



**VOLUNTARY SUPPORT FOR THE CITIZENS OF NORTHERN ISRAEL**  
**Established by veterans of the Armored Brigade 421**  
**In affiliation with the Armored Corps Memorial Foundation**  
**("Amoutat Yad Lashirion")**

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Dear friend

During the recent war between Israel and Hezbollah along the Lebanese border of the country, huge destruction was caused to towns, infrastructure and private property. The vast majority of this large geographical zone was completely paralyzed. People stayed in shelters for 30 days and many had to evacuate their homes and stay out of the area for their personal safety. This situation created economical chaos for many people. The recovery of this area and its inhabitants will take a long time, and will require a lot of money and many volunteers.

We are veteran fighters and commanders of the 421 Armored Brigade (of Ariel Sharon's division), which was the first armored unit to cross the Suez Canal during the Yom Kippur War in 1973, and led the IDF offensive into Egypt turning around that war. We gathered now under different circumstances, to help in recovering the people of North Israel from their devastation. Many of our veterans are retired high ranking IDF officers and senior managers in the Israeli industry. We are able to initiate and carry out large scale recovery and support activities.

We have adopted a small town called Shlomi, which is located a very short distance south of the Lebanese Border. Shlomi, whose population is largely in the lower socio-economical tiers, has suffered from Hezbollah for many years and this time again was a major target for their attacks.

We have already begun providing summer camp activities for children and teenagers from Shlomi in different recreation sites in Israel. We'll soon begin working with college and university students, towards the upcoming new school year. We are also looking into supporting local small businesses. Further support will mostly depend on funds which we are raising now.

While our veterans volunteer in supporting these activities and contribute their personal donations, we are looking for additional financial support. We call upon you to extend your donation for this very important activity.

You may send your donation by way of a crossed check (to the bearer only) to the attention of "AMOUTAT YAD LASHIRION – 421 BRIGADE" which is a non profit charity organization of our Brigade. Please send the check by certified mail to the address of: Jonathan Adereth, 47 Hof Hashenav st. Haifa 34980 , Israel .  
If you prefer to make a bank transfer we shall provide you with bank transfer instructions, although in general checks are preferred for recording and control purposes.

We shall greatly appreciate your considering this request and advancing to us your donation as soon as you can.

Sincerely

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