A WOMAN OF VALOR MAKE 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 of Vision Society Makes a Lasting Gift and a Meaningful Impact on Women in our Community

In our community, we 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 the Wall: Claiming What’s Ours

“Claiming What’s Ours” empathetically asserts that despite the ultra-Orthodox monopoly over religion in Israel, there is no halachic (Jewish law) basis for denying women access to Jewish learning, leadership and public involvement. Through WOW’s programming, women are empowered to reclaim Jewish ritual and tradition, finding fulfillment in their spiritual lives.

Haifa Rape Crisis Center (HRCC, Afula location) – “You Are Not Alone”

This project provides an emotional resilience group for mothers whose children have been sexually harmed or abused.

JScreen at Emory/Yale Program

To provide outreach, education, and genetic screening for Jewish students, male and female, at Yale University.

A few facts on our project... 

A simple saliva test to help determine the risk of having a child with a hereditary generic disease. The screening, which can be done at home or on-site, is limited to 15 young girls, aged 13-16. The girls come directly after their school day (1:00 pm) and are given a nutritious hot lunch. The atmosphere is warm and welcoming. ‘Alice’s House’ was opened by the Shaalim Network and Woman’s Spirit, Israel - Financial Independence

Women of Vision Grant Provides Support for therapeutic Horseback Riding Program in Israel

Helping At-Risk Girls in Israel.

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Israel’s welfare and social services predominantly grapple with low self-confidence, discover their inner strengths and personal guidance. Just imagine the impact you are having on their young lives – they will each be positively transformed, and emotionally strengthened to face the challenges of their lives. It is a gift that they will carry forward in life.

Towers Foundation – Making A Difference while Sheltering in Place: Senior Covid Community Care

The goal of this project is to produce cloth pocket masks for Greater New Haven first responders, Towers residents, Towers family members, Towers employees and local community organizations in need. This project provides Towers’ seniors, who are sheltering in place, with meaningful and purposeful daily activities that make a positive impact on their community and surrounding neighborhoods.

Beit Ruth, Israel – Advocacy and Outreach Initiative

Beit Ruth is a long-term residential and academic campus that addresses post-trauma in teenage girls who are removed from their homes by court order. Individualized programs and services delivered through a gender lens with a holistic framework enable girls to heal, receive an education, and learn critical life skills. Beit Ruth takes a leadership role in advocating for social change. Through partnerships and coalition building, this initiative presents a model program with national and international communities of influencers, stakeholders and professionals, providing a roadmap to identifying abuse and providing treatment.

Kaleidoscope, Israel – “Next Steps for Women”

This initiative will join religious and secular Israeli and Ethiopian-Israeli early childhood educators and their aides in becoming leaders in diversity education. It will include workshops, resources and mentoring, enabling them to foster appreciation for diversity in their kindergartens and to become diversity education facilitators for other communities as well.

The Jewish Agency for Israel - Alma Pre-Army Academy for Female Leadership

Alma prepares young Israeli women from socially and economically marginalized communities for meaningful assignments in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), paving the way for future opportunities. Alma offers a six-month curriculum that develops each participant’s self-confidence, sense of purpose, and understanding of her important place in Jewish history.

Women’s Spirit, Israel - Financial Independence for Women Survivors of Violence: “Crossing the Street” program

“Crossing the Street” enables women survivors of violence to overcome professional and occupational barriers, establish economic independence, and regain control of their lives. “Crossing the Street” is community focused, long-term, and provides participants with useful tools, employment skills, confidence & self-worth, time management and financial planning to advance them financially and occupationally.

Women of Vision Society: 2020 Grant Recipients

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