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Hospitalized Children Hold "Thank-You" Signs at a Backpack Distribution.

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

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Last year the Love for Israel Relief Fund sponsored art projects at a school for autistic boys in Jerusalem. Half of the boys still lived with their families and the other half lived in alternative care. All the boys needed a boost in their self-esteem. Their art teacher was amazing - very creative, resourceful and full of energy.

She recycled old baby formula bottles, coffee cans, newspapers, throw-away boxes and wires. We helped pay for the glue, paints and other art supplies. The results were every kind of animal and creature a child could imagine. Noah's ark did not contain so much variety!

Our costs into these projects were approximately \$20 per week for each

student. A number of the boys unleashed obvious natural talent. Others who suffered high anxiety calmed down noticeably. It was a real boost for everyone. Adults and kids involved in those projects now have memories that will last a lifetime.

The nature of those projects were such that the Love for Israel Relief Fund cannot know detailed information on how they impacted lives at home. If we preserved even one household through art; it was cheaper to run the projects for all the students an entire school year than to place even one of those boys into an institution for a month!

Other organizations took notice of our art projects at that autistic school for boys in Jerusalem. Inspired by the team's

effectiveness, they followed suit and sponsored more projects at the same school. Every \$20 we spent on art projects at that school may have seemed small. But the impact on the boys, inspiration in the community and ripple affect onto other humanitarian organizations was priceless.

This Fall we will send impoverished students Back to School . . . with dignity. We sponsor top-quality backpacks stuffed with school supplies these kids will need during the school year. It can cost up to \$30 per backpack of similar quality and supplies. The Love for Israel Relief Fund has always strived to keep our administrative overhead to a minimum. In past years we have been able to sponsor these backpacks for \$25 each. This year our suppliers have offered deeper discounts, allowing us to sponsor the backpacks for only \$20 each. Such low administrative overhead and great supplier relations increases our ability to help children by up to 33%!

Often times these smaller projects serve to prevent larger crisis in the lives of at-risk children. The costs of such projects are often substantially lower than the costs of crisis-intervention. More importantly, we can lower the number of children who will need to be removed from their homes. Quality of life improves, children are happier - everyone wins. These low-cost

projects quietly impact lives by your generous support. On behalf of at-risk Israeli children - thank you.

Richard Weisskopf is visiting the United States and will be available from June 15th through September 21st. If you would like to invite him to speak to your group, please visit the Contact page on our web site and send us an invitation. Somebody will respond to your invitation promptly.

Back to School . . . with Dignity is an annual project to stuff top-quality backpacks full of school supplies for impoverished Israeli schoolchildren. We can save up to \$10 per backpack this year by ordering supplies early. Every \$20 we receive early towards this project sends an impoverished child back to school with dignity.

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