



## **FRIENDS OF YEMIN ORDE RECEIVES CHARITY NAVIGATOR'S COVETED FOUR STAR RATING FOR THE EIGHTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

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**IMMEDIATE RELEASE** ROCKVILLE, MD – Feb. 6, 2013. For the eighth 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, earned by only two percent of the charities rated by Charity Navigator, 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. For more information on Friends of Yemin Orde, visit [www.yeminorde.org](http://www.yeminorde.org), call 202.237.0286 or email [info@yeminorde.org](mailto: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. Our investors deserve accountability and I am pleased that Friends of Yemin Orde is consistently recognized for providing it," said Karen Sallerson, Executive Director, Friends of Yemin Orde. "We are honored by this achievement and it is with great pride that we are recognized for our wise stewardship of donor funds and excellent business practices."

Yemin Orde Youth Village is located in Mt. Carmel, Israel – south of Haifa. In December 2010, one of the worst wildfires in Israel's history tore through Yemin Orde, destroying 40 percent of the Village; children and staff were evacuated and there were no injuries. Today, a two-year construction project is underway to rebuild and replace buildings and homes damaged or destroyed in the fire. Funding for the rebuilding project comes from the Israeli government, insurance reimbursements and donations from individuals, foundations and groups from around the world.

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 hundreds of traumatized 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. Yemin Orde, the Educational Initiatives and its "Village Way" methodology are all recognized throughout Israel as models of educational excellence. Visit [www.yeminorde.org](http://www.yeminorde.org) for more information or email [info@yeminorde.org](mailto:info@yeminorde.org).

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