

## *HOT NEWS*

**Fall 2009/Winter 2010**

This fall, we begin our seventh year at *Hands On Tzedakah*. What started as a fledgling idea, with the thought that we could raise a little money, and help a few people, has grown into **an organization that has helped tens of thousands of people in profound and meaningful ways**. Over the years, we introduced and engaged almost 500 donors to a new way of giving: “*HOT*” donors can assign their charitable dollars to expand a specific project or area that they are most passionate about. **100% of those funds then go directly to expand that particular project**. Our *Sandwich a Day for Every Child* program has significantly grown over the years primarily through designated donations. *HOT* now feeds 5,193 poor, hungry children every school day (see pages 7 and 8). Currently, 52% of the money we raise is designated to specific projects and the donors who give the other 48% ask *HOT* to make the choice for them. Either way, we strive to have our donors see, touch and feel the effect of their charitable dollars at work.

Through the years, *HOT* has supported close to 200 projects in Florida, Israel, New York, Guatemala, Argentina, Bosnia, the Ukraine and India. We raise funds, meet with our partner organizations and continually perform due diligence. We have a paid worker on the ground in Israel, and many volunteers who help us stay on top of all our projects. **We still have no costs of any kind, that are not paid by a special grant from one of our donors, and we do not pay overhead costs, administration or any non-direct costs of our projects. This means that every dollar you give, 100% of it goes to help those in need.**

Even with the 2009 market recovery, charities are receiving less in contributions and are suffering from significant decreases in the assets held in their endowments. The losses of these other charities are one of the reasons that ***HOT* is seeing a drastic increase in requests for emergency assistance**. We are getting requests to help the young and the elderly; the unemployed and the under employed, and the homeless. Domestically, and in Israel, individuals and organizations, are crying out for help, as poverty and unemployment rates reach all time highs. The needs are “across the board.” In response, *HOT*’s ***Hands On Tzedakah Emergency Assistance Programs*** (pages 3, 4, and 5) have come to the forefront of what we do and what we need to do for the immediate future. Utility shut-offs, threats of eviction, lapsed medical insurance, automobile repossession; food, baby formula, diapers, shelter, job hunting costs, day care, security deposits; medication, transportation, school supplies – these are all examples of necessities that *HOT* has paid for through our Emergency Assistance Programs since April. We work with social workers from various organizations whereby *HOT* becomes the source of the “dollars of last resort” which often is the bridge to a person’s or family’s survival.

This year, *HOT*, has preliminarily cut funding to many of our beneficiaries because of the concern that some of our donors have been impacted by the financial storms of 2008 in such a way that might “force” them to reduce their commitment to *HOT*. We know many donors have lost significant amounts of their savings and have adult children who have lost jobs. Yet, we are forced to ask you to look within yourselves and realize that all of us still have a

lifestyle that most would envy. **We ask you to find the resolve to help those who are still far less fortunate than we are.**

**We encourage you, even if you are one of our regular donors, to read the entire *HOT News*.** Directly under this letter, there is a Table of Contents that describes the 8 areas *HOT* supports. Within each area, we describe the projects we support by first describing the organization we are working with, then the project, then what *HOT* has done or will be doing. Below that, **in bold you will see what specific incremental needs can be filled by your gift.**

**We think of our donors as investors who are generous, but cost conscious, and like all good investors, want to understand all their investment opportunities, and pick the one that makes the most sense to them.** Thank you for your continued support. To read more about the projects in this edition of the *HOT News* and our other projects, log onto [www.handsonzedakah.org](http://www.handsonzedakah.org) and find out how you can directly contact the people working first-hand on any of our projects.

Very truly yours,

**Ronald L. Gallatin**  
Chairman

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## Hands On Tzedakah Emergency Assistance Programs

HOT has responded to the financial hurricanes of 2008 by expanding its alliances with four carefully chosen partners.

### Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service

Millions of people in the United States have lost their jobs, are losing their homes, or are simply trying to make ends meet everyday. Unfortunately when the economy is bad there is always a direct correlation to an increase in the need for social services. During difficult times, people in South Palm Beach County, Florida count on **Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service (RRJFS)** for help in alleviating their emergency needs. **HOT discusses each case with the RRJFS professional and satisfies itself as to the legitimacy and reasonableness of the request and, consistent with our mission, provides help only where all other sources of funding have been exhausted.** Threats of eviction, utility shut off, repossession of a car and non-covered medical and dental expenses are all examples of the catastrophic problems that struggling families encounter. One such case was an abused wife and mother of two small children who could not work for 6 weeks due to a shoulder injury she suffered at the hands of her soon to be ex-husband. She was behind in her water bill, car payment, car insurance and phone bills. HOT in conjunction with RRJFS assisted with these bills. **We would like to raise at least \$50,000 to put into The Emergency Assistance Program budget to help specific cases, as they arise.**



### Caridad Center

The mission of the **Caridad Center** is to upgrade the health, education and living standards for the children and families of agricultural workers, laborers and the underserved. This includes providing subsidies in emergency situations. **HOT** answers the call for dire emergency needs that the Caridad Center of Boynton Beach requests of us on a regular basis.

Day laborers cannot find work. Utility and electric bills are overwhelming them. The number of families needing assistance has increased more than 70% over last year. *HOT* grants range from paying the utility and electric bills to temporary rental assistance, food, and extraordinary medical assistance, and like our partnership with Ruth Rales Jewish Family



Service, we help only when all other sources have been exhausted. **Caridad's wish list continues to be funds for Emergency Assistance for families and Publix food cards. Additionally, they are in need of disposable baby diapers, formula, baby food and clothing. We need to raise at least an additional \$15,000 so that we can expand our help for Caridad's increasing daily problems and periodic special needs.**

## Family Promise



Palm Beach County Public Schools report 2,100 homeless students in the county, yet, unbelievably, there are no homeless shelters in Palm Beach County. Unemployment, caused by the economic slow down, has resulted in missed rent and mortgage payments; everyday there are more homeless.

**Family Promise** is a national, interfaith, non-profit organization that mobilizes communities to provide temporary shelter and meals for temporarily homeless families. Houses of Worship share the responsibility of providing shelter, meals and job support to homeless families in their communities. Trained volunteers from the host synagogue or church serve meals, play with the children and stay overnight during their host week, supporting the homeless families.

Family Promise targets homeless families with young children. Typically, half of their clients are children under age 6. In the morning, guests are picked up by a Family Promise van and taken to another site used as a Day Center. At the Day Center during the day, guests can shower, care for pre-school children and seek housing and employment. Public school children are bused from the Day Center to their public school each weekday morning. A staff member of Family Promise is at the Day Center to assist the adults in the family to find permanent housing and, if needed, employment.

Family Promise offers children and families, who do not have the bare necessities of life, a proven, inexpensive and direct response to homelessness. Recently, *HOT* was able to help a homeless, single mom, who had found a good job, with one-time assistance with first month's rent and moving in expenses of an apartment. We also made an interest-free loan to her for the security deposit which she is paying back monthly. ***HOT* would like to raise an additional \$7,500 for additional Family Promise one time assistance needs.**

## Neve Orot



Rabbi Jonathan Porath, formerly of the American Joint Jewish Distribution Committee (JDC) maintains a fund called **Neve Orot** that assists new Israelis from Russia with emergency needs. Every few months we receive documentation about the olim (immigrants) in need of help. Rabbi Porath's efforts along with that of his assistant, Russian born Eleanora Shifrin, include looking into each situation thoroughly and spending the time to get to know the people. The requests range from: Rivka, age 24, who is responsible for taking care of her 4 younger brothers and sisters and her father who was wounded in 2001 in a terror attack to Shlomo, a man in his forties, who is disabled and undergoing chemotherapy. Rivka needs help to buy school books for her younger siblings and Shlomo needs help in getting transportation to the hospital for treatment. *HOT* receives requests for funds to buy food, school books, diapers, shoes, and living subsidies. The reasons? Most often serious illness, being victims of terror or even lack of child support. **We would like to raise an additional \$5,000 to help for the winter months to come.**



## House to House



**House to House (H2H)** is a small not for profit organization that helps people in Israel in a very *hands-on* way. Their *Project Happy Feet* provides shoes for school children whose parents do not have the means to provide them (*see photo at left*). Darla, who runs the organization, buys the shoes to size and distributes them herself to the parents. This past winter, *HOT* paid for 438 pairs of shoes. ***HOT* would like to raise \$9,000; \$5,000 for shoes (to match \$5,000 we will take out of undesignated funds) and \$4,000 to help fund H2H's program to buy food and medicine for poor families.**



## Helping the Poor Families in Romema

We continue to support a program we began assisting in 2003 by helping 25 families in the very poor **Romema neighborhood** in Jerusalem. Seven winters ago, we co-ventured with another organization and bought the families space heaters and have paid the electricity bills each winter since. It is clear that if we did not subsidize the cost of the electricity the heaters would stay off and the apartments would stay cold. The Romema project was begun many years ago with the hope that the children of this neighborhood, although desperately poor, would not end up like so many of their peers – uneducated, involved in lives of crime and continuing the cycle of poverty. Today, with the financial support of *HOT* and others, Zev

Birger is working to break that cycle. **His wish list includes tutors for children with learning disabilities (\$1,300), food (\$6,000), medication for the elderly (\$1,400), emergency assistance (\$2,700).** We have helped with emergency assistance and will be helping with a small supplement in food for the high holidays.

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Zev Birger with a Romema family

## A New Approach to Fighting Poverty



**Mercado Global** is a non-profit organization that gives rural native women in Latin America the tools and skills to support themselves and their families by training them to be successful artisans. Mercado Global goes an important step further by making the connection and forging partnerships with major US companies like Levis and Whole Foods who import the women's wares and who in turn, sells them in the US market. Mercado Global invests 100% of its profits from sales into local educational projects, scholarships and school construction, and since their inception in 2004 has funded 237 scholarships for children.

Prior to working with Mercado Global, the primary source of employment for women in San Pablo, Guatemala was the production of crocheted hacky sacks (small balls filled with plastic beads) for approximately 25 cents each, which only slightly covered the costs for materials needed to produce each sack. After completing a beaded jewelry course that *HOT* paid for, these women were able to produce beaded eyeglass necklaces for a major eyewear company in the US. Through this order, women earned 12 times more per day than they previously earned with the hacky sacks. The women are using the additional income to buy shoes, school materials and more nutritious food for their children. And for the most recent school year, many of the mothers were able to afford the cost of enrolling their children in school – something many of them had never been able to do before. ***HOT* would like to help MG expand their training programs to more rural communities. Their wish list of \$10,200 includes: training of 140 women to learn basic quality control and product specification \$1,200; financial literacy training for 350 women \$6,000; advanced jewelry workshops for 112 women \$1,000, and advanced sewing workshops for 56 women \$2,000.**

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## The Hungry:

- A Sandwich a Day for Every Child
- Feeding The Poor Families of the Jerusalem Border Patrol
- Fighting Hunger in South Florida
- Dave's Kitchen
- Feeding the Poor in Boca Raton
- Tova's Kitchen

### A Sandwich a Day for Every Child

*in a country where one-third of the children live below the poverty line.*

**Our largest program, by far, is our commitment to the hungry children of Israel. During the 2008/2009 school year, 845,543 sandwiches were made and by the end of the school year, *HOT* was feeding 5,193 children every school day in 90 schools across Israel.**

The program started in 2003 when *HOT* partnered with the elderly women volunteers from the Beit Frankforter Community Center where today they continue to prepare more than 500 meals a day for students from 12 schools in Jerusalem.

We recently completed our third year with **Table to Table**, the organization that took on the vast expansion of the program, which is funded in large part by one generous donor. Meals are being prepared and delivered daily to 78 schools beyond the Jerusalem area in Tel Aviv, Hadera, Bet Shemesh, Ra'anana, Bat Yam, Ramle, Akko, Haifa, Netanya, Kiryat Gat, Beit Shean, Givat Olga, Maale Adumin, Rishon, Mraar, B'nei Brak and Pardes Katz. A full-time volunteer runs the program. The project continues to function in different ways in different towns. There are a number of cities where Table to Table works in partnership with other non-profit organizations with their volunteers making the sandwiches and supervising the distribution while we supply the ingredients. Other schools receive the makings of the sandwiches and the school staff prepares the sandwiches. There also are schools where the children themselves make the sandwiches. Tablecloths, gloves and small bags for preparation are also provided for the making of the sandwiches.



The children who need our sandwiches may be from low income families, from families where one parent is sick, unemployed or in prison. The children are a mixture of native Israelis, new immigrants from the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia and South America.

Every school has to go through an acceptance procedure to become part of the project. There are a number of volunteers who make periodic visits to schools to check on how the project is

running and to make sure that there is no abuse of the project and that the distribution of sandwiches to the children is handled with dignity. Hands On Tzedakah makes frequent trips to Israel and meets with the men and women who make the sandwiches and pack the lunches. We go along for deliveries, and visit with the principals of recipient schools. This meal is lunch for the students. To quote from a letter we recently received from one of the schools, **“...the food does not only meet physical needs, but also allows the students to study under better conditions and, as a result, improves their academic achievement. I believe this will ultimately allow them to break the cycle of poverty and fulfill their dreams of a better future.”**

Thankfully, more and more of our donors are coming forward to designate their *HOT* donations towards feeding children through the *Sandwich a Day Program for Every Child*. The need for its continued expansion became more apparent as the program became more well-known. Unfortunately, there appears to be no cap on hunger. Schools in cities that have not yet been served by this program are contacting Table to Table. We would like to increase the program to more than 5,500 children or 1,000,000 meals for the 2009/2010 school year.

The children receive a large freshly baked roll, filled with either hummus, cheese, chocolate spread, techina or tuna, often accompanied by a fruit or vegetable that comes through Table to Table’s food rescue program and also by short shelf life stock such as yogurts and milk. **We have lost two donors who previously designated to this program (one to losses in the financial markets and one who died) and need \$40,000 of designated contributions to make up those lost contributions. Additionally, at the September 1, 2009 costs and dollar/shekel conversion rate, a contribution of \$9,380 will permit us to provide another 100 sandwiches a day. Additional designations will help us to continue increasing this program.**

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## Feeding the Poor Families of the Jerusalem Border Patrol



*HOT* supplies a monthly “basic food package” (with special supplements for the holidays) to 200 destitute families of soldiers. The soldiers are members of the **Jerusalem Border Patrol** (the men and women who guard Israel’s borders and prevent terrorist infiltrations) and have been identified by the Army welfare officer as being in severe financial distress. All the food is bought at wholesale or below; all the packages are prepared by volunteers; all the transportation and delivery is carried out by the Army. The food packages include oil, sugar, rice, coffee, canned vegetables, tuna, pasta, canned fruit, juice, sweets and more.

We have notified the Jerusalem Border Patrol that unless designated donations come in, we will be cutting this program by 50% effective January 1, 2010. In order to continue the quality and quantity of the food and products we provide in the packages, *HOT* will need to **raise an additional \$24,900.**

## Fighting Hunger in South Florida



Hunger does not discriminate – it affects people of all religions and it affects children, senior citizens, the unemployed, the mentally and physically challenged, homeless people, the working poor and victims of natural disaster. But children are the largest segment of our society experiencing hunger. Over 295,000 children in South Florida are living in poverty and experiencing hunger everyday.

**Daily Bread Food Bank** has worked since 1981 to help solve two major problems in South Florida: people going hungry, and wasted food. In the past *HOT* has provided emergency support to DBFB by making repairs and purchasing equipment that otherwise would not have happened, and in turn, measurably strengthened their core food distribution program. The greatest increase in hungry Americans has been among the working poor. The economic downturn has affected these families just like everyone else, but the effects are exponential when these families were not even able to provide food or toiletry items to the children. **The Little River Elementary School in the Little Haiti neighborhood in Miami is comprised of 575 children of which 100% qualify for free breakfasts and lunches through the public school lunch program.** The problem is that there is not sufficient nutritious food in their homes to sustain them on the weekends. *HOT* has given emergency funding for 3 months to support a Backpack Program for 100 of the neediest children. **Each child is given a backpack filled with nutritious food to take home for weekends. Some products are purchased and some are donated. \$6,500 is needed to fund an additional 3 months of weekend meals for 100 children.**



## Dave's Kitchen

**Dave Robinson's Kitchen** is in the poor Givaat Olga section of Hadera, Israel and was paid for by a grant from *HOT*. 180 lunches are made each day for the students and 200 poor families come by twice a week to pick up prepared food. The school has been unable to afford to buy enough food to feed all the children every day. Rather than their having a "no lunch day," *HOT* agreed to fund half of the cost of lunch one day a week. **We are asking for designated funds in the amount of \$9,750 to fund our 'one-half' of a day for the entire 2009/2010 school year.**



## Feeding the Poor in Boca Raton

Boca Helping Hands is a community-based organization whose mission is solving hunger and crisis situations for the most needy. They run a soup kitchen, a food pantry, supply meals to the homebound and provide over 7,000 sandwiches per month to children in low-income after school programs. They also provide crisis assistance and job mentoring. They work at providing solutions to hunger and poverty in assisting low-income families, the elderly and the homeless in becoming self-reliant. Volunteers are a huge source of manpower in helping to make a difference. The Food Center has been in operation for 10 years and is open 5 days a week. Over the years, HOT purchased a freezer for the Food Center, heavy duty pots and pans and commercial kitchen utensils, a hand truck and meat slicer and a new air conditioner unit for the kitchen; Most of these items were primarily paid for by HOT donor designated contributions. Boca Helping Hands has purchased a new building that will house all their programs in a single location. There are many capital items that are needed to make the build out complete. Beyond that \$250 will pay for 100 hot meals to be served in the Food Center; \$100 will supply seven families with a bag of groceries. **We would like to raise an additional \$10,000 to expand the amount of meals they can serve and bags of groceries they can give out.**



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## Tova's Kitchen



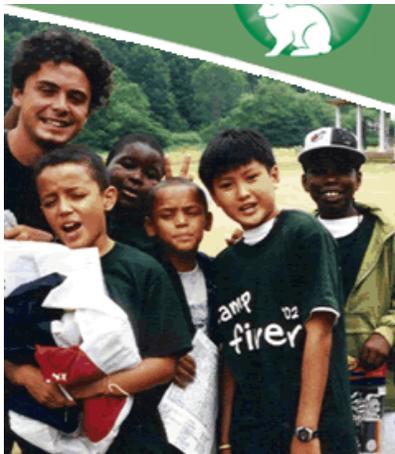
**Tova's Kitchen** is located in the Bukharan quarter of Jerusalem. The kitchen is the size of a small shed. Tova continues to cook every Wednesday for a group of elderly men who otherwise wouldn't be getting a hot meat meal. And, as usual, when she is cooking, poor people in the neighborhood stop by and get a plastic 'doggie bag' to go of the same chicken, rice and vegetables. **We would like to continue to help with an additional \$1,000 for this year to purchase food and containers.**

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## Youth at Risk:

- Helping Underprivileged Kids
- Children Who are Caregivers
- Mobile Labs Help Rural Kids Learn
- A Day Care Center in Need
- Children's After School Care
- Children's Group Home
- Big Brothers Big Sisters in Israel
- A Safe Haven for Youth in Distress
- Emergency Shelter for Babies and Toddlers
- All For the Kids - India
- Tech-Careers Computer Training for Young Ethiopian Israelis

### Helping Underprivileged Kids



Since 2000, **Camp Fiver**, in New York, has become a life line for kids growing up in the inner city. Working year-round with a group of motivated educators and college students who inspire and care for the children, Fiver serves children from age 8 through high school graduation. By promoting healthy life choices, enhancing self-efficacy and leadership skills, motivating the children to succeed in school and teaching problem solving and decision-making skills, Fiver minimizes the risk of drug use and altercations with the juvenile justice system. Fiver supports involvement in community service; assists teens in gaining summer employment; reaches towards 100% high school diplomas and assists in college preparatory counseling or vocational training. *HOT* recently made its first grant to the Fiver Children's Foundation, paying for the building of a staircase and furnishing the college preparatory classroom with chairs and tables. **Fiver's current wish list includes 250 books for the Literacy Club (\$1,250); Group outings for 30 mentors and mentees (\$1,500); SAT prep classes for 10 students (\$4,000).**

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### Children Who are Caregivers

More than 1 million children in the USA take care of sick or disabled relatives, shopping, feeding, dressing, medicating and even changing their adult diapers. These youthful caregivers perform tasks that go beyond chores and require a level of responsibility more appropriate for an adult. **The Caregiving Youth Project** is the first regional program in the U.S. that raises public awareness, provides education, conducts research and gives direct

support services to caregiving youth and their families. *Hands On Tzedakah* is a founding sponsor of this organization.



**The Caregiving Youth Project received 96 donated computers for the student caregivers to help them with their schoolwork and accessing resources for care. But many families cannot afford the monthly cost of an internet connection. CYP is requesting \$15,000 in funding to go towards internet connectivity. They also need \$1,000 to continue to help supply home safety equipment to youth caregiving families who are without resources or insurance coverage and**

**\$1,200 for transportation for youth to their sponsored activities.**

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## Mobile Labs Help Rural Kids Learn

**Ofanim** is a non-profit organization that fights against the lack of equality of opportunity in education to children from Israel's outlying regions and disadvantaged neighborhoods. They do this by operating six mobile laboratories (busses) that focus on computers, science, art and creative thinking. The busses are equipped with cutting-edge technology and combined travel each week to 43 small remote communities reaching 650 children. In addition, Ofanim works to introduce children to institutions of higher learning, through tours, lectures and meetings with local business leaders. *HOT* has paid for 6 laptop computers at \$1,300 each. **The Ofanim wish list includes: 2 digital cameras at a cost of \$200 each (\$400); a new air conditioner for a bus \$4,000 and science kits for 120 children at \$69 each (\$8,280).**

Ofanim Computer Bus



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## A Day Care Center in Need



**Shearim Netanya** is a small non-profit organization dedicated to helping Russian immigrants of all ages in Israel. During the school year they operate a small day care center with breakfast and lunch for children ages 2 to 5 and also run afternoon activities for school age children considered youth at risk. Every 10<sup>th</sup> child in Israel is a new immigrant. A third come from single parent families and live below the poverty level. We

have seen the difference *HOT* makes with extras for the program like tables and chairs, musical instruments and educational toys. *HOT*'s funding to SN this year will come from undesignated funds and will only be able to pay for food for the children. Unfortunately, other sources of funding have either stopped or severely cut their allocations to Shearim Netanya this year and there will be no 'extras' unless our donors designate their contributions to this program.

This school year budget for the day care center and after care program for the older children is severely under funded. Parents pay for 24% of the program and projected donations will cover another 44% of the budget. **Their wish list totals \$20,084 and includes program equipment of \$1,760; transportation costs \$3,947; enrichment programs \$1,578; security and repairs \$1,746; additional snacks \$11,053.**

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## Children's After School Care

The Netanya Foundation operates special after school day care clubs that are substitute homes



for 15 children each, ages 6-10 years. The children who come to these clubs are high-risk from severely dysfunctional families and are primarily Ethiopian, native Israelis and Olim from the Former Soviet Union. They are referred to the clubs by social workers, and if it were not for the clubs, these children would be removed from their homes and sent to institutions. The clubs are in fact models of real homes and include a "house mother," who cooks them dinner in the tiny club kitchen, educational counselors, and "big sisters." By coming here, the

children are in a protected, intimate environment where they receive much needed warmth, individual attention, help with their homework, enrichment activities, and a hot meal which is often their only meal of the day. There is a special program for each child that includes therapy with his/her parents and family. They arrive at the clubs directly from school at 1:00 pm and stay until 6:00 pm when they return home only to shower and sleep. The clubs operate all year round.

***HOT* has matched a designated gift from one of our generous donors and paid for the reconstruction and furnishing of a club in the crime-ridden neighborhood of Sela, in the city of Netanya. As the new school year opens, their wish list includes a school bag, school clothes and schoolbooks (not provided for by public schools in Israel) for 15 children for a total of \$5,000.**

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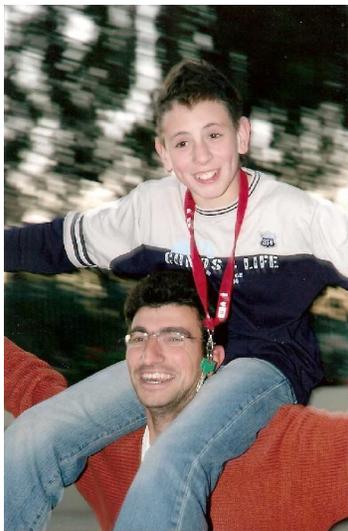
## Children's Group Home

**Merav Children's Group Home** on Kibbutz Merav in Gilboa, Israel is a home for children who have been removed from their distressed home environments by the State's social service agencies. Although each child receives a limited government stipend, donations are needed to provide all the necessary physical and emotional support they need. In the past, *HOT* has supplied the home with 2 new air conditioners, books for the library, upholstery for 2 couches, a fresh coat of paint, a boiler, a ping pong table, an oven and 2 complete computer stations, primarily from designated contributions from our donors. **Their wish list of \$6,560 includes 4 new strong book cases (\$1,800), tutoring (\$2,000), psychological services (\$2,400) and new board games (\$360).**



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## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Israel



**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Israel** continually recruits and trains new volunteer mentors so that lonely children from single-parent families will be assured of a Big Brother or Sister. Their goal is not just to create matches but to ensure that these pairs stay together for years and BBBS provides the necessary support to do so. The kids are ages 5 to 18 and the volunteers are from 10 to 60. Lots of time is spent on making the proper match. There is a police check, orientation and supervision for the first meeting. The volunteers want help in providing social experiences with the kids. Their Jerusalem Clubhouse also houses the offices and it is terrific. This summer, *HOT* helped out for the summer camp with a \$3,000 grant that subsidized some of the more destitute children.

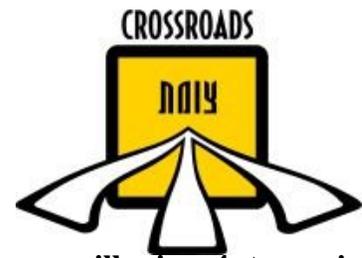
**Big Brothers and Big Sisters can no longer give out subsidies to the big sisters and big brothers volunteers which means that many of them have had to cutback on doing any activities that cost money with their little brothers and sisters. There is no money for simple things like pizza and ice cream and movies. *HOT* would like to raise \$3,500 to assist in the cost of these activities.**

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## A Safe Haven for Youth in Distress

**Crossroads** is an outreach center and comprehensive social service provider for at-risk English speaking teens in Israel. Based in downtown Jerusalem, the staff provides a safe haven from the dangers of the streets and gives them the chance to get back on their feet.

In the past, *HOT* funded a Crossroads class on Web Design and the Scholastic Support program that offered teens testing for learning disabilities, intensive preparatory classes, tutoring, and financial assistance for registering for standardized tests. Crossroads also helps kids find suitable jobs and would like put a Teen Internship Program in place that would provide internships and mentoring opportunities. *HOT* would like to raise \$9,500 for the Teen Internship program. The program will give 4 teens job counseling services and the opportunity to work as interns in local businesses and receive a stipend for 6 months.



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## Emergency Shelter for Babies and Toddlers

**Bet Elazraki** is a nonprofit organization in Netanya Israel and is home to 210 at-risk children born to families with severe health, social and economic problems, in which their physical and/or emotional well-being was being threatened. Some have been orphaned, abandoned, beaten or molested. The Children's Home's formula is tender loving care, professional support and education. Their emergency shelter is a safe haven and a temporary safe house for many babies and young children. Currently 14 babies and toddlers under the age of 5 live at the emergency shelter. **In**



**order to take a stroll to the nearby playground, they need 4 double strollers (\$1,248); in the babies rooms they need a changing table, 3 cribs with mattresses and a bed for a night counselor sleeping inside the room (\$1,872); in the playroom they are missing big pillows for the floor, 3 riding toys and other toys (\$468); a swing set and climbing set for toddlers (\$702) for the backyard.**

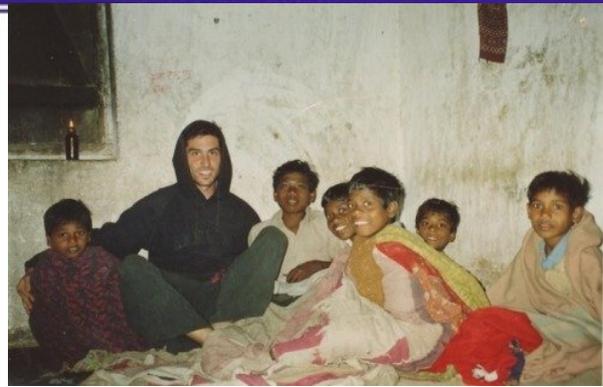
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## All for the Kids - India

**All for the Kids** is an international aid organization committed to feeding and educating children in poor communities by forming partnerships with Israeli backpackers who are looking to stop and help others while on their treks. Bradley Cohen, the organization's founder and director, has taken groups of young people to Northern India where they backpack up the mountains and then teach in schools and orphanages, doing workshops, and providing English, music and exercise classes. The next step is to set up a permanent drop-in volunteer center in India. *HOT* recently provided **All for the Kids** \$2,500 in funding that will go towards the fall trek and will be spent on educational materials, sports and music equipment, farming materials and food. Today we are asking our donors for additional

funding of \$2,500, but if this organization grows as we hope it does, we will come back and ask you for more help. This all-volunteer organization that mobilizes a population to help others, is what *HOT* is all about.

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## Tech-Careers Computer Training for Young Ethiopian Israelis

Three related issues cause Ethiopians to remain at the bottom of Israeli society and impede their advancement: housing, education and employment. **Tech-Careers** provides computer training and job placement in the field of hi-tech to Ethiopian students who have an aptitude for computer programming and the motivation to work hard, but who lack access to technology and technical training. The program includes two tracks; software development and Network/System Administration. The philosophy is simple – train post-army high school grads intensely in a hi-tech field so that they can get good jobs. Tech-Careers also recognizes the importance of teaching these students how to ‘survive’ in a different world from where they have been raised and the last coursework before accepting a position is spent learning about social skills.

In the past, *Hands On Tzedakah* bought *disk on keys* (flash drives or memory sticks) for each of the students and professional and technical literature in Hebrew and English. There was no room in their budget for these items and *HOT* was happy to provide such crucial and motivational tools. In addition, *HOT* offered Tech-Careers a challenge grant for one-half of the last \$25,000 needed to open an additional classroom, which, with 24 hours to spare, Tech-Careers found the match. Students must sign a contract when they graduate, get a job in the high tech industry that they agree over time to pay for a new student’s tuition. The students, almost all of whom are indigent, are paid a small stipend while in the program. In years past, *HOT* contributed \$15,000 towards the stipends for the students for Tech-Careers. **Their wish list of \$6,900 includes 10 Netbooks computers for top students @ \$550 each (\$5,500); 20 small heaters for dorms @ \$30 each (\$600) and 10 toaster ovens for dorms @ \$80 each (\$800).**



## The Elderly:

- Holocaust Survivor Programs
  - South Palm Beach County, Florida
  - Israel
- Helping the Frail Elderly
  - New York
  - Jerusalem
- Keeping Elders Mentally and Physically Active

### Holocaust Survivor Programs

#### Survivor Assistance Program – South Palm Beach County, Florida



Approximately 35 to 40 percent of Holocaust survivors in Florida live at or near the poverty level. The goal of the **Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service Holocaust Survivor Program** is to enable survivors to live out their lives in their own homes, safely and with dignity. Because of the horrors experienced at the hands of the Nazis, Survivors do not fare well in congregate care facilities, such as nursing homes. Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service arranges for home health care, cleaning services, transportation to medical appointments and visits by a social worker and is committed to the concept of "aging in place" by enabling these Survivors to maintain independent lives in the community for as long as possible.

Survivors are becoming frailer and require more services. Unfortunately, because of a reduction in funding from the State of Florida, RRJFS is facing the need to reduce services. The first service that will be eliminated is heavy housecleaning for 47 survivors at a total annual cost of \$90,554. **Every \$1,927 that a HOT donor designates to this program will ensure that a frail, elderly Survivor of “the camps,” will not be on their hands and knees cleaning floors. Additionally, due to budget constraints, RRJFS will not be able to take on any additional Survivors that on average receive benefits that cost \$4,591 per year.**

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#### Survivor Assistance Program - Israel



Of the 231,000 Holocaust Survivors living in Israel – 60,000 are economically needy. **The Foundation for the Benefit of Holocaust Victims in Israel** provides homecare to disabled Holocaust Survivors, emergency lifeline buttons, individual grants for items not covered by Israeli National Health programs and emergency funds. Severe budgetary shortfalls have all but

eliminated the ability to provide individual grants for items like hearing aids, adult diapers, dentures, prescription drugs and additional nursing assistance.

Leopold Rosen was in the Stanislav ghetto. While there, he was shot in his left hand by a Nazi bullet, leaving him today with blocked blood flow and complete paralysis in his arm. He suffers from asthma, and epilepsy, takes 20 pills a day and cannot walk without assistance, frequently losing his balance and falling down. Mr. Rosen requires assistance in all but the simplest activities of daily living. He receives 9 weekly nursing hours from the Foundation, without which he could not survive. He applied for aid in funding eyeglasses, but the Foundation was forced to refuse him due to a lack of funding. *HOT* has sent in a modest amount of emergency funds to cover what we believe are basic needs. Unfortunately, Leopold's story is not unique. ***HOT would like to raise \$20,000 to put towards funding Survivors needs not covered by insurance. Whether it is dentures, hearing aid batteries or eyeglasses, these men and women cannot be abandoned by us in their time of old age.***

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### Helping the Frail Elderly - New York

**Project Ezra** serves the frail elderly on New York's Lower East Side. Over 400 elderly who suffer from economic, physical and/or psychological difficulties are being helped by services provided through Project Ezra. Some of their services include subsidizing food and medicine to those whose Social Security benefits are insufficient to last the entire month. Additionally, they sponsor group programs and outings, housekeeping services, volunteer home visits, transportation, a food pantry and food package distribution at holiday time.



Project Ezra relies primarily on foundations grants and individual donations for support. *HOT* would like our donors to consider **Project Ezra's requests of \$9,495 including: \$1,500 for gasoline for a donated van; \$1,495 for the extra cost of converter boxes and antennas for 45 elders to switch from analog to digital TV. \$3,500 for 50 boxes of adult diapers; \$3,000 for a 6 month stipend for a full time intern.**

### Helping the Frail Elderly - Jerusalem

In 1989, the privately owned, formerly posh Diplomat hotel in Jerusalem was appropriated by the Absorption Ministry for the Soviet immigrants. It was called "a five-star slum" and a miserable place to live, especially for the old and infirm. Nowadays it is considered a Welfare Hostel. Today's "guests" remain a group of people who have not been able to successfully integrate into Israeli society.

Alice, the activities director, works to create a Community among the residents. They have developed an on-site Ulpan (teaching Hebrew to elderly immigrants), a library and thrift shop and an extraordinary resident choir. Alice coordinates activities and social services and looks for outside funds to give the residents some extras. There are no shops nearby and a public bus comes by only once a day.



Many afternoon activities have been discontinued due to decreased funding. ***HOT*** has traditionally helped with funding the ulpan and exercise program and is requesting funds of \$2,000 to keep those programs going for another 6 months. ***HOT*** also helped last year with the funding of the “Metaplim” Program which pays for home care and assistance to the residents who need help with transportation to doctors and other errands. The cost is \$1,000

per month. Foundations have come forward with \$7,000 and ***HOT*** would like to assist by providing the remaining \$5,000 for the current year.

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### Keeping Elders Mentally and Physically Active



As people live longer, it is imperative to help keep our elders physically and mentally active, to ease their poverty and provide them with a feeling of self-worth, respect, dignity and social equality. CLICK in Hod HaSharon, Israel, strives to change the status and image of the elderly from dependent, weak and vulnerable - to productive, capable and useful. ***HOT***'s prior support to CLICK includes a drama therapy program, a sewing machine, the air conditioning in their building and partnering with the JDC to fund a business plan for their vocational center. Additionally, ***HOT*** has funded a Holocaust Survivor Emergency Needs Fund administered by CLICK.

With the help of dedicated volunteers and skilled professionals, they provide a wide variety of social, cultural and vocational services. In this poor economy, when we have told you that critical needs are greater than ever, these services may sound like unnecessary ‘extras.’ But mental health is vital to keeping the body strong and the mind sharp. ***HOT*** would like to establish the ***HOT Transportation Fund*** at CLICK in the amount of \$10,000 to make the services offered at CLICK attainable to more physically disabled elders.

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## Special Needs:

- Special Needs Childrens' Camps
  - Camp Kavod - Florida
  - Camp Shutaf - Israel
- Touch the Life of a Medically Fragile Child
- Therapeutic Equestrian Therapy
- Best Buddies
- Me and My Mommy
- Special Needs Training for Very Special High School Students

### Special Needs Children's Camps

#### Camp Kavod – Florida

**Camp Kavod** is a program within the Levis Jewish Community Center's Special Needs Department that during the winter, spring and summer breaks from school, serves children with special needs from the ages of 5 to 21. This summer, *HOT* provided start up funds to purchase digital cameras and printers for a photography program that was offered to special needs upper elementary and high school students.

**The Center would like to expand the program to include a camera and memory card and sufficient photo paper for each camper for (\$1,405); The JCC has launched a new year-round Kidfit program and wants to make it adaptable to special needs children. A variety of special "Theraplay" equipment is needed that will help with tactile and gross motor skills, upper and lower body strength, stability and mobility skills and cardiovascular**

**endurance (\$750); Seven Walkie Talkie two-way radios are needed as effective communication with staff is critical ( \$525).**



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#### Camp Shutaf - Israel



**Shutaf**, which means “partner” in Hebrew, is a Jerusalem-based program for children and teens with special needs that is committed to a new kind of inclusion-based programming: 75% children with special needs and 25% typically developing children. Camper groups are of mixed ages, abilities and disabilities and come from all backgrounds. It is this inclusion that fosters a change in attitude towards the special needs population. Shutaf camps operate during

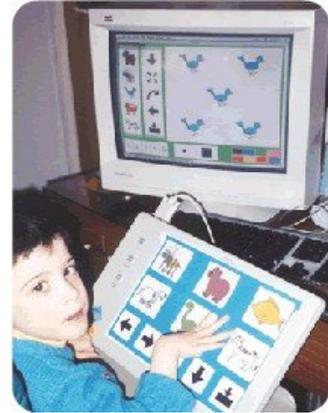
Chanukah, Passover and summer vacations and serve 40 children. *HOT* has been a Shutaf

sponsor since 2007. **Their wish list includes: Chanukah camp scholarships for 12 campers (\$6,000); three therapeutic horseback riding sessions for 40 campers (\$7,500). Shutaf would like to start a Teen Culinary Vocational Training Program, at a cost of \$10,000.**

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### Touch the Life of a Medically Fragile Child

The **NJ Pediatric Patients Charitable Trust Fund** is dedicated to providing funding for the acquisition of recreational, educational, and/or adaptive equipment, home modifications and specialized services that will enrich the lives of the medically fragile / special needs children of Southern New Jersey. *HOT* has made grants over the last two years that benefited 12 children by providing swingsets, a treadmill, baby monitoring system, and special computers. The children's disabilities range from a brain tumor, to down syndrome, to cerebral palsy to autism. The NJPPCTF policy is that no child receives more than \$1,200 in funding. *HOT* would like to help more children and families in need and is looking to double its annual support by raising \$12,000 for this program.



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### Therapeutic Equestrian Therapy



**Pal-O-Mine Equestrian Center** in New York provides therapeutic, recreational and competitive horseback riding to physically, mentally, and emotionally disabled individuals of all ages. Equine therapy is giving these individuals a sense of independence and something to feel proud about. *"I would like to thank you for choosing our daughter, Allison, to receive a riding scholarship. She is 8 years old and has Rett syndrome. Allison has never walked in her life and this is why therapeutic horseback riding is so important to her.*

*This therapy may go a long way in the future to helping us towards our goal of someday having Allison walk independently."* *"Our son, Timothy, was chosen to be the recipient of a scholarship from Pal-O-Mine. Timmy is multi-handicapped and the caring personnel at Pal-O-Mine help him experience the joy of horseback riding. He is excited to be around horses and literally jumps around the barn in glee, to the gentle reminders from staff of, "No running in the barn."* **A donation of \$2,500 provides a scholarship for one rider for one year. Additionally, Pal-O-Mine's wish list includes a Job Coaching stipend for at risk women for 6 hours per week for 6 months (\$2,160); Accessible stable aisle (from dirt to cement for wheelchairs) (\$8,600); adaptive saddles and reins (\$3,800), tables and chairs for the classroom (\$3,000), fly spray, mineral blocks and supplements for the horses (\$2,000).**

## Best Buddies

The **Best Buddies** program matches students with developmental disabilities with students on a regular track. They become buddies in high school and spend time together socially with after school projects and fun including float building for Homecoming, movie nights, lunches, pool parties and picnics. *HOT* would like to continue sponsoring the chapter in Martin County, Florida that has 28 buddy pairs (56 members). **We are looking to raise \$6,000 for this year's activities.**



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## Me and My Mommy

*Hands On Tzedakah* continues to support the families at **Shalva**, a center for mentally and physically challenged children in Israel. Their *Mommy and Me* program includes 120 special needs babies and their mothers. It is very difficult for mothers to travel alone, often far distances, carrying an infant in one arm, a diaper bag and stroller in the other. The ***HOT Transportation Fund*** helps 22 moms get to Shalva in the cold of winter and the heat of summer. **We want to raise an additional \$3,600 to help more mothers and ease the extra burden this group of families face.**



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## Special Needs Training for Very Special High School Students



Six years ago, *HOT* began supplementing a job-training program in Martin County, Florida where 27 intellectually disabled high school seniors interned at local businesses. *HOT's* grant pays the students nominal wages based on their performance and diligence. A total of 52 children now participate and are learning about 'real life.' The children open savings accounts through the program and save a portion of the money they earn that goes towards a year-end trip. Additionally, a group of children will be sent to participate in the local and state Special

Olympics and *HOT* will help defray those costs with a grant of \$1,500. **We hope to receive at least \$2,500 in additional designated gifts to continue supplying extras for these programs.**

## Compassionate Care:

- Camp Sunshine for Critically Ill Children and their Families
- Vocational Training Workshops
- Mental Health/Mental Wellness Boynton Beach, Florida
- Service Dogs for Wounded Veterans
- Helping Jerusalem's Oldest Hospital
- Of Home, Family and Future
- What Insurance Doesn't Cover
- Program to Get Substance Abusers into Detox and Rehab

### Camp Sunshine for Critically Ill Children and Their Families



**Camp Sunshine** in Maine, is a retreat for children, with life threatening illnesses, and their families. It runs year round and provides recreation and group support and focuses on alleviating the strain a critical illness takes not only on the ill child, but on other members of the immediate family. There are no fees to attend the camp, but the families must provide their own transportation. For summer 2009, *HOT* offered Camp Sunshine a \$12,000 grant of which \$6,000 was designated from a generous donor. As more families learn of Camp Sunshine and as the economy worsens, the demand for travel support increases. **We would like to continue to pay transportation costs for needy families so they can get the benefits of a week at Camp Sunshine, and hope our donors will designate up to \$12,000 to help.**

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### Vocational Training Workshops

The Summit Institute established the Supportive Vocational Center several years ago and works with young Israelis aged 18 to 40. All participants have a history of psychiatric illness and come from either Summit's live-in therapeutic communities or are local Jerusalem residents. There are 4 workshops (office and computer training, sewing, carpentry and assembly, packaging and mailing). A few years ago *Hands On Tzedakah* equipped the sewing workshop and we have seen first-hand the products being produced. **The wish list of the Vocations Training Center totals \$6,539 and includes: Sewing Workshop: \$3,625 for software and sewing machines; Carpentry Workshop: \$1,664 for tools; Assembly and Packing Workshop \$1,250 for 30 chairs.**



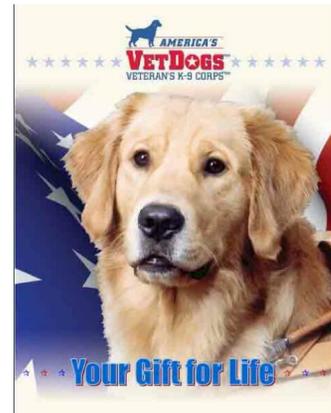
## Mental Health/ Mental Wellness Boynton Beach, Florida

Three years ago, *Hands On Tzedakah* formed a partnership with **Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service** (RRJFS) and the **Caridad Center** (formerly known as the Migrant Association of South Florida). *HOT* is funding a half-time clinical social worker who is addressing the needs of the clients at Caridad by providing mental health assessment and treatment, and educating volunteers, physicians and other Center staff about mental health issues and ways of identifying and referring people for assessment. The clinician is supervised by RRJFS. While Caridad has traditionally provided free medical and dental care to a large population of migrant farm workers, laborers and the working poor of Palm Beach County, they have not had the ability to offer more than intermittent mental health care. Bringing these two organizations together to work in tandem fulfills *HOT's* mission of both supporting essential life sustaining programs and collaborating with agencies that dedicate themselves to helping others. **We need to raise an additional \$35,000 so that we can continue to pay for the clinical social worker.**



## Service Dogs for Wounded Veterans

More than 30,000 US soldiers have been wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan and over 3,000 of them are severely wounded with life altering injuries. **Veterans Helping Today's Returning Heroes** raises funds for the express purpose of providing professionally trained assistance dogs exclusively for these military heroes. There is no Federal government program to provide specially trained guide or service dogs for our severely wounded returning military veterans. The cost to breed, train, and place a guide or service dog with a severely disabled war veteran, combined with the training of the new owner is \$30,000 per dog. **So far, our generous donors have designated \$21,100 to VetDogs®. We are hoping that additional donors will make up the \$8,900 necessary to supply a "partner" to a young man or woman who was severely injured in the service of our Country.**



## Helping Jerusalem's Oldest Hospital



**Bikur Cholim** is a hospital in the heart of Jerusalem. Situated outside the walls of the Old City, it is the only hospital in the center of Israel's capital. While well over 1,300 casualties of the terrorist attacks during the intifada received treatment in their emergency room, 40,000 people seek treatment at the Emergency Department of the hospital each year. *HOT* continues to support the hospital's equipment needs and recently bought Bikur Cholim a rhinometer, a machine that locates and evaluates blockages.

The original rhinometer was broken and could no longer be used for necessary testing and therefore surgeries had to be postponed indefinitely. The head of the ENT Department of the hospital is very grateful for *HOT's* grant and the ability to resume testing and follow up. **Bikur Cholim is in need of a Centrifuge for processing blood \$4,000; a Cardiac Monitor \$10,000, and a Cold Light Fountain for laparoscopic surgery \$11,000.**

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### Of Home, Family and Future

New York based **Of Home, Family and Future**, offers grants for: (i) long-term affordable housing and support services to women and children affected by domestic violence and (ii) college tuition and/or other scholastic or personal needs of high school students coming from the foster care system. They recently expanded their Domestic Violence Initiative through a partnership with Safe Space in Manhattan. Up to \$40,000 is spent per family per year in an effort to supply services that can be transformative, helping to create economically viable and emotionally stable families. **Within that amount, there are specific needs: \$250 will pay for job counseling for one mother; \$500 will help outfit one woman for work; \$2,500 will pay for three months of childcare; \$2,500 will enable a mother and her child to receive psychological counseling services for one year.**



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### What Insurance Doesn't Cover



We have relationships with hospital social workers that work in the main hospitals in Jerusalem. Our agents, the social workers, identify those in need and *Hands On Tzedakah* is given the opportunity to make it easier for those who have fallen on the most difficult of times. For a young girl from the Ukraine in the hospital in isolation, we purchased a laptop computer. The laptop will remain with the social worker and she will lend it out to people in the isolation unit as needed. **This year's wish list of \$1,815 includes money for transportation for patients to and from the hospital \$720 and internet connection service for patients \$1,095.**

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### Program to Get Substance Abusers into Detox and Rehab

*Hands On Tzedakah* issued a grant for a program in Jerusalem that endeavors to get adult substance abusers into a successful detoxification and long-term rehabilitation program. The two counselors for the program are paid for by the Jerusalem Anti-Drug Association. *HOT's* most recent grant paid for 8 people to go to detoxification. Additionally *HOT* provided a grant for post-detox courses for new employment and for after school activities, tutors and assessments for their children. **We would like to raise \$8,000 for the program which includes (\$3,000) for detox needs and (\$5,000) for employment training and for school help for their children.**

## Student Community Service Projects:

### The Hands On Tzedakah Community Service Program



The *Hands On Tzedakah Community Service Program* gives high school and college school students the opportunity to use their initiative to design and implement community service projects. *Hands On Tzedakah* provides the “start-up” money for the students’ projects, and when necessary, will assist monetarily in continuing to subsidize projects. Our goal is that these experiences, in addition to serving the community today, will result in the students becoming caring and philanthropic members of society. Some of the projects already funded are:

- Child Abuse Prevention Program (college students through various campus ministries, working one on one with young children at-risk)
- College students working to help the flood victims in Iowa
- El Salvador Alternative Break Initiative (college students traveled to El Salvador and performed community rebuilding volunteer work)
- Responding to Needs in the Ukraine (college student leaders traveled to the Ukraine to do community service with the commitment to bring home the ‘story’ and continue advocacy for this work)
- Project Rebuild New Orleans (college students spent their winter or spring breaks)
- Community Living Renewal (college students work with the city and businesses to clean-up blighted neighborhoods)
- Leading up North (college students did short-term service projects in parts of Israel affected by the war with Hezbollah)

**University of Florida Hillel** has asked for help in funding two initiatives this year: The first has the students volunteering through several organizations with a focus on homelessness and hunger in the larger Gainesville community. **The request is for (\$2,239) and includes assistance in transportation, materials and food and covers several programs. The second is to help fund two different Alternative Breaks this year – one to New Orleans to continue in the clean-up of the city and where *HOT* is again asked for the bus transportation (\$6,000) and one through the Jewish Farm School in Gainesville which is a weeklong immersion program in community sustainability (\$1,250).**

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**Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach** is planning an Alternative Break to Los Angeles this winter. The students will work in under-resourced neighborhoods and will volunteer with the youth there and be exposed to poverty, illiteracy and the effect of natural disasters. **They are requesting a subsidy of \$3000 to cover partial costs for 10 students.**

## Victims of War and Terror:

- Israel Emergency Fund
- Widowed In All But Name
- Ashkelon Bomb Shelter

### Israel Emergency Fund

Through the years, *Hands On Tzedakah* has come to the aid of the Israeli people during times of War and Conflict. Through the second intifada, the second Lebanon War in the north, and the bombings in Sderot, Ashkelon and the South, *HOT* has been on the ground immediately supplying aid. *HOT* helped build and equip an Emergency Command Center in Shlomi (a town on the Lebanon border); paid for therapy for children suffering from post traumatic stress syndrome; rebuilt a bombed out library in a school in Kiryat Shemona (also on the Lebanon border), and worked with our partners in Israel to provide individual assistance for hundreds of people. We fed kids who had to leave their homes where it was too dangerous to stay, and provided activity materials for use in shelters, for those who had to stay. *HOT* renovated seven bomb shelters in Sderot and two in Ashkelon, making them into dual use shelters which serve as functional program activity rooms. **Over the years, *HOT* has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on Israel's Emergencies. No one plans for these horrific events, but we must budget for them. Please consider designating some of your charitable dollars to *HOT* for our Israel Emergency Fund.**



### Widowed In All But Name

In 1997, a young woman's fiancée, while serving in the Israel Defense Force, was killed, 4 months before they were to be married. Her mother and her sister found a way to help her cope and rebuild her life by forming the **Organization to Support the Fiancées of Fallen Soldiers of the Israel Defense Force**. At that time, "Group 1," a group of 10 fiancées whose loved ones were killed in action, began to meet for two hours per week with a professional therapist. The group counseling lasts for one year.



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Since 2003, *HOT* has provided the funding for 5 such groups, the last two with designated funds by one of our donors. Luckily things have been quiet, and no new group has had to form in 2009. However, there are 21 girls who have either participated in a group in the past and still need extra help or a few who are waiting for a group to begin. These fiancées are receiving individual therapy and it is anticipated to cost \$44,000 for the year of which the Ministry of Defense is reimbursing \$18,500. ***HOT* is looking for \$15,000 in designated funds to make sure this project continues and the broken-hearted fiancées have a chance of rebuilding their lives.**

