



Projects of Abundant Hope International 2017-18

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Community House of Peace

1. Purpose:
 - AHI offices and base of operations
 - house Holocaust Survivors with NO family
 - lodging for Volunteers to assist in care of Survivors under AHI care
 - lodging for guests/tour groups (which will help support the center)
 - event room for (concerts, eyeglass clinics, special events)
 - Distribution center of Survivor needs
2. Location: Akko center
3. Proportions:
 - 56 double occupancy bedrooms with hcp access private bath & air conditioner
 - Kitchen, laundry, security, offices, event room, bomb shelters on each floor
 - Fully handicap accessible with elevators, intercom, state of the art electric
 - New, ready-to-move-in, exterior Jerusalem Stone
4. Cost: \$6 million (building, real estate taxes, legal fees, move-in costs)
 - Fundraising: Sponsor-A- Room 100 rooms @ \$65,000 each
Single Sponsors or Community Sponsors, names embossed on leaves of the AHI Tree inside the building
5. Time Frame: Immediate, urgent; building is for sale now

Survivor Life Packs

1. Purpose:
 - Provide 72-hr emergency packs to Survivors within rocket range in Israel
 - Many Survivors cannot reach a bomb shelter when the siren sounds
 - Pack provision to live for 3 days in rubble if their building is bombed
 - Siren sounds, Survivor sits in safest place in home holding the pack
2. Location: Survivors in North Israel, near Gaza & strike locations around Israel
3. Contents & logistics:
 - Emergency food and water
 - Their own medications
 - Space blanket, emergency flasher, flashlight
 - Medical emergency kit
 - Book of Psalms in their language, reading glasses
 - Packs to be dated, distributed with full training, yearly checked and updated
4. Cost: Estimated \$75 each; Quantities of 500 per distribution to lower cost
 - Fundraising: Go Fund Me page; FB & Social Media, AHI media;
 - Sponsors: churches, groups, businesses, individuals
5. Timeframe: Immediate and ongoing; preferably before the next war

MegaVoice Solar Powered Audio Scripture Units

1. Purpose:
 - Provide Survivors with scriptures; some have never heard it
2. Location: Distributed to Survivors throughout Israel
3. Logistics:
 - Hearing the scripture is helpful as their eyesight makes reading difficult
 - Ear buds are provided as an option
 - Unit recharges just from light in the room or on the windowsill
 - Instructions in their own language
 - Begin with Psalms & Proverbs in their own language
 - As we maintain contact they can “trade up” to the entire Old Testament or more if they want
 - This unit has flexibility; we can supply MegaVoice other content and order other units with speakers or music of our choice. For now we only give scripture.
4. Cost: Approximately \$45 each
 - Fundraising: Word of mouth, FB & social media
5. Timeframe: Ongoing and constant need

Heirloom Project

1. Purpose:
 - During WWII and the Holocaust those who survived lost the heritage of their families through destruction, stolen by Nazis or neighbors, separation
 - Heirlooms passed from generation to generation were always a large part of the Jewish heritage. We seek to restart, begin again, that in Holocaust families.
2. Location: Distributed to Survivors throughout Israel
3. Content and Logistics:
 - Majority of new Heirlooms given are handmade quilts
 - Other quality handmade items deemed heirloom status are also distributed
4. Cost: Donations to AHI for this purpose; dependent on those making them
5. Timeframe: Ongoing and constant need

Eyeglass Clinics

1. Purpose:
 - Provide glasses for Survivors at no cost to them
2. Location: Eyeglass clinics are available to Survivors in any city in Israel
3. Logistics:
 - Glasses clinics are announced ahead of time and appointments arranged for approximately 10 people per hour for individual attention
 - Glasses are for simple vision, no astigmatism
 - Testing is given and needed glasses strength determined
 - We are building our glasses stock in varying strengths to give away
 - Other free items are given in addition such as books in their language
4. Cost: Donations of glasses in needed strengths
 - Strengths needed: +4 thru +16 and -1 thru -16 (new or like new)
 - Eyeglass cases (new or like new)
5. Timeframe: Immediate; ongoing and constant need

Annual Sukkot BBQ for Holocaust Survivors

1. Purpose:
 - Honoring local Akko Holocaust Survivors and for family time during Sukkot
2. Location: Beit Shalom in Akko
3. Logistics:
 - BBQ is held in the backyard of Beit Shalom; all Akko Survivors are invited
 - A Sukkah is put up
 - We provide transportation
 - Provide music, food served, door prizes
 - Volunteers needed to give them personal attention
4. Cost: \$1800
5. Timeframe: Annual, once a year for Sukkot

Caretakers/Housekeepers

1. Purpose:
 - Provide the additional help in the home they need due to age
2. Location: Akko generally, open to establish in other communities
3. Logistics:
 - Extra cleaning, about 4 hours/month, for each Survivor
 - Pay about 40 shekels/hour x 4 hours = \$45 per Survivor each month
4. Cost: \$45/per Survivor per month
5. Timeframe: Need is now, ongoing and will increase as they age

Translators on Site

1. Purpose:
 - Translate for Survivors /Volunteers working and visiting
 - Translate for meetings, various events
 - Translate letters to Survivors from Adopters & AHI communications
2. Location: Akko base of operations, Beit Shalom
3. Logistics:
 - Visitation by Volunteers and AHI staff need translators to go along
 - Events AHI need translators to arrange and facilitate
 - Letters for Survivors arrive by both email and post; a translator needed on site
 - Meetings with government and organizational representatives needs translators
 - Phone calls with representatives needs translators
4. Cost: Professional translators \$35/hr; non-professional translators \$12/hr
5. Timeframe: Immediate, desperate need, ongoing

Renovations

1. Purpose: repair and renovate Survivor homes where needed
2. Location: anywhere in Israel
3. Logistics:
 - Repairs to ceilings and walls, plumbing, repairs of furniture
 - Replacement of kitchen cabinets or bath needs within budget and ability
 - Depend mostly on Volunteers with skillsets for this type of work
 - Also utilize Israeli repairmen for some instances
4. Cost: Average \$1500/month
5. Timeframe: Ongoing

Events

1. Purpose: Provide Survivors with honor and entertainment to forget their past
2. Location: Anywhere in Israel
3. Logistics:
 - Musical Concerts – music & arts professionals perform in hostels and clubs
 - MarketPlace – opportunity for Survivors to go “shopping” with Monopoly money
 - Private Concerts – take professional musicians to perform private performances in the homes of Survivors who can no longer leave their house or bed anymore
 - International Women’s Day – give flowers out to the women this day door to door
 - Rose Giveaway – Yom HaShoah, Memorial Day
 - Holidays – giveaway cards or flowers or small gifts
4. Costs:
 - Musical Concerts – up to \$250 if we pay professionals, some volunteer
 - MarketPlace – cost of refreshments and items we need to put out for “sale”
 - Private Concerts – cost of gasoline to drive
 - International Women’s Day – flowers \$1000 average + cost of gas; refreshments
 - Rose Giveaway - \$300 average + cost of gas
 - Holidays – varies greatly; \$500 average
5. Timeframe: Ongoing

Transportation

1. Purpose: Transporting Volunteers both local and long distance to bless Survivors
2. Location: Akko and all of Israel
3. Logistics:
 - Chrysler Van, 2006, seats 7; seats recess into the floor; used for cargo too
 - Bus system is good and we send volunteers on the bus
 - Train is excellent and expanded this year. We will utilize it more for the Volunteers
 - Walking to circumnavigate the cities is quite doable; in larger cities buses can be used
 - Taxis can be expensive but within the city limits it is less
4. Cost:
 - Van – rent and insurance = \$1000; fuel @ \$8/gallon = use approximately \$230/week
 - Bus – approximately \$15/month for volunteers
 - Train – approximately \$100/month
 - Walking – free
 - Taxis – Akko and nearby \$15/month; Jerusalem or Tel Aviv \$90/month
5. Timeframe: ongoing

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