



Friends of Yemin Orde

Supporting educational communities for at-risk youth in Israel



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FRIENDS OF YEMIN ORDE LAUNCHES 2018 #GIVINGTUESDAY CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT THERAPEUTIC ARTS PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK YOUTH AT YEMIN ORDE YOUTH VILLAGE

\$36,000 one-day fundraising goal will support art, music and drama programs that provide creative outlets for self-expression for Yemin Orde's at-risk youth.

Friends of Yemin Orde (FYO) is pleased to announce that it will participate in the upcoming #GivingTuesday global fundraising day scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018. FYO's \$36,000 one-day goal will support therapeutic extra-curricular arts enrichment programs, such as art, music and dance, at Yemin Orde Youth

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Village, located in northern Israel. The Village is home, school and safe haven to 430 at-risk youth from around the world, including Ethiopia, France, Former Soviet Union and Brazil. Most of the youth at Yemin Orde have experienced trauma: from abandonment and isolation to loss and extreme poverty. The Village's therapeutic arts programs provide fragile teens with creative avenues for self-exploration and a way to release of past anger and suffering. Friends

of Yemin Orde is the philanthropic partner of Yemin Orde Youth Village and Village Way Educational Initiatives (VWEI). The Educational Initiatives, an independent nonprofit organization, expands the educational methodology modeled at Yemin Orde, called the Village Way, to more youth villages, therapeutic residential communities and public high schools in Israel with high populations of at-risk youth, including schools in Arab communities. Visit yeminorde.org for more information or email info@yeminorde.org.

One of the most important components of Yemin Orde's innovative Village Way educational methodology is the encouragement of its youth to connect with their past and learn to feel good about themselves. Only then, can they move forward to a productive and positive outlook for their

future. With this process in mind, Yemin Orde's therapeutic arts programs and activities are designed to instill in each child a sense of security, empowerment, and hope for the future.

"Our arts and drama programs are extremely effective in this respect as they provide the children with avenues for self-exploration and self-expression while exposing them to creative thought and opportunities for realizing their capabilities," said Shmuli Bing, Director, Yemin Orde Youth Village. "In addition, these extra-curricular activities strengthen our teens' link to their cultural heritage and help them develop pride in their cultural heritage."

Funding of the Village's extra-curricular arts programs depend on the generosity of Yemin Orde's donors. These programs include painting, ceramics, sculpture, photography, dance, music and theater.

Youth often have opportunity to display their artwork to their friends in the Village, as well as perform in music and dance recitals and theater performances. This community-wide recognition and appreciation of their efforts creates an inner strength for the Village's fragile youth and provides the validation they urgently need.



This is the fifth year that Friends of Yemin Orde has participated in the worldwide #GivingTuesday campaign. This global day of charitable giving harnesses the power of personal philanthropy and inspires generations of donors to give generously to the charities and causes they support. ###