



November 2020

Dear Friends:

As 2020 winds down and we reflect upon the tumultuous months that made up the bulk of the year, we cannot help but wish for quieter, healthier, and safer days in the year ahead. We can, however, also take a moment to reflect upon how we dealt with the challenges presented to us.

At Ten Gav, the onset of COVID 19 in March 2020 precipitated our launch of our CORONA Relief Fund. We present to you our report to date.

Background

When the current crisis broke back in March 2020 we wanted to get assistance out to needy Israeli families as quickly as possible. After consulting with our social worker partners around the country, we identified 3 needs that we felt were immediate:

1. *Computers and tablets:* Demand for computers for school children learning remotely and tablets for the elderly and special needs populations that were no longer able to participate in their usual programming would grow tremendously.
2. *Rent assistance:* We knew that families walking the tightrope between falling into debt and staying out of poverty would be severely impacted by temporary or long term job loss. Many of these families would not be able to make their rent payments. While Ten Gav does not typically provide rent assistance, we believed that this was a critical need that would not be met, at least in the short term, and was appropriate for this unique period.
3. *Tuition payments for young at-risk adults:* Most at-risk young adults support themselves by working as waiters and bartenders. When it became clear that many of them were losing their jobs, we were concerned they would find themselves considering dropping out of their higher education because of their inability to make their tuition payments. We wanted to make sure they could continue their studies.

So we turned to you, our donors around the world, and you answered by partnering with us.

Numbers

To date, we have raised 1,300,000 NIS (approximately \$370,000) for the CORONA Relief Fund. We have helped 535 needy Israeli families.

Computers: We distributed 450 computers and tablets at a cost of 867,000 NIS or about \$255,000. The list of families who received these computers was compiled together by the local social services agency and the local educational department.

40 to Akko

65 to Dimona

20 to Holon

29 to Kiryat Malachi

40 to Migdal HaEmeq

40 to Netivot

35 to Ofakim

40 to Ohr Akiva

35 to Ort Yad Leibowitz of Netanya

40 to Rishon LeZion

40 to Sderot

26 to various other agencies

Rent Assistance:

We provided rent assistance to 82 families totaling 383,000 NIS (approximately \$ 113,000) from 14 cities around Israel:

- Ofakim
- Ashkelon
- Beit Shemesh
- Even Yehuda
- Hadera
- Holon
- Jerusalem
- Kfar Saba
- Kiryat Malachi
- Netanya
- Netivot
- Rishon LeZion
- Tel Aviv

Assistance with Course Tuitions:

We helped 3 at-risk young adults who lost their jobs with their tuition payments in the amount of 11,820 NIS (approximately \$3500) preventing them from dropping out of school.

The Future

It is our plan to wind down the Corona Relief Fund by the end of December 2020. We will continue to take regular requests for goods and services from our social services partners.

These requests will include computers and assistance with course tuitions , however, we will no longer accept applications for rent.

We feel very satisfied with the help that the Corona Relief Fund has provided. We responded quickly and generously, and the agencies with whom we work have expressed immense gratitude. We will continue to keep abreast of the unique needs that the Coronavirus situation is creating and will determine where we can best help. In the meantime, it is our belief and hope that the government and other larger agencies will step up with meaningful programs. The mainstream media has already reported a major government initiative to provide 150,000 computers to schoolchildren by the end of first quarter 2021.

The Year-End

Ten Gav continues to work with 35 municipal welfare departments around the country. We have helped 2,123 families since our launch six years ago and 821 families in 2020 alone, as of this writing.

We can say with confidence that ***with your help we are doing good work***, and we thank you for your support to date.

We like to think of Ten Gav as bringing together 3 points of a triangle: needy families, social workers, and donors:

- *Needy families* are getting goods and services they need;
- *Social workers* who give so much of themselves are getting access to tangible goods to give their clients and boost their credibility and effectiveness; and
- *You*, our donors, are getting easy and direct access to meaningful giving opportunities.

As December fast approaches we are reminded that we can still donate and get a tax-deductible receipt for 2020. This also gives us pause to think back and assess if we have done what we can to help others during this year of hardship for so many.

We invite you to continue to partner with us.

You may ***click here*** for our quickest way to donate and you will receive your tax-deductible receipt immediately upon completion of the payment process.

Wishing you a healthy 2021,

Naomi & Vivi