



## Media Alert

### JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LOS ANGELES PARTNERS WITH FRIENDS OF YEMIN ORDE TO SUPPORT VITAL THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT CENTER FOR AT-RISK YOUTH

*Generous grant to help fund a wide range of therapeutic activities for Yemin Orde's fragile at-risk teens*

**DECEMBER 2016, BETHESDA, MD** – Friends of Yemin Orde is pleased to announce that it has received a generous grant from the Jewish Community Foundation Los Angeles to help strengthen the emotional well-being of the fragile children who live at Yemin Orde Youth Village in Israel. With consistent therapeutic support, Yemin Orde's teens can overcome past traumas and refocus their energies from survival to achieving success. Friends of Yemin Orde is the philanthropic partner of Yemin Orde Youth Village and Village Way Educational Initiatives. The Village is home, school and safe haven for 430 at-risk youth from Ethiopia, Former Soviet Union, France, and Brazil as well as teens born in Israel. Village Way Educational Initiatives (VWEI) expands Yemin Orde's successful Village Way methodology throughout Israel to 36 youth villages and public high schools with high populations of at-risk and immigrant youth.

The Therapeutic Treatment Center plays an important role in facilitating the healing process of Yemin Orde's traumatized youth. The grant will support the work of social workers to train adult mentors and other staff members who help the Village's troubled youth, as well as provide individual and group therapy programs, among other therapeutic programs. In particular, the Center's art and music therapy programs have provided creative outlets of self-expression for troubled youth resulting in exploration of new skills and talents.

The services at the Therapeutic Treatment Center are available year-round to any child living and learning at Yemin Orde.



The Center is also open to alumni through Yemin Orde's graduate program. The Village provides emotional and financial support to graduates throughout their lives, including scholarships for high education, emergency financial support, care packages for lone soldiers as well as hosting lifecycle ceremonies and celebrations at the Village.

The long-term success of helping to support and sustain Yemin Orde's therapeutic center can be seen in the achievements of its graduates. Yemin Orde's graduates are successful and productive in a variety of professions and activities in Israel. They are political and military leaders, educators, artists, hi-tech and health care professionals, community activists, volunteers and more.

For more information on Friends of Yemin Orde, [yeminorde.org](http://yeminorde.org) or email [info@yeminorde.org](mailto:info@yeminorde.org)



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