



# WOMEN OF VISION SOCIETY MAKES A LASTING GIFT AND A MEANINGFUL IMPACT ON WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY

Women in our community have a wonderful opportunity to become lifelong philanthropists through the Women of Vision Society, which is a permanent, restricted endowment fund dedicated to helping and enhancing the lives of women in our community. The endowment was originally created in 1996 with its founding 100 members and has more than doubled in its membership and giving since then. Since 1998, over \$210,000 has been distributed in grants to a wide variety of agencies and causes ranging from employment and literacy to acculturation and health issues.



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## WOMEN OF VISION GRANT RECIPIENTS 2022

#### Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven - Dignity Grows

Dignity Grows mobilizes volunteers to assemble and distribute free, reusable totes filled with a month's supply of basic menstrual and hygiene products. This program partners with local organizations, like Jewish Family Service and the Diaper Bank, to distribute supplies to the women who need them.

#### Yashar LaChayal - Female Hareidi Lone Soldier Project

Yashar LaChayal launched this initiative in 2019 to support female ultra-orthodox lone soldiers in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF). These young women aren't supported by their families due to their decision to serve in the IDF. The Lone Soldier Project provides them with housing and a support system during and after their service.

#### Camp Laurelwood - CL at the Well

Camp Laurelwood, a Jewish summer camp in Connecticut, is launching a new program centered around young women's development, care, and empowerment. The camp plans to provide a space and sessions throughout the summer for female staff and campers, administered by year-round female staff members.

#### Haifa Rape Crisis Center (HRCC) -You Are Not Alone

HRCC provides an emotional resilience group for mothers whose children have been sexually harmed or abused. Groups run for 25 sessions of 1.5 to 2 hours each. They are overseen by two professionally trained facilitators and accommodate up to 10 women.

#### The Towers at Tower Lane -Horticulture Therapy for Cognitively Impaired Older Adults

Horticulture Therapy at the Towers brings social, emotional, and cognitive value to residents and volunteers. Twice a month, residents and volunteers create floral arrangements together. Residents enjoy their arrangements in their apartments and throughout the common areas.

#### B'nai B'rith Youth Organization -BBYO Building Sisterhood

BBYO brings Jewish teens together to shared Jewish spaces. Female identifying BBGs bond, celebrate, and grow together through programs rooted in traditions and self-love. The most well attended gatherings are BBYO regional conventions, which always have special moments for BBGs.

# The Israeli Center for Cult Victims - Single-Parent Mothers' Seminar on Personal Empowerment and Economic Growth for Cult Survivor Women

The Israeli Center for Cult Victims was established to bring awareness to cults in Israel. Many cult victims suffer from emotional and economic struggles once exiting the cult. The Single Parent Mother's Seminar provides single mothers with practical knowledge and useful tools to restore their independence and economic stability.

#### Shaalei Tikva - Mother-Daughter Bat Mitzvah Program

The Mother-Daughter Bat Mitzvah Program helps young, at-risk girls who are part of the Shaalei Tikva "Warm Home" after school program. The program brings the girls together with their mothers and grandmothers to celebrate their Bat Mitzvah. The inter-generational experience enhances their connection to Jewish tradition and helps highlight the positive bonds between them that may be lacking.

### JScreen at Emory University - Jewish Federation & JCC of Greater New Haven JScreen Fund

The Jewish Federation and JCC of Greater New Haven will provide education and access to genetic screening and counseling regarding the risk of developing hereditary cancer or having a child with a genetic disease. These goals will be accomplished through a one-day symposium and other outreach efforts.

## Kaleidoscope - Next Steps for Women



Kaleidoscope's educational approach is to promote appreciation for diversity which forms the foundation of understanding and acceptance amongst Israel's many populations—Arabs, Ethiopians, and Jews of different religious expressions. The program helps develop social skills such as problem solving and respectful communication that can be applied in various social settings.

This initiative will join 22 religious and secular native Israeli and Ethiopian early childhood educators and their aides in becoming leaders in diversity education. The project includes workshops, resources, and mentoring, enabling

them to foster appreciation for diversity in their kindergartens and to become diversity education facilitators.

In the first meeting, the aides got to know one another on a personal level. Each person shared how they felt about their place in their kindergartens. We also spoke about the different needs in each kindergarten. Every aide shared what she felt her strengths were and how she can use them to create an initiative to meet the needs of their kindergarten.

Each aide, with the help of the Kaleidoscope staff, built a plan to help strengthen her place at work.

Miri, an aide in a religious kindergarten, built a plan to help children who struggled with separating from their parents in the morning. She asked the children what their strengths were, just like the aides did in their first meeting, and what they enjoy doing in kindergarten. Then, Miri assigned each kindergartener a responsibility for when they first arrive at school. Ever since, Neria, one of the kindergarten students, happily comes in to class every morning and no longer struggles separating from her parents.





## WOMEN OF VISION TOO

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In Honor of our daughter, Lauren Ariker Korman, by Diane & Walter Ariker

In Honor of our daughter-in-law, Shanti Ariker\*\*, by Diane & Walter Ariker

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Eileen Eder Yvette Eder Jody Ellant Arlene Elovich

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Deb Gaudette

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Laurel Vlock
Sandra Vlock
Helen Vogel
Laury Alderman Walker
Joan Wallack

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Fishbone
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Lillian Weinberg
Elise Weiner
Martha Sue Weisbart
Marian Wexler
Ana White
Esther White
Mary Lou Winnick
Marcia Witten
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