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Debbie Brander Barbieri
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Judith Barr
Jennifer Bayer
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Abby Bench
Sharon Bender
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Laurel Vlock
Sandra Vlock
Helen Vogel
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Women of Vision Society Makes a Lasting Gift and a Meaningful Impact on Women in our Community

Women in our community have a wondrous 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.

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 things. Valor is something that’s defined by her deeds.
Women of Vision Society: 2021 Grant Recipients

Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven – Dignity Grows
Human Dignity is not a luxury, yet many women suffer from period poverty, lacking money to purchase basic menstrual and hygiene products. This initiative mobilizes volunteers to organize, assemble, and distribute free, reusable totes filled with a month’s supply of these basic necessities. This program also partners with local organizations, such as Jewish Family Service and the Diaper Bank, to get the monthly supplies to the women who need them.

Yashar LaChayal – Female Haredi Lone Soldier Project
This organization has supported lone soldiers in the Israeli Defense Forces since 2006, and ultra-orthodox lone soldiers since 2019. The support of female, ultra-orthodox lone soldiers is their newest initiative. These young women are soldiers from ultra-orthodox families who don’t receive support from their families due to their decisions to serve in the Israeli Defense Forces. These girls need a place to live and a support system that will guide them – including a home for them while they are on leave, assistance with integration into the IDF, and a support system during and after their service.

Eschcolot B’Emek U’Behar – Living Space
This program is located in Kibbutz Megiddo in the Gilboa/Afula region, New Haven’s sister community in Israel. The program provides occupational and therapeutic work for 120 intellectually disabled adults who are residents of the kibbutz. This farm/petting zoo uses animal assisted therapy to empower and address the emotional needs of the kibbutz residents while providing them with meaningful work. The program also partners with area volunteers including army groups, an area juvenile detention center, a women’s drug rehabilitation center, and retirees.

The Towers at Tower Lane – Dignified Dining: Dining Scarves Initiative
The Towers is launching a new dining program for those residents with dementia and/or cognitive decline who cannot dine comfortably in the Towers’ main dining room. This project is being overseen by a task force of dementia, aging, and dining experts to ensure excellence in its delivery. Features will include new contrast rimmed dishes, new equipment, menus that include photos, adjusted lighting and staff training. Residents with dementia and/or cognitive decline often require bibs, which can be infantilizing and humiliating for an adult. The dining scarves initiative of this program allows other Towers’ residents to create beautiful washable dining scarves, that can be used in place of bibs, for the participants in the dignified dining program.

Eshcolot B’Emek U’Behar in Afula/Gilboa Receives Women of Vision Grant Award for Therapeutic Petting Zoo

“We are grateful to the Women of Vision Society of the Jewish Foundation of Greater for their assistance in helping us to expand this very important program. It will serve not only the special-needs participants of the Eshcolot organization, but will provide these services to all area residents who seek them. Animal-assisted therapies have been found to be successful in calming anxiety and for reducing emotional stress often experienced by special-needs populations. The vision of our the Eshcolot organization is to integrate people with intellectual disabilities into a normative lifestyle, to provide them equal opportunities, and to create the atmosphere of inclusiveness regardless of color, faith, gender or ability.”

The Eshcolot B’Emek U’Behar organization was founded in 2004 by parents of special-needs children. Its activities are centered in the north of Israel, in our sister community of the Afula/ Gilboa region, and it serves a broad population which includes adults with Down Syndrome, Autism, as well as those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This program provides both occupational/vocational and therapeutic services. The residents of some seven institutions in the area are served by the daily, weekly, or monthly activities and services which provide for their welfare, and their emotional well-being. In a novel approach to provide a sustaining, satisfying lifestyle for these adults, the Eshcolot program established a Visitor’s Center which is housed at Kibbutz Megiddo where 120 participants from the program operate and staff an organic farm. These special-needs adults serve as the hosts to visiting groups and individuals who come to the Visitor’s Center to experience the farm, enjoying meals with freshly picked produce. This interaction between staff and visitor, bridges the gaps, and dispels misconceptions and prejudices about this population.

For more information on the Women of Vision Society of the Jewish Foundation of GNH go to www.newhavenjewishfoundation.org