



Over and Above Projects for Hof Ashkelon

1. Security Vehicle

Due to the daily and on going security situation in the region, it is incumbent that the security officer of the region be able to quickly access sites that have been attacked or have the potential of being attacked. The terrain is often off the beaten path, through agricultural fields and other open land. The vehicle is used daily for checks on schools, kindergartens, at public events, and allows the security officer to reach the scene of attacks and security related problems immediately, sometimes across fields and in areas where there are no roads. Their Isuzu jeep was purchased 4 years ago and they need a replacement. The cost of a new jeep is 400,000 NIS and the sale of the old jeep and additional funds from the Ministry of Defense amounts to 250,000 NIS. The sum requested is 200,000 NIS divided by 3.8 = **\$52,631**

2. Tzachi – Community Emergency Teams

In times of emergencies, these local teams are the first ones on the scene to respond to the immediate needs of those injured (physically and mentally). These teams in each community are composed of 10 to 15 local residents who volunteer their services. The local teams are divided into sub-teams according to their skills and professions (nurses, social workers, educators, psychologists if present in the community, etc.). In the case of an emergency, they will be the first ones to respond and will continue to give support to the individuals and their families and friends after the attack. The team will be directed by the director of the Protection Center in Hof Ashkelon, a social worker, and will work in coordination with the region's departments of security, education, and welfare.

Due to the present security situation, the teams need to be well trained and mentored. The following areas of support are being requested:

- a) Workshops to give all the members of the teams the ability to deal with the delicate situations of tension and pressure. 5,000 NIS x 3 workshops = 15,000 = **\$3,950**
- b) Equipment – two way radio communication device needed to keep teams connected to community security officer, regional security officer, and the army. Every local community team will have 5 members outfitted with the communications equipment (mirs) that will be adapted to the topographic features of the area. 5 units x 6 communities x 4,500 NIS including service for 3 years = 135,000 NIS = **\$35,500**
- c) Helmets and bulletproof vests – Most of the team's work will be under the threat of falling missiles. In order to protect their individual security, there is a need for helmets and vests. 2,500 NIS x 60 = 150,000 NIS = **\$39,500**
- d) Relax and recreation meetings for the individual community teams and all the teams together (60 people) 30,000 NIS = **\$7,900**

3. Ometz

Hof Ashkelon also would like to continue Ometz which enables teens with learning problems, bad grades, and close to dropping out or being kicked out of high school to get a second chance and learn in small groups especially for the matriculation exams. The intensive learning has been very successful in "saving" the lives of students who are not able to cope with the normal learning environment. After a year of Ometz, these students change their study habits and their self image and are able to



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be integrated into classes, finish high school, and pass their matriculation exams. The program has proven itself in the past and the Shikma School in Yad Mordechai would like to create a 9th grade class and would include counseling and help in integrating educationally in the first half of the 10th grade. The price for the program for a year is **\$13,000**.

4. **Tafnit** is an intensive educational program for elementary school students. The first stage of the program is to close the gap between children in the lowest quarter of their class and the rest of the class. The students receive one-on-one and small group tutoring from specially trained teachers. In the second stage of the program, the entire classroom participates in learning how to implement the tools of Tafnit, working together as an integral body in order to preserve the achievements and to extend the benefits to the whole class. The program operates in 3 of Hof Ashkelon's schools and the request is to open the program in the Hofim School on Yad Mordechai which is subject to missile fire. The request is for additional grade levels and for additional subjects like English. Cost: **\$18,500**

5. **Paramedical Treatments**

Due to the daily pressure of the security situation on the lives of the residents of the region who live under the threat of missiles and other attacks, there is a great need to provide psychological help to deal with the marked increase of fear amongst children, teens, and adults. This fear has resulted in problems in learning, in concentration, in regression and dependency, in specific fears, and generalized anxiety. A request for **\$27,000** is being requested for 23 children/adults in a range of psychological/social treatments.