



Friends of Yemin Orde

FRIENDS OF YEMIN ORDE RECEIVES CHARITY NAVIGATOR'S COVETED FOUR STAR RATING FOR THE TENTH YEAR

Only a quarter of rated charities achieve this distinction.



Friends of Yemin Orde is pleased to announce that for the tenth year it has received an exemplary Four Star Rating from Charity Navigator, the top independent charity evaluator in the United States. This distinction indicates that Friends of Yemin Orde outperforms most other charities in the U.S. for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. The Four Star Rating is the highest rating possible on Charity Navigator's rating scale. Friends of Yemin Orde is the U.S. fundraising arm for Yemin Orde Youth Village and Yemin Orde's Village Way Educational Initiatives. Visit www.yeminorde.org, call 202.237.0286 or email info@yeminorde.org.

"Our organization works hard to maintain the trust and respect of our supporters who, in turn, entrust us to carry out the important work of helping Israel's at-risk children. I am pleased that Friends of Yemin Orde is consistently recognized for being efficient and trustworthy," said Karen Sallerson, Executive Director, Friends of Yemin Orde. "It is with great pride that we are recognized for our wise stewardship of donor funds and excellent business practices."

Yemin Orde Youth Village, located in Mt. Carmel, is home, school and safe haven to hundreds of at-risk immigrant youth from all over the world. Today, the Village's youth are from Ethiopia, the countries of the Former Soviet Union, France and Brazil, as well as Israel. Many of the children arrived in Israel alone; some are orphans, and others are from single-parent or dysfunctional families. All are defined by Israel's social services as "at risk."

Through Yemin Orde's successful educational methodology, called the Village Way, and the help of the Village's dedicated team of professionals and educators, at-risk youth receive the care and support needed to become confident and productive citizens of Israel. Yemin Orde graduates remain connected to the Village for life and are involved in a broad range of professions such as health care, technology, law, politics, the arts and more.

Yemin Orde's Village Way Educational Initiatives was established to expand the Yemin Orde methodology to other villages and schools in Israel by providing resources, teacher training, workshops, and more. Today, the Village Way has partnered with 26 educational communities including youth villages, residential therapeutic communities and public high schools, including schools in Israeli-Arab communities. Since 2006, the methodology has impacted 9,650 youth and

1,320 educators in Israel. The goal is to expand to a total of 56 educational communities by 2020 and reach 25,000 youth and 2,800 educators.

Yemin Orde Youth Village, the Educational Initiatives and the “Village Way” methodology are recognized throughout Israel as models of educational excellence.