



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

Fifteen months ago, during the war in the northern part of Israel, we came together in order to support the citizens and communities that suffered the threat and horror of that war. We began our activity during the war time by sending young children with their parents to recreation sites, for some refreshment away from the war zone.

We decided to focus our attention on two small communities; a town called Shlomi (population 6,000) and a Bedouin village called Arab el Aramshe (population 2,000) which are both located a dismal distance south of the Lebanese Border. Shlomi and Arab el Aramshe whose populations are largely in the lower socio-economical tiers of the general population in the country , suffered heavy Hezbollah shelling during the war and were a major target for their attacks.

Together with the mayor of Shlomi and the community leaders in Arab el Aramshe we decided to focus our voluntary support on the young generation and to address predominantly educational projects. Subsequently, with the funds generously donated by our supporters, we managed to complete many projects as described here below :

1. Refreshing dates in recreation centers for hundreds of young children and their parents.
2. A three day recreation for teenagers at the Memorial and educational center of the Armored forces in Latrun, including full boarding, lectures and trips to historical and national sites, all accompanied by our members.
3. A three days seminar on leadership for youth leaders held at the Memorial and educational center of the Armored forces in Latrun, including full boarding and lectures by our members.
4. Recreation activity in Masada for all graduates of the elementary schools in Shlomi including parents teachers and schools' headmasters teachers and staff.
5. Payment of admission fee to Universities and Colleges for students who needed support due to economical difficulties.
6. Granting educational scholarships for 16 University and College students who live in Shlomi. In return the students were required to provide 60 hours of support to their community.
7. Provision of educational grants for 18 University and College students who live in Arab el Aramshe. In return the students were required to provide 20 hours of support to their community.
8. Upgrading of all the computers and the local area network at the Multimedia education center in Shlomi.
9. Purchase of advanced educational software and training courses to tutors at the Multimedia education center in Shlomi.
10. Activation of the Multimedia education center in Shlomi during school hours in support of all school children (2 hours per week for each child over the whole school year).

In addition we visited occasionally the two communities to discuss the needs and follow up on the progress of the projects. We also commemorated and celebrated together special events (e.g. granting scholarships, inauguration of the first intermediate school [grades 7-9] in Shlomi and alike) in order to foster the relations between our people and the local communities. This has been mostly appreciated by the local people and their community leaders since it showed them that they are not left alone in the periphery.

Our activity was made possible due to the funds which we managed to raise from many generous people. As we wish to carry on and expend our important activity we need to replenish our resources and raise new funds. We have plenty of ideas and plans which we concluded together with the communities and we need your help in order to realize them.

As you may recall from our original call for support, we are veteran fighters and commanders of the 421 Armored Brigade (of Ariel Sharon's Armored 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.

While our veterans volunteer in supporting these activities and contribute their personal donations, we are looking for additional financial support. We therefore 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 Hashenhav st. Haifa 34980 , Israel .

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

Sincerely

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Chairman, Armored Corps Memorial Foundation
Commander, 421 armored brigade in October 1973

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