



FRIENDS OF YEMIN ORDE RECEIVES CHARITY NAVIGATOR'S FOUR STAR RATING FOR THE SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

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ROCKVILLE, MD – April 30, 2012. For the seventh consecutive year, Friends of Yemin Orde, the U.S. fundraising arm of Yemin Orde Youth Village and Yemin Orde Educational Initiatives, has received an exemplary Four Star Rating from Charity Navigator, the top independent charity evaluator in the U.S. This distinction is earned by only two percent of the charities rated by Charity Navigator, an indicator that Friends of Yemin Orde outperforms most other charities in the U.S. The Four Star Rating is the highest rating possible on Charity Navigator's rating scale, and signifies that Friends of Yemin Orde "exceeds industry standard for fiscal management." For more information on Friends of Yemin Orde, visit www.yeminorde.org, call 202.237.0286 or email infor@yeminorde.org.

"We work hard to make sure that our organization runs as efficiently as possible so that the children whom we support in Israel can have a safe home, a good quality of life and an excellent education," said Karen Sallerson, Executive Director, FYO. "This Four Star Rating is a testament to those efforts and the trust our supporters have placed in us. It is with great pride that we receive this important recognition for the seventh year in a row."

Yemin Orde Youth Village is located in Mt. Carmel, Israel – south of Haifa. In December 2010, 40 percent of the Village was destroyed in one of the region's worst wildfires in Israel's history. Children and staff members and their families were safely evacuated to a nearby youth village; there were no injuries. Today, the Village is poised to begin construction on a two-year construction plan aimed to rebuild and replace the buildings and homes damaged in the fire. Support is still needed to complete this important project in its entirety. Contact Karen Sallerson : karen@yeminorde.org or call 202.237.0286.

Yemin Orde Youth Village is home, school and safe haven to hundreds of at-risk immigrant youth from all over the world. The Village's dedicated staff, educators and other professionals help some 500 children cultivate self-esteem, leadership skills, strong cultural identity and a positive outlook on life. Yemin Orde 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. Visit www.yeminorde.org for more information on the Village or email info@yeminorde.org, or call 202-237-0286. ###