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# ImpactIsrael

Elevating education and lifting lives the Village Way

## **IMPACTISRAEL RECEIVES CHARITY NAVIGATOR'S COVETED FOUR STAR RATING FOR FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE- Bethesda, MD - ImpactIsrael (formerly Friends of Yemin Orde) is pleased to announce that for the fifth year in a row it has received an exemplary Four Star Rating from Charity Navigator, the top independent charity evaluator in the United States. This distinction indicates that ImpactIsrael outperforms most other charities in the U.S. for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only 15 percent of charities evaluated have received five consecutive Four Star Ratings, which is the highest rating possible on Charity Navigator's rating scale. ImpactIsrael is the U.S. philanthropic partner of Yemin Orde Youth Village and Village Way Educational Initiatives, both located in Israel. The mission of ImpactIsrael is to transform immigrant and at-risk youth into productive members of Israeli society through value-driven education and support Visit [www.impact-israel.org](http://www.impact-israel.org), call 202.237.0286 or email [team@impact-israel.org](mailto:team@impact-israel.org)



“We work hard to provide the pipeline of support to our Israeli partners so they can improve the education, health and welfare of thousands of deserving at-risk youth. I am proud that ImpactIsrael is recognized for its efficiency, trustworthiness and wise stewardship of donor funds,” said Karen Sallerson, Executive Director, ImpactIsrael. “I am grateful to everyone involved in ImpactIsrael who works diligently to ensure this commitment.”

Yemin Orde Youth Village, located in northern Israel, is home, school and safe haven to 430 at-risk youth from around the world. Today, the Village's youth are first or second-generation Israelis from Ethiopia, the former Soviet Union, France and Brazil, as well as Israel-born. Yemin Orde's inclusive global community and its Village Way educational methodology provides its at-risk youth with a quality education, therapeutic support, leadership skills and the confidence to thrive and

succeed as productive citizens in Israeli society. Its graduates remain connected to the Village for life and are involved in a broad range of professions in Israeli society such as health care, technology, law, politics, the arts and more.

Village Way Educational Initiatives, established in 2006, expands the successful Village Way educational methodology to other youth villages, therapeutic residential communities and public high schools in Israel, including schools in Arab communities. The Village Way methodology is a comprehensive blueprint that serves to empower educators with tools and resources to help their at-risk students succeed in school and in life.

Today, the Educational Initiatives has partnered with 55 educational communities in Israel, impacting 22,000 at-risk youth and 2,500 educators. The goal by 2026 is to partner with 91 educational communities and impact 55,000 at-risk youth and 4,100 educators.

In addition to its work with dozens of educational partners, Village Way Educational Initiatives has developed and operates three residential pre-military gap-year leadership programs, and collaborates with Israel's only juvenile prison, the Israel Defense Forces and the Border Police to provide Village Way workshops and training.

Yemin Orde Youth Village, the Village Way Educational Initiatives and the Village Way educational methodology are recognized throughout Israel as models of educational excellence. In 2019, Yemin Orde's high school placed among the top 4.3 percent of all 1,664 high schools in Israel. ###