

ORCF Relief Fund Donations Now Helping in Israel



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On October 27th the ORCF Israel Relief Fund -- created to provide humanitarian aid to Israel and a conduit for Members to stand together with the Jewish community -- was announced here in the first *Ocean Reef Press* after the October 7 terrorist attacks. Thanks to the generosity of the Ocean Reef community and our interfaith partners, by the next Friday the Foundation had received ample donations to approve the first slate of \$300,000 in grants. Your donations were en route to help victims in Israel as we marked one month since the horrific attacks earlier this week.

The first \$300,000 in donations went to the three non-profit partners identified in the first article as follows:

Greater Miami Jewish Federation's Israel Emergency Fund - \$200,000

100 percent of our largest grant goes directly to support a broad scope of humanitarian aid efforts in Israel including:

- Fund for Victims of Terror, providing grants and critical supplies to individuals and families devastated by the violence
- Emergency medical services, including essential supplies and equipment for first responders and hospitals on the front line
- Evacuation, housing, respite and support for frontline communities under fire
- Trauma relief and psychological care for first responders; the injured; families whose relatives were murdered, injured or abducted; caregivers; and hospital emergency teams
- Support to vulnerable populations, including homebound elderly, young children, people with disabilities and others at risk in the ongoing conflict

The Isaiah Projects - \$75,000

This organization working on the frontlines in Israel is run by friend of the Ocean Reef Chapel, and founder of the Center for Jewish-Christian Understanding and Cooperation, David Nakrutman. You may recognize him at the end of his short video about the project we are supporting, helping to rebuild the lives of

the Kibbutz Be'eri survivors, that we shared at www.oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org.

Kibbutz Be'eri has been called the "ground zero" of the attacks in news coverage, and suffered more than 100 brutal murders and untold hostages taken. The houses on the compound were burned and have severe structural damage from grenades and artillery, leaving the families with nothing. The survivors are finalizing housing options with the State of Israel, but the interim homes have no furniture or appliances (housing in Israel does not come with appliances). The Isaiah Projects is helping to supply household necessities for 100 of the displaced families, including 350 children.

American Friends of Magen

David Adom - \$25,000

The Israeli equivalent of the Red Cross, MDA is responsible for Israel's blood supply and supporting EMT and paramedics working in dangerous conditions. MDA operates 24 hours a day, responding to incidents and emergency calls across

the entire country. MDA's blood services division supplies blood to all of Israel's hospitals where injured civilians are being treated and is operating blood drives across the country to keep up with need. They also are responding to the increased need for the supply of tested and processed breast milk for babies whose mothers have been killed, injured, kidnapped, or called to IDF reserve duty.

To make a tax-deductible donation to support the Israel Relief Fund, mail your check made payable to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation with "Israel" in the memo line to 35 Ocean Reef Drive, Ste. 148, Key Largo, FL 33037. For more information and/or to make a donation from your ORCF Donor Advised Fund, please contact the Foundation at 305-367-4707 or ymikolay@oceanreef.com.

Your support of the All Charities Weekend strengthens entities that enhance Ocean Reef Club's Unique Way of Life and enables the Ocean Reef Community Foundation to provide for thousands in Key Largo, Homestead and Florida City. Call 305-367-5996 to learn more.