



The Board of Directors, the pedagogical staff and all the children at Negba's Houses of Hope are so grateful to the members of Negba and its donors for their loyal support during Operation Protective Edge. Each message received strengthened us all, and every donation sent enabled more activities in the shelters or another refreshing tour of the center and north.



Thanks to the generosity of the French Association of Israel (ADFI) and president of the organization, Ms. Daphna Poznanski, forty-five children from Houses of Hope in Beersheva participated in a day of fun in August. They enjoyed themselves in a huge park of attractions in Tel Aviv which enabled them to forget the shelters, the frequent sirens and their stressful daily routine for a few hours.



In early September the children returned to school and more than 240 children resumed their activities in the fourteen Negba centers in Beersheva and Jerusalem. This year there are 26 teenagers aged 12-16 who are members of the Beersheva Teen Club of Hope, whose activities have been temporarily moved to the Amit Technological High School to facilitate expanded activities space for the Teen Club.



During the Summer Negba formally assumed responsibility over a club for children at-risk in Jerusalem's Baka neighborhood. Formerly under the auspices of the Greater Baka Community Council, the club was a project funded by the Levy-Willard family, also generous sponsors of Negba's programs. Currently 40 children from grades 3 – 6 attend the club three afternoons a week for five hours, engaging in educational enrichment, cultural and sports activities.



Israel's Minister of Welfare Meir Cohen, Neve Midbar Regional Council Head Rachamim Yona, Neve Midbar Regional Council Director of Social Services Dr. Al-Atauna Magid, leaders of the Bedouin community and other guests participated in a moving ceremony at the Negev Bedouin village of Abu Korinat, south of Beersheva, to inaugurate the opening of three Integrated Clubs for Bedouin Children At-Risk, based on Negba's Houses of Hope model.

Representatives of Negba and SOS- Children's Villages, partners in the project, also attended.



The project will launch five Clubs in total in the Neve Midbar region, serving 75 children five days a week, for six hours after school. The children receive two hot meals, help with their studies, computer-assisted teaching, personal counseling and a variety of educational, social and cultural activities. Negba is responsible for equipping the Integrated Clubs and providing training, planning and implementation, and SOS for their operation. The project is supported by the Neve Midbar Regional Council, which was established to serve the unrecognized Bedouin villages, and the Ministry of Social Affairs.