

## *A busy and rich year in volunteering*



**8 retired teachers** come every week to help children with their homework and improve their educational level. Thanks to their tutoring, the children have managed to catch up and thus find again a taste for learning.



**10 high school students** from the tenth grade in Beer Sheva took part in a three-month training program as part of a new project of the municipality: *"Yes to sport, no to drugs!"* which enabled them to organize weekly sports and educational activities for NEGBA's children.



**6 students from Beer Sheva and Bar Ilan universities** chose the Houses of Hope for their internship as social workers. At the end of this period, they organized a series of parent-child activities. Over 80% of the parents were present, which is an indication of the real success of this project.



**Some IDF (Tsahal) soldiers**, as part of their military service, organized various activities for NEGBA's children who were impressed and delighted by this contact with soldiers.



**Teenagers from the Rabin High School** in Beer Sheva, came throughout the year to entertain NEGBA's children. To conclude the year of activities, they organized a leisure day. The children are looking forward to seeing them again next September!



**The Israeli Scouts**, as a part of their partnership with NEGBA will lead activities for children of different Houses of Hope throughout the month of July.



**Civil Service' girls** organized a surprise party for the Bat mitzvah of Shelly and Sophia. Shelly and Sophia will long remember this great party and all those beautiful moments!



**4 Polish students** (not Hebrew speakers) from the European voluntary service, took charge of the morning maintenance work in the homes for one month and also organized afternoon activities for the children: giant soap bubbles, percussion, acrobatics etc...

## Children's stories

### Glasses of Hope (Testimonial of Albert, social worker)

"At first "sight", the forty initial children taken care of by NEGBA could see perfectly well since none wore glasses.

Curious ! Curious !

After having been checked by a volunteer ophthalmologist, wearing glasses has been found to be indispensable for many of them.

The Tikva Fund which helps NEGBA's families covered their purchase.

Result: No more vision problems and better performance at school!"



### The miracle of the handymen (Testimonial of Tsipi, the mom)

"I raise eight children alone, 4 of whom attend activities at NEGBA.

Following the birth of my last baby, a little girl with Down syndrome, I was visited by the neighborhood's social worker who saw the conditions in which I live at home: broken windows, uninsulated electric wires, no door to the bathroom ... and all this during the winter!

She alerted NEGBA including the person responsible for maintenance, who immediately repaired everything, with the assistance of a group of volunteer "handymen".

My 4 little children, who are taken care of by NEGBA, had become very difficult and agitated but have since regained their beautiful smiles and are flourishing, both at NEGBA's house as well as in our renovated home which feels like brand new ... thanks to NEGBA!"



### Josef, the "punch-bag" (Testimonial of Claude Meyer, NEGBA's founder)

"Josef, who attended the activities of NEGBA in the past, comes from a family at risk. He felt rejected by others who made fun of his looks. In NEGBA's atmosphere, he gradually flourished and gained confidence in himself. Intelligent, he was transformed from being a "dunce" to becoming one of the best students in his classroom thanks to NEGBA's educational methods.

Josef will soon join the army. He was selected to be trained as a mechanic in the marines."



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