



The Future Generation Fund

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2015 Summary Report

INTRODUCTION

The Future Generation Fund (FGF) is now in its fourth decade of operations. Wars, economic cycles and illnesses have not stopped its progress. There are no paid staff officers. The administration budget is kept to a minimum, as its PR efforts are even shallower. And for all that, the fund continues to make a significant difference to peoples' lives in Jerusalem and other areas.

SOME NUMBERS..... AND WHY

While we wait for the final audit, it seems that contributions received may be slightly down, compared to 2014. Part of that may be explained by some late contributions that will be recorded in 2016.

FGF has helped at least 200 cases during the year. That averages out at about 18 files a month. Most have been verified by a social worker or equivalent. And as ever, much of the effort is concentrated towards the younger members of society.

However, we urge our readers to look beyond the basic stats.

FGF looks to help those who fall between the gaps. By contributing to just one member (of what is often a large) family, the whole social group can benefit. For example, by sponsoring extra curricula activities, a parent may then be able to have time to earn more. That is why the work of the fund is so critical.

CRITERIA

When examining a case file, the fund employs three key criteria:

- The basic facts need to be supported by relevant documentation, usually provided by a field worker.
- As far as possible, the fund will ensure that the family pays a token amount towards the request.
- Parents have shown a willingness to be a part of the employment market.

CASE STUDIES

In the past, we have detailed a number of individual stories that have highlighted the overall work of the fund. This year, we have chosen to list some of the typical requests that we have supported.

A 1,000nis was provided for a 9 year old depressive girl to have riding therapy, the daughter of a single mother and the father is an alcoholic.

- The fund paid for a 32 year old single mother of three to learn to become a medical secretary. All of the children have health and social disorders.



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- A musical organ was purchased (1,000nis) for an 8 year old child, who suffers from severe depression, in a family of four children with onerous financial debts.
- On several occasions (1,500 nis each), the fund has contributed to the costs of cognitive tests. These are critical in order for children to receive extra support at school and in exams.
- The fund has approved several requests (about 1,000 nis each) to enable children to receive extra tuition before bagrut exams – 16 to 18 year olds.
- The parents of a child with severely limited eye sight and confined to a wheel chair were given 1,500 nis to purchase a special computer screen.
- 1,500 nis rent subsidy was given to a mother with young children, who had to flee as the father was deemed violent.
- A father had recuperated from drug addiction, raising three young children. He was given 1,500 for food and clothing.

And so the list goes on. For each case approved, around two are rejected. About half of these are because we simply do not have the resources.

On a positive note, having expanded the committee over the past 18 months, the work burden is shared out more evenly. Hopefully, this trend will continue into 2016 and will enable us to maintain our high standards.

The Future Generation Fund knows that you have a choice. That is why we are determined to ensure that the “return on your investment” is as great as possible, both in terms of keeping our running costs to a minimum and also ensuring that as many families as possible can benefit.

The committee takes this opportunity to thank all of our donors and we hope that you can remain loyal and supportive of our work through the next twelve months.