



Over and Above Projects for Kiryat Malachi

1. Youth Center

One of the most severe criticisms of youth towards Kiryat Malachi is that "there is nothing for us to do here". No place to go, no place to hang out, no place to socialize, no place to call their own. The following is a proposal for the creation of a youth center in the Kibbutz Galiyot neighborhood of Kiryat Malachi. In the center of the neighborhood, adjacent to the old community center, now Beit Novea, is a free standing building that in the past served as a subsidized dental clinic, then the center for Ethiopian culture, and now designated for a youth center. The center is very enthusiastic about turning this building into such a center. The youth have drawn up a tentative plan as to how such a center would be run and organized. This would finally give a place for kids to hang out and to be engaged in positive programming in a place of their own.

There is a need to refurbish the building- Repair the windows, Paint the entire interior, Air conditioning, Network for electricity and computers (for cafe internet with 6 to 8 stations), New flooring in the entrance to the center, Repair of emergency lights, Repair of existing floor, and Curtains.

Cost for refurbishing 65,000 NIS / 3.8 = \$17,105

There is also a need for Equipment - ComputerPrinter/fax/copymachine, Laptop, Projector, Screen, Blackboards, Office refrigerator, Digital camera, Video camera, Hot and cold water dispenser. Cost 26,000 NIS / 3.8 = \$6,842

Total \$23,947 (This is a rough estimate. If the Youth Council agrees to take the program over, they will move in with all of their equipment and this will mean a savings on some of the items.)

2. Security Vehicle

Kiryat Malachi received a security vehicle in 2003. The security officer and volunteers use the vehicle to make their rounds to schools and kindergartens, and at public programs and events. The sale price for what they have is 71,000 NIS. A new vehicle is 342,799 NIS. KM would like a contribution to cover the difference - 271,000 NIS divided by 3.8 to a dollar = **\$71,315**.

3. Aharai !

The Aharai (national NGO run by idealistic youth) goal is to develop and cultivate a young leadership cadre among youth from underprivileged communities. The movement's core project is an IDF preparatory course that combines physical and mental preparation for military service alongside young leadership training. The projects targets 15-19 year old boys and girls - youth from high schools, boarding schools, at-risk youth and former delinquents as well as their peers who have completely dropped out of the educational system. This program was implemented in KM last year, is continuing this year while waiting for supplemental funding. It has greatly impacted many of the youth in KM and has brought more than 30 youth to believe in themselves, enter a significant unit in the IDF and trained future leadership. The cost of the program is \$23,000 to which there is a need to **\$18,000** matched funds.



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4. Special Needs Theater

If this year's final show is an example, the program is of tremendous benefit to these young adults with special needs, their families and friends, and indeed to the entire town who learn through these productions to value the "other". A group of 20 young adults attend weekly programs and work on story telling and dramatic technique which allows them to gain self confidence and skill and to show the general public that they are individuals of worth. The budget calls for a director's salary of 41,888 NIS, transportation to and from rehearsals (6,937 NIS), and the final production (11,625 NIS). The request is for **\$12,000**.

5. Youth City

This is a project designed to empower the youth council and the student leadership to run a 2 day program of entertainment and culture for the population of the entire city. It would consist of street performances, bazaar, performances by local groups, and performances of at least one "name" group. The program is expected to attract 5,000 people. It is important for the people of KM, many who can not afford cultural events, who often feel culturally underprivileged. The program will also be a vehicle to market TIPS and to market the Youth Council and the Student Leadership programs. It will hopefully be used to provide an entry to many more volunteers to be active in KM.

The youth and students will begin organizing as soon as there is a green light for funding. They will be responsible for planning the events of each day. They will work on the logistics, security, and fiscal side of the event with adults from the city and local community center.

The budget will cover: the salary of the security engineer, construction of stage, electrician, ambulance of Magen David Adom, fire department \$4,000; fencing, generator, booths, lighting, cleaning after the event \$10,000; artists, sound system, stage, security, inflatable children's apparatus, food, pictures \$21,000.

The city will raise \$10,000 from other sources and would like **\$25,000** from an overseas source.

6. Stadium Stands

The city is asking for help in repairing the seating in the local soccer stadium. It needs **\$80,000** to rebuild the walls, flooring, and seating for the stadium. Today, the sport's teams of KM are doing very well and are attracting national as well as local attention. The seating in the stadium is unfortunately a disaster and gives the town a bad name. Even partial funding will help give local residents an opportunity to cheer on their teams and give the local town a better image when others come to see the local games.

7. All Night Emergency Clinic

An all night emergency health clinic exists in Kiryat Malachi for the last 5 years. This clinic has been critical in dealing with emergency health situations during the hours that



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the regular health clinics in the city are no longer open. This means that they are open from 7:00 PM till 7:00 AM including Shabbat and holidays.

Previously, in case of an emergency, an individual would have to go to a hospital or in the case of the poor, wait till the Kupat Holim clinic would open. Calling a private doctor or even for an ambulance was often out of the question for the really poor who do not own cars and can not live on their low Israeli social security payments (50% of the population are welfare recipients). The all night clinic has been a tremendous blessing for the over all health care of the residents of Kiryat Malachi. Many lives have been saved by the clinic's interventions.

The following are the monthly expenses of the clinic: Doctors' salaries \$4,761; Equipment and medicine 1,666; Secretary \$900. The individuals are asked to pay a fee of \$11 and the various Kupot Holim health services pay a matching amount. However, there is a shortfall of \$1,000 per month (not all patients can afford the fee).

The request is for **\$12,000** to pay for one year of maintaining the emergency health clinic in Kiryat Malachi.

8. Supportive Community for Senior Citizens

This program runs in Kiryat Malachi today at the Day Center for Senior Citizens. There are presently 135 seniors from 105 households currently in the program. 80 of the households are veteran Israelis. 13 are from Ethiopian. 11 from the FSU and 1 is from Argentina.

Each participant is charged based on their income and to what degree they live on social security payments. Someone who subsists on payments above the average wage must pay 99.25 NIS a month which is the true cost of the program. Someone just on social security pays 45 NIS. Someone on a low pension pays 60 NIS a month.

The JDC which initiated the program reduces its participation each year. This year, it pays only 25,000 NIS out of a total budget of 201,000 NIS. If the number of people enrolled in the program could reach 200, it would pay for itself. Unfortunately, they are not there yet although a new recruitment drive is to be made this year. There will be a shortfall of 76,000 NIS this year which really endangers the continuation of the program.

The program is an excellent one and really makes a difference in helping seniors stay independent. It would be a shame if they had to close the program up. However, there is a limit as to how long they can stay in the red.

\$18,000 would enable the program to have a chance to build a larger base and be able to break even.

9. Re-flooring the Dance Studio

The Community Center of Kiryat Malachi recently began a new dance program. An 18 year old talented dance teacher leads over a 100 teenagers in modern and jazz dance. He is very dynamic and this is the first time that the city has ever offered dance to teenagers. Most of these kids are also involved in the TIPS' Art City Project.

Unfortunately, they use a room that today has a normal tile floor. The floor is dangerous to the dancers and many of have already been injured on it. Others hold back their



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exertions in fear of injury. It is incumbent that a new floor be provided so that these kids can fulfill their potential. A second hall also needs a new floor which would allow the dance program to really expand and flourish.

Provision of fireproof PVC flooring in the style of wood that is 6 millimeters thick and includes sponge matting and cost of laying the floor

110 square meters X 185 = 20,350 NIS; Preparation and spaddeling of floor before laying the PVC 108 square meters X 15 = 1,620 NIS; Provision and attachment of PVC to baseboard so that water does not seep under floor 40 square meters X 8 = 320 NIS with 15.5% VAT **TOTAL 25,744.95 / \$3.85 = \$6,687**

If a similar sum could be found, a second hall could be outfitted with PVC. The dance program is desperate for at least one hall.

10. Improving the Acoustics of the Kiryat Malachi Music Center

Hundreds of children learn to play musical instruments at the Music Center which employs many olim from the FSU as teachers. Unfortunately, the center uses rooms that are acoustically inferior with sound going from one room to the next disturbing those who are playing in adjoining rooms. A minimal plan to improve the acoustics by 35% would cost \$10,880. A plan that would improve the acoustics by 90% would involve major reconstruction of the ceiling and walls and would cost **\$20,000**. Conditions in the rooms today are quite dismal and are a negative factor in the development of the children's musical talents.

11. Warm Up Sweatshirts and Pants for Children's Soccer

Over 100 children play soccer in the framework of the city's soccer school. In the winter, the children play in t-shirts and shorts. The city sport's department asks that 100 sweat shirts and pants be donated. The cost of such a donation is 150 NIS x 100 children = 15,000 NIS = **\$3,950**

12. Yad Rachel - Center for Teenagers with Emotional and Behavioral Problems

This program is for at least 16 children between the ages of 11 and 15 years old who suffer from severe emotional problems which are manifest by anti-social behavior in school, in the street, and in the home. These kids are the hard core who constantly disrupt their classrooms and makes it impossible for teachers to teach. These children require a serious regimen of treatment including a psychologist, art therapy, social workers to help the parents and the schools. The Ministry of Welfare is willing to give 75% of the cost of this project but the city must come up with 25%. The city does not have the funds and these children lose the treatment that they are entitled to. This program is strongly supported by both the head of the Welfare Department and the head of the Education Department, as well as the national Welfare Ministry. The children come from low income families who do not have the means to go to private therapy. **\$18,000** is the 25% needed by the city to receive the Ministry's 75%. Support of this program will drastically improve behavior in the schools and allow teachers to spend time in teaching as opposed to attempts to maintain a minimal level of order.

13. Center for the Disabled

There are 37 individuals in Kiryat Malachi who suffer from conditions such as C.P. These individuals are mentally alert but physically incapacitated. A club has been formed for them



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to meet five times a week. The Ministry of Welfare is willing to fund 75% of the costs but the city must come up with 25% which is **\$4,000**. A counselor will be hired and the group will be able to have organized programs and discussions.

14. Or Shalom - Children and Parents' Center

There are at least 50 families where children between the ages of five and twelve are in danger of neglect or abuse. The Ministry of Welfare would like to set up a last chance stop before the children are removed from such families by the court system. At this center the parents and approximately 50 children would be given treatment in learning how to relate properly to their children and for the children who have come from such families to learn ways to handle the traumas in a healthy way. Psychologist, social workers, art therapist, in house coordinator are needed. The Ministry is willing to give 75% of the cost if the city can come up with 25%. The JDC is also involved with this program. **\$13,500** is needed to leverage the government's money.

15. Subsidies for Welfare Families for Chugim at the Matnas

There are over 150 children whose parents can not afford to pay for chugim after school. There are strict criteria as to who can receive the subsidies. Social workers of the Welfare Department weigh family income, number of children, health and status of parents and children. Each family must pay a minimum payment and with a subsidy of 500 NIS, the child can attend a basic chug or summer day camp. Approximately, **\$17,500** is needed in Kiryat Malachi and about **\$7,000** for Hof Ashkelon.

16. Summer Day Camp for the Developmentally Challenged

The Kiryat Malachi Department of Welfare runs a day camp in August for 47 developmentally challenged children between the ages of 12 and 18. These children have serious mental and physical limitations and the summer camp is one of the most exciting and re-energizing experience of their lives. The camp has one paid counselor and almost 20 volunteers from the community who help in outings, swim days at the pool, running the programs, and feeding and taking care of the "campers". The program is also a community building and pride building program. **\$4,000** is needed to ensure that the 3 week program can be run beyond what the meager budget of the city provides.

17. Ometz

Ometz 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. The program has proven itself in the past. The price for the program for a year is **\$20,000**.

18. **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



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Kiryat Malachi would like to add another elementary school and expand the work in the 2 high schools and requests an additional **\$23,000** for this program which transforms both the individuals and the educational system.

19. Youth Clinic

The clinic answers the needs of young women who need discrete, readily available, multi-disciplinary, free treatment of medical, psychological, and emotional disorders. Almost 200 of those using the clinic from Kiryat Malachi are young women from the Ethiopian community. Another 200 are from 3 nearby regional councils. The problems are numerous and very serious ranging from eating disorders to abuse and neglect, drug and alcohol addiction to prostitution. The clinic's staff of doctor, psychologist, nurse, dietician, and social worker give high quality individualized sympathetic and discrete treatment which has helped "save" many of these girls. It is anticipated that the number of clients will continue to increase and that the number of those actually able to turn their lives around will also increase. The project has been functioning for 5 years, will continue to exist for at least a year and those in authority will do their utmost to continue it into the future. The cost of the program to Kiryat Malachi is **\$8,000** a year.

20. Clinical Educational Psychologist in the High Schools

There is a significant number of teenagers, especially Ethiopian, with serious problems in the high schools of Kiryat Malachi. The director of the city's psychological services categorizes the at risk youth in the following categories:

1. 20 youth at risk teens who either attempt suicide or threaten suicide.
2. 60 to 70 teens with serious drug problems. These youth imbibe gas, tipex, or illegal drugs and exist at different stages of addiction. Many of them are unaware of the seriousness of their situation. The abuse of drugs is often connected to one or more of the following – violence, sexual aggression, and a serious decline in educational and cognitive functioning.
3. A growing number of teens with alcohol problems. Alcohol abuse has become a serious epidemic and similar to the drug problem has led to an increase in crime including prostitution with Bedouins and others in order to earn enough money to support a habit.
4. Weekend violence and the use of knives and broken bottles have become more and more common. There is an occurrence almost every week which results in hospitalization of the victims, continued use of violence by the perpetrators, and sometimes revenge violence.

In order to combat such problems, the city is asking that a clinical educational psychologist with rich experience working with this population be hired for each of the two high schools. The psychologist will work with both individuals and groups. S/he will work with communication skills in the families and with families.

The cost for a half time professional to work in both the Amit and Amal High Schools of this caliber is **\$40,000** a year.

21. Ethiopian Projects as defined by the Ethiopian Community

The 5,000 Ethiopian residents of Kiryat Malachi have many needs. Today, the hierarchical traditional family structure has come undone. It has been replaced by parents who no longer know their place and function in the family and in society and by children who have adopted some of the worst behaviors of modern western society - drug use, alcoholism, violence, complete sexual license, and self destructive tendencies. The Ethiopian community leadership asks for support in the creation of workshops for specific targeted populations amongst the Ethiopian residents of the city. The leader of these sessions is an Ethiopian professional who has



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much education and experience in leading workshops and therapy in parenting, couples, youth work, violence and drug use prevention, etc.

20 sessions each for couples on prevention of family violence (earmarked for 25 women and at a later stage with husbands); workshops for

parenting skills which at different times include the children (15 couples); children (aged 9 to 14) with serious problems and a criminal record which requires that they be in a therapeutic framework; youth (aged 14 to 18) with very serious problems (drug/alcohol abuse, prostitution, violence) and a criminal record that requires them to be in a therapeutic framework; continuation of a leadership course of 10 sessions; new leadership course for a group of 20 young leaders aged 25 to 45; these young leaders will be obligated to volunteer with a group of Ethiopian youth leaders and will be supervised by the same Ethiopian therapist/facilitator once a month for a half a year.

Cost for all the workshop courses - Each session will last two hours. The facilitator's fee is 280 NIS an hour X 116 sessions X 2 hours + 150 NIS for roundtrip transportation Ashdod-Kiryat Malachi X 116 = 82,360 NIS \3.8 shekels to a dollar = **\$21,673**

These courses will help the weakest families and children as well as empower the strongest to serve the Ethiopian community in Kiryat Malachi. The proposals for the courses come from the Ethiopian leadership themselves. They believe that this program offers the possibility of reversing the downward trend the Ethiopian community is experiencing today.

22. Sports Equipment for Children and Adults

The matnas has created a network of successful chugim for children and adults that are attended by hundreds of individuals. Unfortunately much of the equipment is inadequate for those who need it. The matnas needs 25 floor exercise mats, steps, rubber stretch straps, exercise balls, etc. in order to continue to attract residents and to provide a healthy and positive experience. The cost for this equipment is **\$3,000**.

23. Support Group for Parents with Special Needs Children

The birth of a child with special needs creates an immediate imbalance in the family social system and presents a difficult experience which raises a variety of feelings ranging from sadness to embarrassment, from denial to guilt, and is accompanied by a lowering of self esteem and a feeling of hopelessness. The Welfare Department of Kiryat Malachi proposes the creation of a support group for parents with special needs children between the ages of three and five.

The group of 24 would meet for an hour and a half every week for a year and would deal with the providing concrete answers to the challenges of raising special needs children and emotional support. The budget would include a professional facilitator (19,200 NIS), materials and refreshments (2,400 NIS), and coordinator and cost of room (6,000 NIS) which totals **\$7,000**.