ritz**, **Brandi Robinson**, and a team of former foster children and foster parents know these realities from the inside.

In 2024, they founded Sunflower of Westchester, offering mentorship, vocational preparation, and parent support. Like the sunflower, a symbol of resilience and hope, they help foster children and families grow toward the light. As Walt says, "Right before the pandemic, my wife Megan and I opened our home to two boys … it was the toughest thing we ever did, but it was also the best."

THE KONNECTION USA

Empowering Youth in Underserved Communities

Sharnese Harris' entire adult life has been dedicated to the betterment of children's education and growth. In Detroit, where school absenteeism is excessive, Sharnese created The Konnection to address this problem and give kids the support they need to succeed in school. "We create spaces where young people feel safe, seen, and 'konnected.' Because relationships change lives."



The organization is driven by the three K's: "Konnection Klubs" where after-school programs provide mentoring, academic tutoring, and an annual out-of-state summer trip to broaden horizons; "Konnection Kudos," a quarterly experience that rewards good attendance and excellence; and "Konnection Kloset," an intergenerational space where students can access clothing, personal hygiene products, school supplies and snacks, as well as important conversations all delivered with love and respect.

WAVES OF HOPE ISR

A New Kind of Water Therapy

Many at-risk religious and ultra Orthodox youth struggle with isolation, low self-confidence, and few opportunities to develop the skills and support they need to thrive. Former Israeli surfing champion **Eliyahu Ben Zion** saw the transformative power of the sea and founded Waves of Hope to help these young people build stronger futures.

Combining therapeutic surfing with mentorship, counseling, and life-skills training, the program teaches resilience, self-discipline, and confidence while fostering trusting relationships with caring adults. "It is amazing to see how with just one small push on the surfboard you can see a child succeed," says Eliyahu. Serving hundreds of youth each year, Waves of Hope also provides vocational training and ongoing guidance, helping participants carry the confidence they gain in the water into every aspect of their lives.

Advancing Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

Where marginalized people are seen, valued, and protected.

1IN6 SUPPORT USA

Support for Families of Children with Disabilities

Families raising children with disabilities often face isolation, overwhelming bureaucracy, and the feeling that they must navigate the journey alone. Founded by parents **Alma Schneider** and **Iris Mehler**, both parents of children with disabilities, 1in6 Support ensures no family has to face those challenges alone.

Through online forums, support groups, counseling, equipment exchanges, and educational programs, 1in6 Support gives families practical resources, emotional support, and the confidence to advocate for their children. As co-founder Alma Schneider explains, "We want families to feel less isolated and more empowered to advocate for their children."

By fostering connection and confidence, 1in6 Support helps build more inclusive communities where children with disabilities — and the families who love them — can flourish.

BRIT HA'LEVIOT- PRIDE OF LIONESSES ISR

Support for Gender Diverse Youth and Families

When **Merav Livni Keish**'s son, Almog, embraced his true gender identity, Merav discovered just how little support existed for transgender and gender-diverse youth and their families. At a time of widespread misunderstanding and stigma, parents often faced the journey alone, without reliable information, community, or guidance.

Inspired by her own experience, Merav founded Brit Ha'Leviot so that families with transgender and gender-diverse kids could find understanding, practical support, and hope. Today, the organization serves more than 450 families while educating the broader public and advocating for more inclusive policies and institutions.

Guided by Merav's simple but powerful belief — "Our children need our love" — Brit Ha'Leviot is helping families replace fear with acceptance and ensuring that transgender and gender-diverse young people can grow up with the dignity, affirmation, and support they deserve.

CARAVAN TO CLASS USA

Advancing Education in West Africa

Across West Africa, talented young women have the potential to become leaders and changemakers, but poverty and limited access to higher education stand in their way. After a life-changing journey through the region, retired executive **Barry Hoffner** founded Caravan to Class to help these women. What began with building schools in Mali has grown into a broader investment in young women through the Bourse Jackie Scholarships, established in memory of his late wife. The program provides university scholarships, English-language immersion in Ghana, and leadership development through the West African Women's Speakers Forum.

Guided by Barry's conviction that "talent among young women is abundant; opportunity is not," Caravan to Class is cultivating a new generation of educated, confident women who are working to build their communities and shape a brighter future across West Africa.

CIVIC SPIRIT USA

Civic Learning for the Next Generation

Too many young people lack the skills, confidence, or experience they need to participate meaningfully in democracy. Recognizing this growing challenge, **Rabbi Robert Hirt, Virginia Bayar**, and **Dr. Tamara Tweel** founded Civic Spirit in 2016 to bring high-quality civic education and democratic values into faith-based schools across the country.

Today, under the leadership of Executive Director **Rabbi Charlie Savenor**, Civic Spirit equips students and educators with the tools to engage across differences, think critically, and lead with integrity. Through its curriculum and leadership programs, the organization is building a new generation of civic leaders who are prepared to ensure the future of American democracy. Rabbi Savenor says, "We are helping students find their voices, build connections, and make thoughtful decisions about the kind of society they want to live in."

COLLECTIVE LAVO B'TOV ISR

Empowering People with Disabilities

People with disabilities are too often reduced to their limitations and, during times of crisis, they do not receive the support they need. Mentor **Rachel Kolette Wheeler** and her former mentee **Shoshi Margolin** co-founded Collective Lavo B'Tov to change that reality. Through programs that respond to everyday challenges and the demands of conflict, the organization equips people with disabilities to build confidence, develop resilience, and participate fully in their communities. As Rachel says, "Real inclusion begins when we stop asking, 'What is the disability?' and start asking, 'Who is the person in front of me?"

FIND YOUR VOICE NOW USA

Empowering Women to Break Free

NEW Too many women trapped in toxic relationships suffer in silence and isolation. After meeting and discovering a shared passion for helping these women, **Annie Roth** and **Mary Ellen Bartlett** founded Find Your Voice Now in 2022 to ensure no woman navigates that journey alone. Through free coaching, workshops, and peer support, the organization has helped thousands of women across the US and around the world rebuild their lives. Today that support extends to men and teens as well. Annie shares, "Healing does not take place in isolation. It happens in a community."

KOL HASORDOT: SURVIVOR VOICES ISR

From Survival to Social Change

NEW Human trafficking endangers young people and isolates survivors. In Israel, the women of Kol Hasordot: Survivor Voices are speaking out. Survivors of sex trafficking themselves, they educate police officers, students, and others, in how to recognize and resist exploitation. They serve as a force for cultural change and as role models for people trying to escape the sex trade. One of the founders shared, "If we made it out, then we can make social change to save others."

INTERNATIONAL NEIGHBORS USA

Neighbors Helping Newcomers



Refugees and Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) families who arrive in the US face isolation, language barriers, and the challenge of building a new life without support. After years as an educator and Peace Corps volunteer, **Kari Miller** saw these struggles firsthand while working with refugee students and their families. In 2015, she founded International Neighbors to pair newcomers with local volunteers who offer assistance, friendship, and connections. Today, International Neighbors is helping refugee and SIV families thrive. Kari says, "It's all about showing up and saying, 'We're here with you.'"

WOMEN PALANTE USA

Supporting Latina Entrepreneurs

As an immigrant from Colombia and a single mother who built a career in business, **Yurani Sandoval** understands the challenges many Latinas face: racism, exclusion, language barriers, and cultural isolation. She founded Women Palante ("Onward!") to equip Latina women with the resources, support, and confidence to succeed as entrepreneurs. "Entrepreneurship for Latinas is a vehicle for growth, both personally and economically," she explains. "It gives us the freedom to be flexible with our time, provide for our family, and develop a sense of identity as we build something that conforms to our strengths."

ISRAELI TRANSGENDER ASSOCIATION ISR

Family for Trans Women

After being rejected by her family as a young transgender woman, **Linor Abergel** endured homelessness, poverty, and sex work before transforming her journey into a mission of hope for others. She founded the Israeli Transgender Association to provide a safe, affirming community for Israel's most vulnerable transgender women, particularly those from religious, immigrant, and marginalized communities.

Through its Tel Aviv community center, known as the Trans Home, the organization offers meals, clothing, social services, advocacy, cultural programming, and a welcoming place to belong. By addressing immediate needs while advancing dignity, housing, and equal opportunity, the Israeli Transgender Association ensures that transgender women are not only seen and supported, but empowered to build safer, healthier, and more hopeful lives.

NEW NEIGHBORS PARTNERSHIP USA

Connecting Refugees to Their New Neighbors

For refugee families, starting over often means navigating an unfamiliar country without the relationships that turn a place into a home. **Shoshana Akabas Barzel** founded New Neighbors Partnership to transform acts of giving into lasting relationships. The organization pairs refugee families with local families whose children are slightly older, allowing clothing and other essentials to be shared directly from one family to another. Community gatherings and multicultural potluck dinners deepen those connections, creating opportunities for neighbors to meet as equals and learn from one another.

What begins with a bag of children's clothes often grows into friendship, mutual support, and a genuine sense of belonging. By using generosity as a bridge to build relationships, New Neighbors Partnership helps refugees build new lives while creating stronger, more welcoming communities for everyone.



NIVCHAROT ISR

Amplifying the Voices of Haredi Women

For generations, Haredi women have been absent from public leadership and decision-making. Rather than accept this reality, activist **Esty Shushan** chose to work for change from within the Orthodox community she loves. "Being criticized does not mean I have to leave my community," she says. "It means I have to stay and try to fix it."

Through leadership cohorts, educational programs, media initiatives, and a widely followed podcast, Nivcharot equips Haredi women with the knowledge, confidence, and skills to engage in civic life while remaining rooted in their religious values.

As more women step into positions of influence, Nivcharot is helping reshape what leadership can look like in Haredi society — ensuring that women's voices are increasingly heard, valued, and represented where decisions are made.

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK ISR

Fostering Mutual Understanding

For generations, Arabic-speaking communities had little to no access to accurate information about Jewish faith and culture. Misunderstanding and distance between these communities created fertile ground for conflict. **Rabbi Elhanan Miller**, a Jerusalem educator and journalist fluent in Arabic, saw this void and stepped forward to address it.

Through social media videos in Arabic, he brings Jewish life to millions of viewers across the Middle East and beyond, using interviews, cartoons, and educational content to showcase the depth and diversity of Jewish experience. Today, People of the Book reaches audiences who encounter authentic Jewish culture for the first time. Elhanan says, "Through open and honest dialogue with my Arab viewers, I strive to break down cultural and religious barriers."

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE ALLIANCE USA

For Refugees in South Florida, A Helping Hand

For refugee and immigrant families, building a stable life in a new country often means overcoming language barriers, finding housing, navigating unfamiliar systems, and creating a sense of belonging, all in an increasingly challenging political climate.

Inspired by her own military family's experience of repeatedly starting over in new communities, **Kristen Bloom** founded Refugee Assistance Alliance (RAA) to ensure newcomers to South Florida would not face those challenges alone. Through housing assistance, mentorship, English-language classes, and practical support, RAA helps refugee and immigrant families put down roots and build confident, independent lives. Last year alone, RAA served more than 200 refugees, fostering the connections and community that turn a place of resettlement into a true home. Kristen says, "We want them to feel this is their new home, feel excited, and feel welcome here."

SIDREH ISR

Empowering Bedouin Women in the Negev

NEW Bedouin women in Israel's Negev Desert have long faced profound disadvantages: high rates of illiteracy, economic exclusion, and deep cultural barriers to participation in public life. Without education or income of their own, many remained isolated and invisible. Founded in the Bedouin city of Lakiya, Sidreh set out to change that. The organization provides literacy classes, vocational training, leadership development, and the Lakiya Weaving cooperative, which generates sustainable income through traditional textile craft.

Today more than 1,400 Bedouin women can read and write because of Sidreh. Director **Khadra El Saneh** says, "If a woman has education and economic empowerment, she can have more control, make decisions, and be useful to her society and her family."



SPEAKING JERUSALEM ISR

Building Bridges Through Language and Connection

NEW Jerusalem is one of the world's most divided cities. In East Jerusalem, Palestinian women face 70% unemployment, a lack of Hebrew proficiency, and little connection to the jobs and opportunities found in the western part of the city. Only one in four Palestinian women in Jerusalem speaks Hebrew.

Suzan Sayyed and **Lior Urian** co-direct Speaking Jerusalem, bridging that divide through language exchanges and programs built around experiences, employment, learning, and family connection. Today over 3,000 women participate. Suzan, the organization's very first volunteer and now one of its directors, says, "I started to see the people behind the language. I chose to stay for eight years and now have the honor of improving other women's lives."

SPIRIT CLUB FOUNDATION USA

Fostering Physical Fitness for People with Disabilities

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities are too often excluded from fitness spaces, missing the physical, emotional, and social benefits of exercise while confronting stereotypes about their abilities.

Fitness professional **Jared Ciner** founded SPIRIT Club to change that. Through adaptive fitness programs, inclusive gyms, and employment opportunities for trainers with disabilities, Spirit Club, and the aligning Spirit Club Foundation that provides scholarships for access, create places where everyone can thrive. One standout trainer, Sam, began as a participant, proving what is possible. Jared says, "A lot of people think people with disabilities can't necessarily work out. Sam proves that wrong." Today, SPIRIT Club is building confidence, independence, and an inclusive vision of fitness for all. By removing barriers to participation, SPIRIT Club is reshaping perceptions, demonstrating that fitness truly is for everyone.

TAG MEIR ISR

Growing Co-Existence

Acts of hate and terror can leave communities feeling isolated, fearful, and abandoned. After witnessing a rise in hate crimes and growing polarization in society, **Gadi Gvaryahu** founded Tag Meir in 2011 to ensure that compassion would always be louder than hatred.

When mosques, churches, synagogues, or Arab families are targeted, Tag Meir mobilizes Israelis from across society to stand alongside those affected with flowers, figs, visits, and messages of solidarity. These simple but powerful acts affirm a shared humanity and reject the silence that so often follows violence. As Gadi says, "If there is an attack of hate, we want to be with the victims. We tell them they are not alone." By transforming moments of division into opportunities for connection, Tag Meir is helping build a more compassionate Israel, one where solidarity, dignity, and coexistence triumph over fear and hate.

THE ROAD TO RECOVERY ISR

Transporting Patients, Delivering Hope

Founded by **Yuval Roth**, who lost his brother in a terrorist attack, Road to Recovery has transformed personal tragedy into a mission of compassion and coexistence. Believing that healing begins with human connection, Yuval created a volunteer network that transports Palestinian patients, many of them children, from checkpoints in the West Bank and Gaza to Israeli hospitals for lifesaving medical care.

Today, joined by **Yael Noy**, 1,300 Israeli volunteers complete approximately 10,000 journeys each year, helping more than 2,700 patients reach treatment while traveling over 1.6 million kilometers annually. As Yuval says, "These encounters break down barriers. Every ride becomes an opportunity for people to see one another not as enemies, but as human beings, proving that compassion can bridge even the deepest divides."



TRANSPARENT USA

Empowering Children to Live Authentically

When a child comes out as transgender, many families face unfamiliar challenges, fear, and discrimination. **Susan Halla**, leader of TransParent, works to ensure that no family has to face that journey alone. As she reminds people, "These are kids just like yours. Please just see them as kids."

TransParent equips parents with the knowledge, community, and advocacy tools they need to help their children live authentically. Through support groups in more than ten states, resources for families, a chapter-starting toolkit, and advocacy training at the local and state levels, the organization transforms uncertainty into confidence and isolation into connection. By empowering families to advocate for their children, TransParent is helping to establish communities where transgender young people can thrive with dignity, acceptance, and hope.

TRIBETALK USA

Confronting Antisemitism with Education

On school campuses across the country, Jewish students often face a troubling landscape: antisemitic harassment and growing pressure to hide or abandon their Jewish identity. **Michelle Black**, **Robin Friedman**, and **Jude Sydney,** three Massachusetts parents who saw their own children unprepared for these realities, founded TribeTalk in 2020 to change that.

TribeTalk empowers students with the tools, confidence, and knowledge they need to attend school equipped to wear their identities proudly, navigate complexity, and confront potential hatred with resiliency and skills. As Jude says, "We are providing a shield for Jewish students to move through their spaces. They will be street smart, informed, tactical, and practical."

Celebrating 18 Years of Good

We celebrated our 18th anniversary with special gatherings in Tel Aviv and New Jersey that brought together grantees, supporters, board members, and friends of the Good People Fund.

These joyful celebrations honored the visionary grassroots changemakers at the heart of our work while celebrating our staff, generous supporters, and community partners who make it all possible. Together, we reflected on 18 years of impact and looked ahead to the next 18 with gratitude, hope, and excitement.









Our Purpose

The Good People Fund exists to find and support ordinary people with extraordinary drive who are making a profound difference in communities across the United States and Israel. We find them, invest in them, mentor them, and champion their work. Then we watch as lives are changed and creative, lasting solutions to seemingly intractable social and economic challenges take root and flourish.

Our driving value is tikkun olam, repair of the world, and our extended family of visionaries, supporters, and donors embrace the notion that small actions lead to huge impacts.

OUR VISION

A world in which individuals can utilize their passion and creativity to make a positive impact in their community.

OUR MISSION

The Good People Fund identifies creative visionaries addressing compelling societal challenges in the U.S. and Israel and provides them with financial support, mentorship, education, and a supportive community.

OUR VALUES

- **The Power of Good People.** We believe one person can change the lives of others, and we invest in efforts that make a meaningful difference in people's lives. Small actions lead to huge impacts, and our support amplifies the work of our Good People.
- **Tikkun Olam.** We are grounded in the Jewish concept of tikkun olam, repairing the world, our inherent responsibility to help make the world a better place for all.
- **Kindness.** We lead with kindness that fosters trust, strengthens bonds between people, and encourages empathy and openness to possibility. Kindness drives ethical decision making and is the foundation of our good work.
- **Trust.** Our work is anchored by respect, transparency, purpose, and connection. Trust enables us to be adaptable, move quickly, and provide unique support because of our deep knowledge of, and relationship with, our community.
- **Community.** We strive to create a community of belonging and support.

Our Impact

Behind every powerful idea is a person who needs more than funding to succeed. At the Good People Fund, funding is just the beginning. We invest in people: their visions, their leadership, and their capacity to make a lasting impact. Here's what that looks like:

Strengthening strategies

Through professional development opportunities in fundraising, communications, and organizational planning, we help our grantees take great ideas to the next level.

"When I come to you with a challenge I'm facing, you say, 'I have an exciting idea for you' and then you give me new ways for how to approach that challenge."

— Abby Sondak, Just Imagine

Mentoring leaders and creating community

Through one-to-one mentorship rooted in care, we offer guidance, perspective, and trust when the work gets hard. We convene grantees and partners for learning and connection.

"Good People Fund has given me the tools, resources, professional development, and confidence to be the best leader I can be."

— Erin Stieglitz, Bagel Rescue

Opening doors to new funders

By connecting grantees with aligned funders and partners, we expand what's possible by putting our grantees "on the map" in a crowded landscape.

"Thank you for helping us see and dream, and believe in what is possible. Your 'goodness' pushes us forward."

— Daniella Seltzer, JLM Food Rescuers

We don't just fund good work. We help it grow — thoughtfully and sustainably.

Message from Beth

This is an extraordinary time for the Good People Fund and I am honored to serve as Chair of the Board. We continue to celebrate our 18-year anniversary as we welcome Julie Fisher, our new Executive Director. I am deeply grateful to Naomi Eisenberger for the vision, heart, and relationships that have shaped this organization. Our Board is excited to partner with Julie to build on this strong foundation and deepen our impact.

For nearly two decades, the Good People Fund has demonstrated what can happen when we put our trust in passionate, determined people who respond to needs in their communities. Our grantees remind us that meaningful change often begins small — with one person who notices, cares, and decides to act.

In the pages of this Journal of Good, I hope you'll feel the same sense of pride and possibility that I do. These stories reflect not only the exceptional work of our changemakers, but also the donors, volunteers, mentors, and partners who make our work possible. In collaboration with our dynamic partners, we are deepening our impact for the future.

I am especially struck by how many supporters have been with us for over 18 years. It is their loyalty that elevates the mission of the Good People Fund. Our donors don't simply support us; they are part of a community that believes in this very personal approach to tzedakah.

Thank you for being part of our community — and for helping good people do life-changing work.

With gratitude,



Beth Gansky
Board Chair

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Questions? Call Julie at 202-695-5919.

2 Share our stories.
Introduce your friends, family, and colleagues to the inspiring people and organizations in these pages. Our Journal of Good is also available online, and we're happy to send additional print copies for you to share.

3 Stay connected.
Join our e-list and follow the Good People Fund on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram for stories, updates, and inspiration. Questions? Contact julie@goodpeoplefund.org.

4 Gather with us.
Join us for virtual and in-person events that bring our community together to learn, connect, and celebrate good people doing good in the world. Visit goodpeoplefund.org to see what's coming up.

5 Leave a legacy of good.
Planned gifts, including bequests and life insurance, will ensure that the Good People Fund continues to identify, nurture, and support extraordinary changemakers for generations to come. Your support will help us sustain our work into the future.



"I've included the Good People Fund in my legacy giving because I want this vital work to continue for generations. I hope you'll join me."
—Jordan Harburger

Use the QR Code to find us online or to make a donation.

Financials

Your generosity, put to work.

The Good People Fund is committed to thoughtful stewardship of every dollar entrusted to us. Your support allows us to invest not only in core grant-making, but also in the mentoring, guidance, education, and support that help emerging social visionaries build strong and sustainable organizations.

How We Used Our Resources

93.6% |
Programs, Grants & Grantee Support
Direct grants and the mentoring, education, resources, and hands-on support we provide to our grantees.

4.4% |
Management & General
The people, systems, governance, and infra-structure that allow us to operate responsibly and effectively.

2% |
Fundraising & Engagement
The resources that help us build and sustain the community who make this work possible.

THE GOOD PEOPLE FUND, INC.

Condensed Financial Schedule for Journal of Good
Year Ended June 30, 2026

Revenue and Support	Without Donor Preferences	With Donor Preferences	Fund for the Future	Total
Contributions & Pledges	$1,266,122	$3,147,578	$2,299,881*	$6,713,581
Special Event			$53,022	$53,022
Investment Income	$23,685		$8,772	$32,457
Total Revenue and Support	**$1,289,807**	**$3,147,578**	**$2,361,675**	**$6,799,060**

* Includes $1,417,798 multi-year pledges not yet received.
Donor preferences represent recommendations regarding the use of contributions. GPF retains ultimate discretion and control over these funds.

How We Invested Our Resources	Program Services	Management & General	Fundraising/Engagement	Total
Grants to Social Visionaries	$4,114,651	-	-	$4,114,651
Personnel & Administrative Support	$163,909	$136,200	$35,133	$335,242
Engagement, Marketing & Conferences	$93,391	$22,345	$39,916	$155,652
Professional & Organizational Support	$7,118	$30,440	$1,421	$38,979
Technology, Office & Other	$12,856	$13,178	$14,176	$40,210
Travel & Lodging	$11,564	$2,891	$4,818	$19,273
Total Grants & Expenses**	**$4,403,489**	**$205,054**	**$95,464**	**$4,704,007**

** Includes $363,799 of expenses supported by the Fund for the Future and allocated $155,000 in grants to Social Visionaries and $208,799 across the remaining categories.

Net Asset Summary	General Fund Balance	Fund for the Future Balance	Total
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	$520,535	-$26,056***	$494,479
Change in Net Assets	$87,127	$2,007,926	$2,095,053
Net Assets - End of Year	**$607,662**	**$1,981,870**	**$2,589,532**

General Fund and Fund for the Future balances reflect internal fund allocations rather than separate GAAP net asset classifications.
*** GPF allocated certain FY2025 expenses to the Fund for the Future before sufficient contributions had been received.

Fund for the Future
The Fund for the Future was established to strengthen GPF's long-term sustainability and support its work during periods of organizational growth and transition. FY2026 Total Revenue and Support of $2,361,675 was split $943,877 in cash received and $1,417,798 in multi-year pledges receivable through March 2030.

Looking Ahead: The Board has approved the use of $350,000 from the Fund for the Future in FY2027 to support GPF's operating costs, providing additional financial stability as GPF continues its leadership transition and enters its next chapter.

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AL-BAQOUR	20,000	
THE FORGOTTEN PEOPLE FUND	31,769	
JEREMY'S CIRCLE	152,156	
KAIMA	94,052	
S.A.H.I.	32,301	
SAHAR	15,820	
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SHALHEVET	4,074	
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NEW = NEW TO GPF AS OF 7/1/26

•A PORTION OR ALL OF THIS GRANT WAS DONOR-RECOMMENDED

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