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A Year of Great Impact!

2006 was a year of tremendous growth and changes for us. Last year we decided to open the doors for international partners to join ongoing humanitarian projects in Israel. Previously, our Knesset partners relied mostly on Israeli donors to fund certain humanitarian projects. We began 2006 by offering international donors to partner with us on our “Warm Winter for the Elderly Project”.

Last winter we struggled to get 10,000 blankets for Israel’s elderly who could not afford to properly heat their apartments. Generous donors from Germany shipped us a container of blankets to distribute when we needed them most.

Though Knesset Members have been endorsing these projects for years, we

realized most people outside Israel do not know how to connect to such important work. The idea of the Love for Israel Relief Fund sparked from this realization. We created a private humanitarian organization to raise awareness of ongoing humanitarian work endorsed by Israel’s top leaders.

The Love for Israel Relief Fund has maintained four distinct characteristics:

1. We are willing to work with anyone who sincerely wants help Israel’s poor and needy.
2. We encourage you to participate in the projects and see your offerings at work firsthand.
3. Our network organizers serve the projects and the projects do not serve to promote individual organizers.
4. We connect you directly with projects that Israeli

leaders identify as urgent needs for communities throughout Israel.

February 2006, Knesset Members identified over 10,000 Israelis who needed seven-day food parcels for Passover last year. Of those, over 2,000 people were young adults ages 18-21 in mandatory IDF service. These soldiers had no families in Israel and very limited means to support themselves.

Additionally, we had requests from families of fallen soldiers and terror victims for help.

Fewer than a dozen international organizations were aware of our needs when we raised funds for the Passover project in March. Our growing network managed to feed approximately 15,000 people for seven days of Passover. While the majority of donations came from Israelis, the Love for Israel Relief Fund had made contact with over 100 international organizations by the end of April.

As the network grew, so did requests from local and national Israeli leaders. We expanded our relationships to include community and city leaders across Israel. I went to the U.S.A. for the summer to raise awareness of Israel's needs among Americans.

War broke out as I traveled around the U.S.A. Americans from several organizations responded to Israel's suffering with unexpected generosity.

Our network partners brought over \$20 million in aid to Israel after the war. We have been concentrating on helping northern communities rebuild from the war. Meanwhile, we connected with over 500 international organizations.

As we begin 2007, the Love for Israel Relief Fund reaches out to nearly 1,000 organizations in communities across the U.S.A. and several countries around the world. Our current network partners want to bring over \$100 million in aid to Israel. We hope 1,000 new partners will adopt approximately 90 cities in Israel.

So long as poverty exists in Israel, there is plenty of room for you to partner with the Love for Israel Relief Fund. We hope you will join our network in 2007 to help Israel's poor and needy. Come and see for yourself how you can impact Israelis.

The Love for Israel Relief Fund cordially invites you to join our leadership delegation March 21-29, 2007. More information about our leadership delegation is available at:

http://www.love4israel.org/Leadership_Delegation.pdf

Thank you for your support!

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