FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, BETHESDA, MD – Friends of Yemin Orde, the U.S. fundraising arm for Yemin Orde Youth Village and Village Way Educational Initiatives in Israel, has released its 2015 Annual Report. The report contains a snapshot of activities, comprehensive financial information, features about donors and graduates, and an honor roll listing of supporters. To view the full report online, visit https://www.yeminorde.org/about/financials/annual-reports/ or to receive a copy, please send an email to: info@yeminorde.org.

Yemin Orde Youth Village is home, school and safe haven for more than 400 at-risk and immigrant youth from Ethiopia, Former Soviet Union, France, and Brazil as well as teens born in Israel. Most of the Village’s youth have suffered trauma: from isolation and abandonment to extreme poverty and family dysfunction. Yemin Orde’s highly-successful Village Way methodology helps transform troubled teens into leaders who become productive citizens of Israel. Village Way Educational Initiatives, an independent nonprofit organization, was launched in 2006 to expand the successful Village Way methodology to youth villages and public high schools with high populations of at-risk and immigrant youth. In this way, more educators are empowered to help at-risk students learn, thrive and achieve educational success. Today, VWEI partners with 26 educational communities; by 2020, the Initiatives hope to partner with a total of 56 education frameworks in Israel.

The exceptional academic and extra-curricular programs at Yemin Orde Youth Village are specially designed to meet the individual educational and therapeutic needs of its at-risk youth. The report highlights the wide range of academic and vocational classes that encourage students to strive toward higher achievements in their studies and in their lives following graduation.

“When teens arrive at the Village for the first time, they are generally angry, mistrusting and uncertain about their future,” said Karen Sallerson, Executive Director, Friends of Yemin Orde. “Our annual report reflects the successful impact of the Village Way methodology on the lives of our youth who graduate high school with confidence and high hopes for a productive and satisfying life as citizens of Israel.”
The 2015 report also points to the success of the Village Way Educational Initiatives as it takes great strides toward changing the face of education for at-risk youth in Israel.

“We are pleased that the Village Way model has attracted great attention and is now taught in university settings, including the prestigious Hebrew University,” Sallerson said.

The annual report includes a listing of board members as well as professional staff, in the United States and in Israel. For more information on Friends of Yemin Orde, visit [http://www.yeminorde.org](http://www.yeminorde.org)  