



RIGOROUS ASSESSMENT GARNERS FRIENDS OF YEMIN ORDE A \$500,000 GRANT FROM THE FINESHRIBER FAMILY FOUNDATION

(Washington, DC—September 16, 2009) – Friends of Yemin Orde (www.yeminorde.org) is thrilled to announce the receipt of a \$500,000 challenge grant from the Fineshriber Family Foundation. The Los Angeles-based foundation will match every dollar up to that amount raised for Yemin Orde Youth Village from now until December 31, 2009. This is the largest grant ever awarded by the foundation since its inception in 2006.

“We have a substantial obligation to give more now to the organizations in which we have the greatest confidence,” says Executive Director Marcia Antopol. “We have funded Yemin Orde in the past and, with the competition for philanthropic dollars so keen in the current environment, we hope this new commitment will inspire others to action.”

The Fineshriber Family Foundation is devoted to improving the lives of children and working poor families and does not accept unsolicited requests. The grants committee is composed of seasoned nonprofit executives with decades of leadership experience in the field. They conduct extensive due diligence on the organizations they choose to support and scrutinize each project from the perspective of individuals who have seen every type of agency. Thorough investigation and multiple visits to the Village showed Yemin Orde to be exemplary and a model for child welfare since it demonstrates how at-risk children from the lowest level of the socioeconomic scale can receive a level of care and education that fosters lifelong success.

With a results-driven position, the foundation’s decision to fund Friends of Yemin Orde was also strongly influenced by a University of Haifa study documenting the long-term effectiveness of a Yemin Orde education. Graduates surveyed for the study reported a high level of satisfaction with their lives. Their income is above the national average and their level of education is higher than the national average. They establish stable families and are engaged in their communities. Significantly, no matter what their origin, Yemin Orde graduates fulfill the goal of the Village to nurture good citizenship and produce leaders for Israel.

“We are energized by the Fineshriber Family Foundation’s support,” says Friends of Yemin Orde Executive Director Karen Sallerson, “and are hopeful others will take up their challenge.”

Yemin Orde Youth Village, the preeminent residential educational program for at-risk children in Israel, is home to more than 500 disadvantaged, immigrant and refugee youth from over 20 countries around the world. Located just south of Haifa in the Carmel Mountains, Yemin Orde is both a home and a school environment. The success of integrating children from diverse cultures and backgrounds, cultivating their self-esteem, and building leadership through innovative educational and community outreach programs has attracted widespread acclaim from within and outside Israel.