



ORR SHALOM
For Children and Youth at Risk

2023 A YEAR IN REVIEW



Foster Care

Approximately **700** children in **550** homes (incl. special needs, Arab and Ultra-Orthodox population)

0-21 years



Family Group Homes

Secure and nurturing **19** group homes with up to **12** children

6-18 years



Specialized Homes for Girls

2 homes for Ultra-Orthodox girls post hospitalization
Beit Goldschmidt home as an intensive care facility

12-18 years
9-15 years (Intensive Care)



Graduate Program

Program for **400** young adults incl. housing, prep for IDF service, training, and higher education

18-27 years



Young Mothers

2024 launch: Providing at-risk young mothers with housing, parenting skills, vocational training

18-26 years

This year, we significantly enhanced and deepened our infrastructure for measurement and evaluation, embracing a data-driven approach. This evolution in knowledge collection and management marks a pivotal shift towards an organization that not only operates on data but thrives on tangible results, ensuring our impact is both profound and measurable.

SPOTLIGHT ON: FOSTER CARE

80 children found foster family homes



124 children left their foster families

- 17 adopted
- 16 returned to their biological homes
- 55 turned 18 and entered our graduate program



60 children are waiting to be placed in a warm and loving foster family



Central District

550 Foster Families
Family Group Homes
Graduate Apartments



Eastern-Southern District

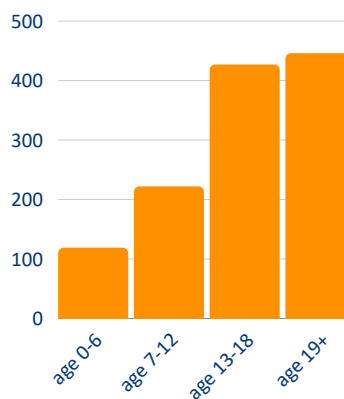
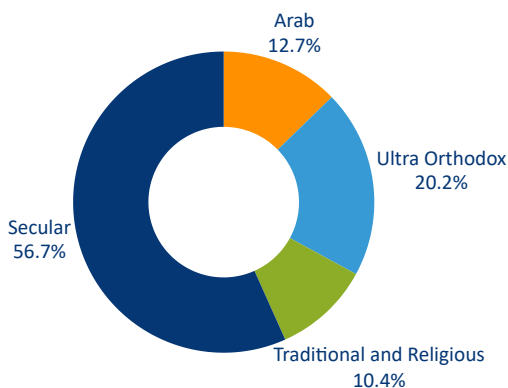
Family Group Homes
Graduate Apartments
Specialized Homes for Girls



Southern District

Family Group Homes
Graduate Apartments

OUR REACH



Boys

330 in Foster Families
80 in Family Group Homes
150 Graduates



Girls

310 in Foster Families
146 in Family Group Homes
240 Graduates

IRON SWORDS

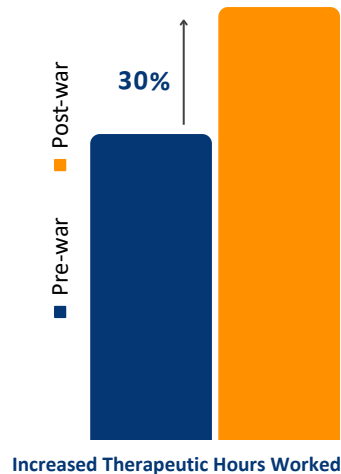
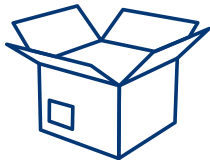
"Forget everything you thought you know or learned about dealing with trauma. This is different, it is ongoing event. You can't tell a trauma patient you're safe now because it is not over".

Ayelet Gundar-Goshen, a clinical psychologist and author of "The Wolf Hunt" November 2023

Support Kits Assembled and Distributed

Orr Shalom prepared packages with essential items for the combat soldiers

New parents received packages with a baby blanket, baby thermometer and a neck pillow for the mother



Our Graduates



>50% experienced a decrease in income



15% experienced total loss of wages



37% of graduates noted a significant mental health decline



45% engaged in volunteer works



Organized respite days, seminars, assemblies, and days of mourning



40K NIS in financial assistance to graduates



50K NIS distributed in vouchers



65K NIS for educational aid and living stipends

Evacuation During War

Approximately 60 children and staff from Ashkelon homes were evacuated and relocated to the youth village in Ben Shemen for 5 weeks at the start of the war.



Special Needs Care

All 170 children with special needs received enhanced care during the closure of educational frameworks in Israel.



Military Recruitment Support

Around 124 Orr Shalom young adults enlisted in the army as lone soldiers, with 46 serving as fighters in Gaza and the northern border since October 7. Orr Shalom provides ongoing financial and emotional support to these young adults during this challenging period.



2023 was a year like no other, marked by heightened challenges and the added trauma of war for our children. In these tough times, our commitment didn't waver; we continued to provide constant, round-the-clock care. It is heartening to see how well our children are managing, given the circumstances, and we are incredibly proud of their resilience and strength through it all.

VOICES OF RESILIENCE



"The moment I was finally free from my duties and returned home, completely exhausted and with no energy to cook, I found a hot meal waiting for me, lovingly prepared by my coordinator. It felt like a warm, comforting hug in my time of need"

Itay, Orr Shalom Graduate

In the midst of war, 10-year-old Gila, with Orr Shalom since birth, finds comfort with her Madricha (Mentor). During sirens, they'd head to the shelter together, hold hands and sing songs. This routine, her Madricha (Mentor) says, brought them both immense comfort, symbolizing the strength and hope at the core of Orr Shalom's care.

Gila, 10 yr old girl in Orr Shalom's Group Family Home



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