### WOMEN OF VISION & WOMEN OF VISION TOO

Anonymou Elaine Ades Betsy Adler Cecle Adler Caron Alderman Lucille Alderman Judy Alperin Darcy McGraw Altman Mira Arbonies Diane Ariker 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 Sara Ann Auerbach Judith August Joan Bailev Debbie Brander Barbier Betsy Barnston Chana Baron Judith Barr Jennifer Bayer Ruthann Beckerman Abby Bench Sharon Bender Barbara Berc Ina Berson Civianne Bloch Sarah Blum Marjorie Botwinik Flaine Braffman Charlotte Brenner Phyllis Brodoff Susan Buxbaum Laura Campbell Linda Cedarbaum Elaine Chapman Roslyn Chosak Roxanne Coady Gloria Cohen Nancy Cohen Linda Cohen Linda Friedman Cole Emily Resnik-Conn Harriet Cooper Joanna Cooper In honor of my daughter Sharon Mogel, by Judy Cooper In honor of my daughte Leslie Gold, by Judy Cooper Esther M. Copelon Ann Drobnis Elizabeth Edelglass\* Eileen Eder Yvette Ede Jody Ellant Arlene Elovich In honor of my granddaughter, Danielle Epstein, by Nancy Coher In honor of my aranddauahter Jill Epstein, by Nancy Cohen Debra Epsteir Linda Cohen Epstein Ruth Fagen Harriet K. Fas Susan Birke-Fiedler Emily Fine Marilyn Fishbone Betsy Gandelman Fiske Betsy Flaherty Joanne Foodim l inda Friedman Nancy Frydman Suzanne Gallan Lillian Gandelman Deb Gaudette

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# A WOMAN OF VALOR MAKES THE WORLD CHANGE.

HER **STRENGTH** IS THE CONTENT THAT GUIDES THROUGH THE DAYS. DEFINED BY HER **ACTIONS** THAT BRING **LIGHT** TO ALL **DREAMS**. **VALOR** IS SOMETHING THAT'S DEFINED BY HER **DEEDS**.



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 100 founding members and has more than doubled in its membership and giving since its inception. Since 1998, over \$236,000 has been distributed in grants to a wide variety of agencies and causes ranging from employment and literacy to acculturation and health issues.

Jewish Foundation

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

## **WOMEN OF VISION SOCIETY 2024 GRANT AWARDS**

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Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

#### **YESOD – Leadership Development Project**

The YESOD leadership Development Project is an established curriculum combining Judaic text study, business skills, leadership theory and experimental application to Jewish women who wish to enhance the quality of life for themselves and their families to ensure continuity by providing a strong foundation of knowledge.

#### Yashar LaChayal, Israel

#### Female Haredi Soldiers In Need

Yashar LaChayal launched this project to assist impoverished female Israeli soldiers. There are many female soldiers that serve in combat units that have great difficulties financially. They provide the soldiers with appliances, credit at supermarkets when needed as well as food packages before major holidays, warm clothing and rent for female Haredi Lone Soldiers. The needs of the soldiers have increased drastically over the last few months due to the war.

The Haifa Rape Crisis Center, Israel

#### You Are Not Alone

This project aims to provide an emotional resilience group for mothers whose children have been sexually harmed or abused. Groups will run for 25 sessions of 1.5-2 hours each and are overseen by two professionally trained facilitators and can accommodate up to ten women.

#### The Towers at Tower Lane

#### Adopt a Bubbe: **An Intergenerational Jewish Program for Women and Girls**

This project pairs Southern CT Hebrew Academy girls with an adult from The Towers. Over the course of the school year, SCHA students have

the opportunity to form ongoing, lasting and meaningful relationships with this older population. Monthly sessions focus on holidays, crafts and holiday food. This year the women and girls will focus on planting for the future with an emphasis on projects relating to the new Tower Garden.

Beit Ruth for Young Women and Girls At-Risk, Israel

#### A Path to Economic Empowerment for Israel's Young Women At-Risk

Beit Ruth's Economic Empowerment Proarams ensure Pre-Graduates and Alumnae achieve and sustain economic independence by empowering them with critical employment, business and life stills, banking, managing credit cards, loans and creating business plans. The project hopes women can use these skills to increase opportunities for social mobility and independence while helping mitigate poverty.

B'nai Brith Youth Organization

#### **Connecticut Valley Region – Stomp** Out Mental Health Program

B'nai Brith Youth Organization has a rich history of providing Jewish teens with a safe space to explore different aspects of their identity and try new things. Stomp Out Mental Health has been running for the past five years and has received a very positive response as teens learn and have open dialogue with their peers about mental health in a collaborative environment.

Global Network for Jewish Women Entrepreneurs & Leaders, Israel

#### The Jewish Leadership Program

The Jewish Leadership Program is a 6-month program for Jewish Women Entrepreneurs and Leaders that enhances the quality of life by empowering women to be economically independent and builds bridges by uniting women from diverse traditions and fostering community strength. Collaboration with other organizations

maximizes resource utilization and outreach efforts engage unaffiliated women, strengthening connections within the Jewish community. The program aligns the Jewish values, promoting Tikkun Olam through support for community programs.

The Counseling Center for Women, Israel

#### Support Group for Women With Partners on Military Duty in Israel

This support group aims to provide assistance to women whose partners are on active or reserve duty. The Counseling Center for Women seeks to provide a space

Chimes. Israel

#### **Preparing Girls With Disabilities** for Life's Challenges through Self-Advocacy & Empowerment Women and girls with disabilities experience ten times the rate of sexual exploitation, violence, and psychological abuse. The workshop encourages self-awareness.

## **FEATURED WOV 2023 GRANT RECIPIENT ADOPT A BUBBE**

he Women of Vision Society is proud to fund a grant that plays a pivotal role in bridging the intergenerational gap for Jewish seniors at The Towers at Tower Lane. Developed in collaboration with the Southern CT Hebrew Academy and Bais Chana Academy, the "Adopt a Bubbe" program aims to foster meaningful social connections and engagement between female elementary, middle, and high school students and female residents at The Towers, promoting companionship, engagement, and learning between the two generations.

The program facilitates the creation of genuine connections, mentorship opportunities,



for these women to decompress and comfortably discuss their feelings of loneliness and loss during this difficult time. The goal is also to prevent mental deterioration of women's health and foster a sense of belonging.

Education plays a significant role in the program with each session focusing on a Jewish holiday or theme that is relevant to both age groups. By sharing their knowledge and experiences, the senior residents at The Towers offer wisdom and cultural insights to the younger generation, while the students share fresh perspectives and bring youthful energy to each topic.

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generations and Jewish seniors, and also addresses

the feelings of isolation often experienced by seniors.

A Towers Resident, Lil Liberman, is one of the program participants. "This program made me so happy. Today was one of the best days I've had in a long time", she said. "There was so much warmth and love in that room. And to think that this lovely little girl is actually related to my family! We call that b'shert that we were paired together. It was a perfect afternoon!"



WOV demonstrates their commitment to fostering lasting connections and enhancing the lives of Jewish women of all generations. This grant impacts Jewish education and Jewish seniors through community engagement, by enriching the lives of students and the senior residents at The Towers, and by promoting a stronger, more interconnected Jewish community.



