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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Dear Friends,

October 7, 2023 changed our lives. Any summary or planning for the coming year and the years ahead stands in the shadow of the war. It would be strange to summarize this year as a success story, given the war's horrific events and long-term effects on Jerusalem, Israel and the world.

The Jewish philanthropic world is changing before our eyes, certainly in the immediate short-term future and coming year. The galvanization of world Jewry (and non-Jewish Israel supporters) to provide vital support and immediate response to emergency needs, some of which are basic needs not addressed by the philanthropic world in recent years, and on a much more significant scope, instantly changed priorities.

The key to our ability to rapidly raise funds for the emergency was most importantly due to the trust and momentum that the Jerusalem Foundation has built up over the past few years. This led to the expansion of our regular activities and allowed us to create an Emergency Fund already starting on October 8, 2023. This put us in a position to respond to the most urgent basic needs that were emerging because of the war, while adapting on a daily basis to changing needs. Since October 8th, the Jerusalem Foundation has raised approximately \$10 million for the Emergency Fund.

In the first few days after its establishment, the Fund concerned itself with offering assistance to tens of thousands of evacuees from frontline communities to Jerusalem and to the city's most needy and vulnerable populations. With the prolongation of the state of emergency, our "Double Impact" initiative, which aims to connect the many evacuees who have arrived in Jerusalem and the most vulnerable populations in the city, with our city's cultural institutions, became the flagship project of the Emergency Fund. The project provides cultural, educational and respite activity for the evacuees and residents (primarily for children and youth), thus also providing support to the Foundation's anchor institutions, which have experienced dire economic difficulties and challenges due to the war.

The work of the Jerusalem Foundation over these past years, creation of a network of civil society organizations, development of civil leadership in the city – proved itself to be essential during the emergency. It was these same organizations and young leaders, who we have supported and nurtured for many years, that stood on the frontline of providing solutions and responding to immediate needs for so many people in the city and the refugees. With the failure of government and public agencies to respond, it was very clear that the civil society network developed and supported by the Jerusalem Foundation was able to step up and provide answers and hope.

Prior to the war, 2023 was becoming a peak year for fundraising for the Jerusalem Foundation. The Foundation raised more than \$61 million for projects and programs in Jerusalem and conducted projects and programs in Jerusalem expending more than \$41 million in 2023 and the remaining funds will be spent on major capital projects and programs in the years to come.

With a broad perspective of Jerusalem Foundation activity in recent years, particularly this past year, there is much to be proud of. Repositioning the Jerusalem Foundation as a major player in Jerusalem by spearheading significant projects and programs in the city and working in full cooperation with the Mayor and the Municipality, has brought the Foundation to new heights.

The core spheres of activity of the Jerusalem Foundation's "Jerusalem 2030" vision – Future Leadership, Communal Strength and Creative Culture, with emphasis on Shared Living and providing equal opportunities to all – have become even more relevant during this time of emergency and for coping with the "day after".

These spheres of activity will form the basis for coping with the long-term challenge, as well as the basis for presenting the Jerusalem Foundation's up-to-date vision for the "day after" and the enormous challenges with which Israeli society will have to contend, with the City of Jerusalem at the center.

Jerusalem was not at the center of events on October 7th but became central very soon after and will continue to be in focus in the longer-term "day after". The Jerusalem Foundation has a critical role in spearheading long-term measures: The "day after", Jerusalem as a leading city that presents the solution, rather than the problem.

There are three important subjects which will put Jerusalem in focus the "day after": Shared Living – how to rebuild the trust between the city's diverse communities; Future Leadership – wartime leadership crisis highlighted the need for civil society leadership; Strengthening resilience and long-term trauma treatment – this is a topic that will concern the entire population of Israel.

The Jerusalem Foundation must simultaneously continue planning its flagship projects, which were put aside from our list of immediate priorities, but they have a critical role in shaping the city long term, such as upgrading Sultan's Pool, expanding the Bloomfield Science Museum, completing the development of the Gazelle Valley Urban Wildlife Park, establishing a nature preservation and environmental protection education center and more. In the long term, the great challenge faced by the Jerusalem Foundation will be to lead the development of projects and programs for the "day after" over the course of 2024, which will continue to be relevant in the coming years.

I wish to express profound gratitude to the Jerusalem Foundation leadership and staff, and our professional teams around the world, who have contributed to this significant growth in fundraising. And to our professional team on the ground who have advanced our work in the field, by carrying out our emergency programs and at the same time attending to our long term projects, working so hard with great devotion during this time of national emergency.

**Shai Doron**

President



*Ein Yael Emergency Fund Activity*

## ABOUT THE JERUSALEM FOUNDATION

Jerusalem stands at the crossroads of civilization, faith and history, with relevance and meaning to billions of people around the world. It is also home to nearly a million people.

The Jerusalem Foundation was established in 1966 by the legendary Mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek. Over the last five decades, and through more than 4000 initiatives, the Foundation has touched the lives of all of Jerusalem's residents from all of the city's communities.

We identify and respond to the needs of Jerusalem, improve the quality of life for all residents, and create opportunities for all. The social fabric of the city is continuously being tested and challenged, and the need for communal strength is more pressing than ever as we work to close social gaps and support the most vulnerable populations in the city.

We promote creative culture, supporting cultural institutions to innovate and adapt to changing needs of cultural consumers. The future of Jerusalem will be determined by its young leaders and we continue to support the development of the next generation in the city.

We can take pride in the Foundation's more than half-century of achievement that has shaped the modern city's landscape even as we continue to adapt to the evolving needs of Jerusalem's diverse population and invest in its development. We are committed to building philanthropic partnerships, working hand in hand with the Jerusalem Municipality, and cooperating with the city's major organizations to preserve the city's past, ensure its resilience and lay the groundwork for a dynamic future.

## VISION

The Foundation seeks to shape the future of Jerusalem by investing in and creating a flourishing city as a source of inspiration for its people and the world.

## MISSION

To shape a modern, open and vibrant city by developing communal strength for all Jerusalem residents; to identify and respond to the needs of Jerusalem, enhancing Jerusalem's contribution to people of all faiths, sharing the city with our partners and friends worldwide and inspiring new generations to take part in Jerusalem's future.





## Jerusalem Foundation Impact

**13,000**

Square meters of construction

**12**

Capital projects completed

**32**

Social Welfare programs

**20**

Community Centers for Communal Strength

**24**

Education programs

**142**

Cultural organizations/ensembles supported

**150,000**

Participated in Shared Society activities

**3,500**

Participated in leadership development programs

**35,000**

Evacuees supported from the South and North

**400,000**

Supported through JF Emergency Fund

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE

In the emergency situation which began on October 7, normal, regular routines were disrupted and have not yet returned to normal. For many years, the Jerusalem Foundation has stood together with many community organizations and agencies across Jerusalem to build a strong civil society network in the city. In immediate response to the widespread tragedy, with the help of friends in Israel and around the world, we created an emergency fund to support this network's efforts to respond to the different and varied needs of all those affected by these disastrous events. More than 35,000 Evacuees from the South and the North were housed in Jerusalem and supported through the JF Emergency Fund.

### Double Impact

As the emergency became a routine of its own, one project has become most important. Double Impact has provided relief simultaneously for refugees and Jerusalem's vulnerable populations while also supporting Jerusalem's leading cultural, community, sports and leisure institutions. Jerusalem is blessed with an abundance of Israel's most important sites and institutions, yet many of these are facing serious financial crisis due to the war. Double Impact provides the opportunity for the thousands of refugees and members of vulnerable populations in Jerusalem to enjoy the city's cultural sites, all while ensuring that these sites can weather these extraordinary times.



**Jerusalem Foundation Emergency Programs have reached more than 400,000 people.**

### COMMUNAL STRENGTH AND SHARED SOCIETY

City as a School is a new educational initiative that uses innovative methods of learning in unique learning spaces. For example, the Bloomfield Science the Bloomfield Science Museum provided nearly 500 pupils from across Jerusalem with an opportunity for experiential and small group learning. Through a series of 6 visits throughout the school year, pupils had the chance to engage with content in a new way, encouraging their curiosity and their interest in science.

#### Education and Opportunities for Children and Youth

- Louis & Tillie Alpert Youth Music Center
- Belmonte Youth Science Laboratories at the Hebrew University
- City as a School – bringing school children to sites around Jerusalem for immersive, experiential learning
- Irene & Fred Lewy Youth Club
- Kangaroo Family Center for Young Families and Simon and Hildegard Rothschild Day Care Center
- Learning Center for children of refugees and asylum seekers in Canada House
- Yad Rachel literacy program for children in after school learning center
- Rachel Karwan Childhood Development Center
- Partnership between Saul Hirschel Elementary School and Israel Arts & Science Academy Junior High School
- STEM education for ultra Orthodox and general populations
- Jerusalem day-care frameworks for children 0-3
- Infinity for excelling school children from the Ethiopian Israeli community
- Bloomfield Science Museum MAKE programs, bringing formal education to community innovation centers



*Wolf and Rose Klabin School Agricultural Hi-Tech Program*





*Innovation Fund program at the Tower David Museum*

- Summer Camp for youth from disadvantaged neighborhoods in partnership with the Goodman Foundation
- Jerusalem Municipal Scholarship Fund
- Agricultural High Tech at the Reshit School Green House
- The Edelstein Scholarships Fund
- Enhanced English Program at high schools in East Jerusalem
- Building School Libraries in East Jerusalem
- Paley Municipal Arts Center
- Recording studio for ultra Orthodox girls at risk in high school

### Programs for the Elderly

- El-Jabsha Activity Center for Senior Citizens in the Christian Quarter
- Leo Hofmann Senior Citizens Day Care Center – enrichment and social activities
- Beit Schweiz – a senior citizens housing center
- Byer Home for the Aged
- Reitman Elderly Center at Canada House
- Café Europa for Holocaust Survivors
- Ken LaZaken – assisting the elderly in exercising their rights
- Melabev care for adults with onset dementia and Alzheimer's

### Programs for Mentally and Physically Challenged Children and Adults

- Beit Tamar for severely disabled children
- Hattie Friedland School for the Deaf & severely hearing impaired
- Pe'ima program activities for people with special needs

- Tsa'ad Kadima ('Step Forward') centers for people with people with cerebral palsy
- ILAN and Finger House workshops for adults with special needs
- MICHA – staff training at kindergarten for Jewish and Arab Deaf children
- Tony Elyashar Center at Shekel for children and adults with special needs
- Simon Rothschild Ben-Yehuda School for special education
- Keshet home for families of special needs

### Programs for At Risk Populations

- Children at risk – supporting treatment process, enrichment and social activities at Home for Every Child's Schusterman Emergency Center and at Amit Beit Hayeled and at the Beit Arz Emergency Center
- Victims of violence and abuse – assistance to women and children in three shelters
- Misholim activities for children with emotional and behavioral challenges
- Ya'elim treatment and rehabilitative nature programs for at-risk youth at Ein Yael
- Rehabilitative programs for people at risk at the Botanical Gardens
- Recovering Addicts Support Center
- The Hut HaMeshulash (Third Thread) Drop-In Center for youth and young adults at risk
- Experiential Bar/Bat Mitzvah program for boys and girls at risk with WIZO
- Juda's Yard – Job training and mental health treatment for young people who have left the ultra Orthodox community
- Center for treatment of victims of sexual abuse – education workshops for victims of abuse

### Community Centers – Communal Strength

- Abna al-Quds Community Center in the Old City
- Atta'a Center for exercising rights of East Jerusalem residents

- Canada House – Gorman-Shore Learning Center, Reitman Elderly Center, Koschitzky Young Adult Center and the Erika Gideon Volunteer Center
- Close-to-Home Women Entrepreneurs Incubator
- Connect Jerusalem at Canada House for young immigrants
- Grassroots Community Gardens network in East and West Jerusalem
- Hirbet Arza urban educational and recreational nature site in Gilo
- Ganim Community Center in Kiryat Menachem
- Sur Baher Wellness Program in East Jerusalem
- Ukrainian refugees, programs supporting those who fled war
- Women Entrepreneurs Business Incubator at Fanny Kaplan Community Center
- Financial Literacy training for ultra Orthodox women by Tvuna
- Einar Young Adult Center
- Wadi Joz Community Center
- Hebrew language instruction program at East Jerusalem community centers
- Jerusalem Intercultural Center (JICC) programs and workshops promoting cultural competency and increasing social cohesion
- Ataa Center for Awareness and Access to Legal Rights
- Mini-Active Project
- Jerusalem Food Rescuers - Neighborhood Food Markets
- Climbing wall in East Talpiot Community Center
- Shared Courtyards in Kiryat Yovel



*City as a School at the Bloomfield Science Museum and at Ein Yael*

## Shared Society

The events of October 7, 2023 and the subsequent war, changed the reality of life in Israel. Efforts to conduct and enhance shared living in the city were undermined, and Jewish-Arab, ultra Orthodox and secular, encounters and shared educational activities came to a halt. However, there are courageous people who are still committed to the shared vision. The Jerusalem Foundation and its partners, the Jerusalem Municipality, are advancing various activities, through crisis management tools to repair the rift between Jews and Arabs, religious and secular, and promote positive discourse with the understanding that we all do need to live together even in times of crisis.

The Learning Together in Jerusalem program brings together Jewish and Arab school children and faculty to socialize, learn together and engage in dialogue. In the framework of the project, dozens of specialized training sessions brought school principals and teachers from Jewish and Arab schools together for dialogue, learning and shared educational activities. In the past year, 110 schools & thousands of principals, teachers & pupils have been involved.

### Shared Society Programs

- The Shared Living Space (HUB)
- Jerusalem Intercultural Center
- The Adam Institute for Democracy & Peace
- The Max Rayne Hand in Hand School for Bilingual Education
- Jerusalem International YMCA
- Learning Together toward Shared Living, training programs for Jewish and Arab teachers and principals and joint classrooms across the city
- Jerusalem's Old City – Four Quarters, One Community, diffusing tensions by resolving quality of life issues shared by different Old City communities (Jerusalem Intercultural Center)
- Cultural Competence Training



## CAPITAL PROJECTS IN 2023

- Misgav LeKashish Elderly Center for the ultra Orthodox Community
- Hebrew Union College Entrance Way
- Gazelle Valley Guard House
- Shanti House for at risk and homeless youth
- Giving Hope, Living the Future – Kindergarten, 56th renovation – Pisgat Zeev
- Playground Beit Arz
- Ein Karem – community center annex for the Secular Yeshiva
- Meyer Playground
- Meyer Zoo Entrance
- Paley Arts Center
- Abu Tor School Library
- Gymnasia School Library



*Giving Hope, Living the Future Kindergarten renovation with a gift from Daniel and Isolde Mueller and friends*

## THE JERUSALEM FOUNDATION INNOVATION FUND

In 2023 Innovation Fund grants were awarded to 32 projects in Community and 33 projects in Culture. More than 75,000 people participated in programs or events through the Fund. Examples include:

### Community:

- After-school programming for at-risk children in East Jerusalem by the Home for Every Child organization
- Promoting familiarity with and awareness of women's health issues and rights in East Jerusalem by Lada'at – Choose Well
- 'Springboard to the Future' – technology and creativity lab at the Homat Shmuel Community Center
- 'Different Theater Ensemble' – original theater production by professional Khan Theater actors and youth with special needs from the Shalva Center
- 360 Degree Theater Festival at Kfar Shaul Mental Health Center

### Culture:

Women's Jazz Festival by the Yellow Submarine

'The Archive' – inspirational dance performance depicting the journey to uncover the story of a Jewish family during the Holocaust

Playwriting residency for Haredi (ultra Orthodox) women at the Eshkolot Community Center

Mikro Theater's first-ever 'Festival of Kings' celebrating Jerusalem throughout history

Jerusalem Sam Spiegel Film School's preparatory program for East Jerusalem students in collaboration with the Paley Art Center

The Crossroads Theater Shed for youth and young adults dealing with mental health challenges



*Ecoute Jerusalem Ensemble Performance at HaMiffal Center for Art, Culture and Society*

## CREATIVE CULTURE

Sidra Tarbut (CulturEvents) – 84 cultural events that took place in 37 neighborhoods throughout the city, including dance, theater, music, performance art over the summer of 2023 in partnership with the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation

### Special Programs in 2023

- The Israel Festival two open air concerts in Harry Wilf Independence Park
- The Yellow Submarine Music Center “Exposure to Light” Festival
- Various art exhibitions at the Museum on the Seam, the Jerusalem Theater, Koresh Art Gallery, Barbur Art Gallery, Mishkenot Dwek Gallery
- The Jerusalem Khan Theater collaboration with Shalva
- The Jerusalem Print Workshop for the new Lithographic Department
- The Beit Hanina Community Center special support for cultural activities
- Paley Arts Center Theater Festival



*Support for theater performance through the Emergency Fund*

## Supported Institutions:

Abna el-Quds Community Center | Culture Programs | Agnon House | Anane – Ein Yael | Art Cube Artists’ Studio | Barbur Art Gallery | Beit Ha’Am – The Gerard Behar Center in the Blaustein Civic Center | Beita Contemporary Art Gallery | Beit David Community Center in Wadi el-Joz – Culture Programs | Beit Mazia Theater | Between Heaven & Earth Dance Center | Bezalel Academy of Art and Design | Black Box Street Gallery | Bloomfield Science Museum | Body, Dance, Place | C.A.TA.M.O.N. Dance Group | Confederation House | Center for Eastern Music | Djanogly Visual Arts Center | Feel Beit – JSOC’s New Home | Firqat Alnur Music Ensemble | Hagat House for Culture & Community in Ein Kerem | Hamiffal | Hansen House | Hassadna Jerusalem Music Conservatory | Hamazkeka Music Center | HaZira Interdisciplinary Center | He’arat Shulayim (Footnote) | International Writers’ Festival | Ibd’a’a Arts School | Israel Festival | Israel Museum | Jerusalem Academy of Music & Dance | Jerusalem Botanical Gardens | Jerusalem Cinemathèque – Israel Film Archives Jerusalem Culture Unlimited | Jerusalem Dance Theater | Jerusalem Filmmakers Guild | Jerusalem International Film Festival | Jerusalem International Oud Festival | Jerusalem Jazz Festival | Jerusalem Jewish Film Festival | Jerusalem Khan Theater | Jerusalem Music Center | Jerusalem Opera Festival | Jerusalem Press Club | Jerusalem Print Workshop | Jerusalem Baroque Orchestra | Jerusalem Street Orchestra | Jerusalem Women’s Film Festival | Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra | Jerusalem Theater – Center for the Performing Arts | Kolben Dance Company | Koresh Art Galley | Ma’aleh School of Television, Film & the Arts | Machol Shalem Dance House | Manofim Contemporary Art Festival | Mashu Mashu Theater | Mikro Theater | Mishkenot Sha’ananim | Museum on the Seam | Museum of Islamic Art | Muslala Arts Collective | Mystorin Theater | Musrara, Naggat School of Art & Society | Mashiv Haruach Poetry Center | National Library of Israel | Nature Museum | New Spirit | Nissan Nativ Acting School | Old Yishuv Court Museum | Outline Festival | Paley Arts Center | Poetry Place | Sam Spiegel School of Film & Television | Sinsila Sustainability Center | School of Visual Theater | Secular Yeshiva | Studio of Her Own Women’s Art Center | Solo Dance International Festival | Teo-Tron Theater | Jerusalem Arts Campus | To’Ar Art Shelter Gallery | Tower of David Museum | Train Theater | Vertigo Dance Company | Yellow Submarine

## FUTURE LEADERSHIP

The community service leadership gap year program in Jerusalem established by the SAHI (Youth Hesed Patrol) organization and the Jerusalem Foundation, trains high school graduates from marginalized and at-risk populations to become agents of change in their home communities. Through the program, participants work where help is needed with Jerusalem special needs children and in Jerusalem community centers, while also learning about leadership, the city of Jerusalem and Israeli society.

**The Jerusalem Scholarship Fund** distributed more than 2,000 scholarships to students who volunteered, each giving 140 hours of their time to a variety of non-profit organizations and civil society institutions. The aim of these scholarships is to assist students, encourage them to study at Jerusalem's higher education institutions and connect them with Jerusalem and its residents.

**The George Pinto ('Kayma') Jerusalem Leadership Fellows Program** – the Jerusalem Foundation's distinguished doctorate fellows' program (with 18 fellows) completed three years of activities and opened the 4th cohort.

**East Jerusalem Social Workers Program** – creating the next generation of social workers in East Jerusalem by providing tuition and a special incubator for each cohort to succeed and to find employment following graduation.

**Jerusalemites for Jerusalem Program** – A gap year program for young Jerusalem residents encouraging them to stay in Jerusalem after their military service by placing them in positions volunteering and becoming part of Jerusalem's civil society.

**The Maimonides Jerusalem Young Leadership Prize** – Awarded this year to Yael Berman-Domov, CEO of Tene Yerushalmi. Tene Yerushalmi encourages Jerusalem's young people to put down roots in Jerusalem by providing job search support as they begin building their careers and helping them become a part of Jerusalem's next generation of leadership.

**The Social Impact Fund (Keren Lee)** – established by Israeli donors to support young Jerusalemites with non-profit startup Jerusalem projects or the expansion of existing sustainable initiatives,

funded the following 9 projects in 2023: Bar Café Beit Hakerem, The Trampolina, Jerusalem Fridays in Nature, HaMiffal Showroom, Spectrum, the Lounge at Mishkenot Sha'ananim, HaMiflezet Pub, HaPoel Jerusalem and the Secular Yeshiva.

**Impact Israel Scouts** – providing special leadership training for in-depth community work and cooperation with the local community center for the youth movement's branches in peripheral areas, transforming the branches into strong community forces in the neighborhoods.

Building of new youth centers/clubs for Scouts and other youth groups in East Talpiot



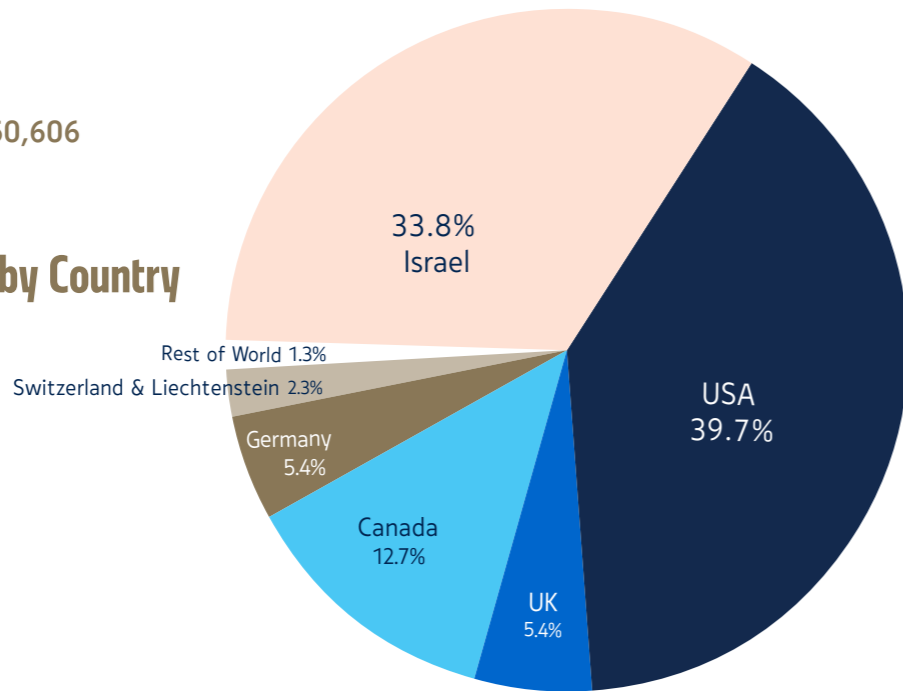
*Goldstein Prize for Good Citizenship – awarded to youth leaders from youth movements throughout the city for their community initiatives.*



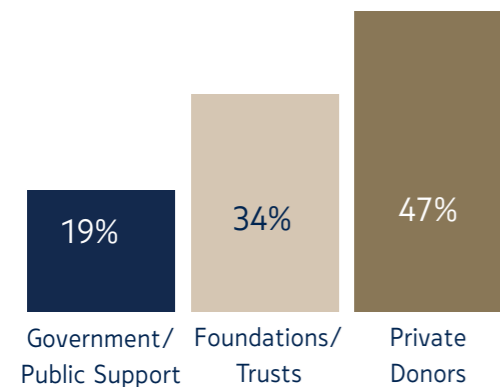
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**Contributions by Country**

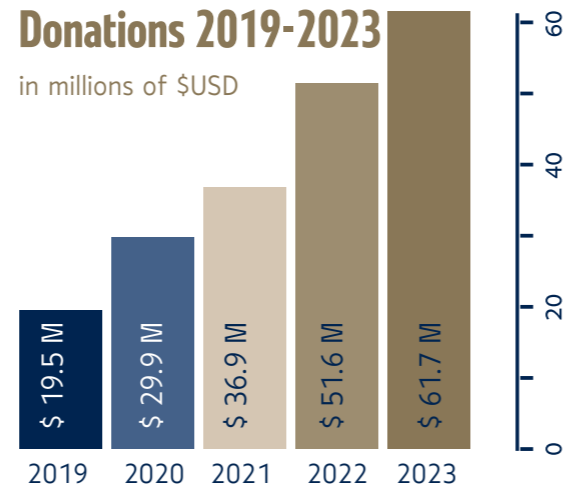


**Contributions by Type of Donor**



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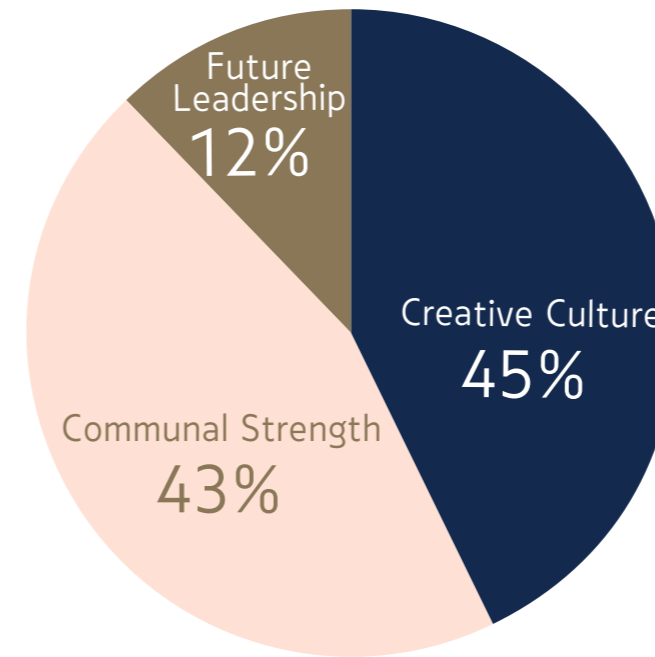
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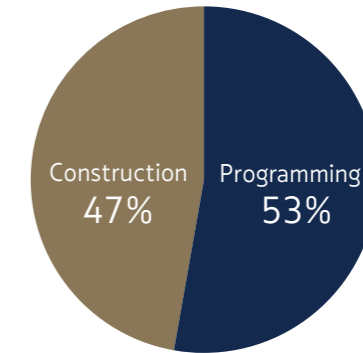
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**Programming Expenditure by Category**



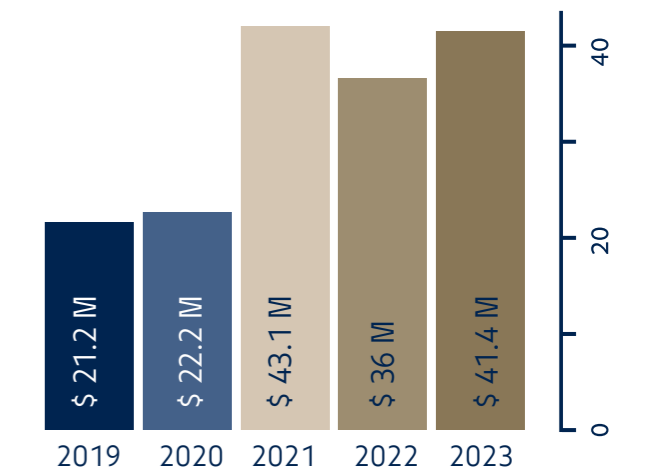
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**Expenditure by Type of Project**



**Allocations to Projects 2019-2023**

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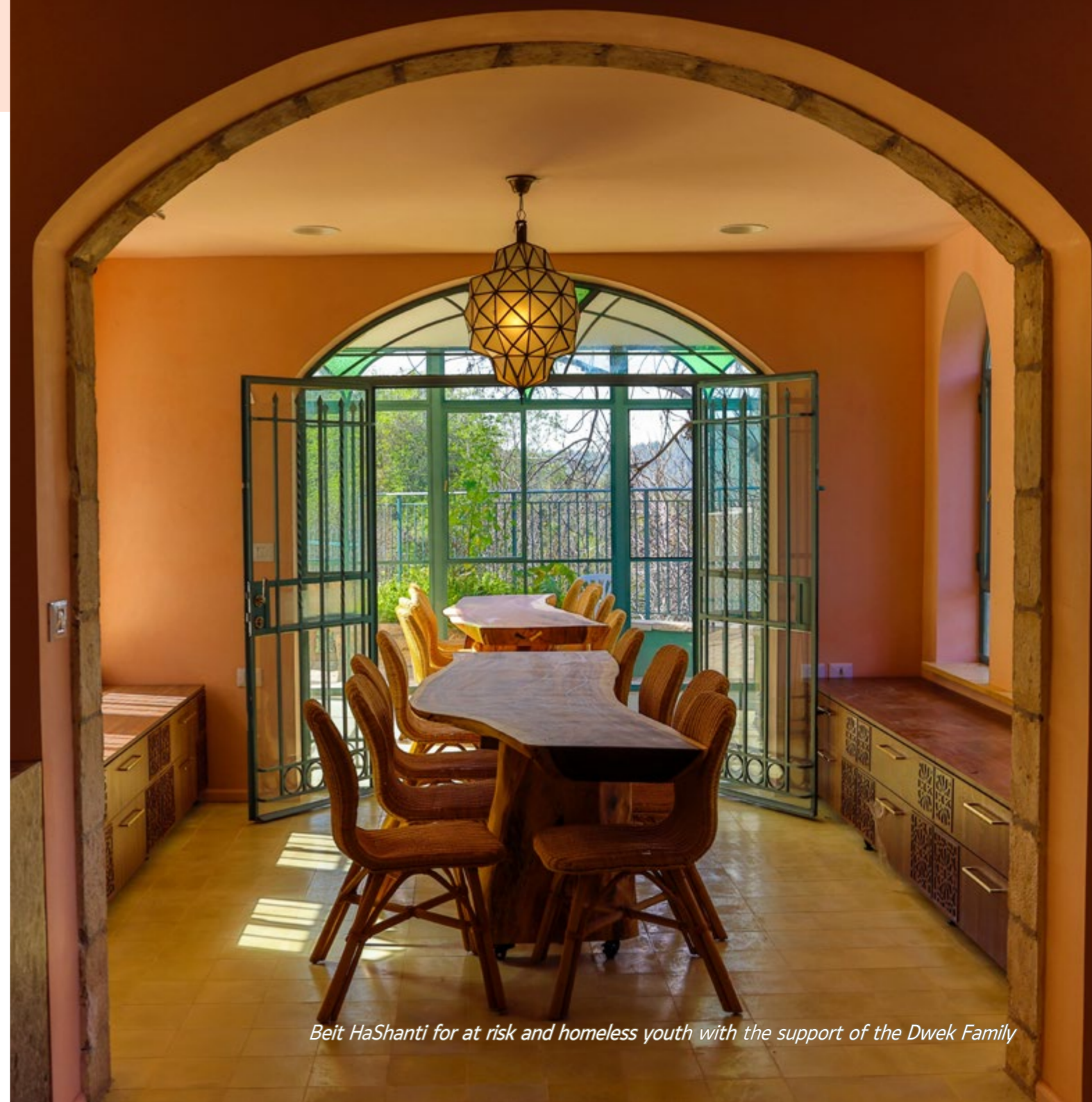
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