

MATANEL FOUNDATION

ACTIVITY REPORT

Program:
Year:2013-2014

Please present your activity report according to the following lines. The whole rapport will not exceed 2 or 3 pages (as word document).

Name of the Program: "ARAVA" Leadership Institute - Paran branch, Israel
Year of activity: 2

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Give the actually state of the program (where the program stands at the date of the activity report, no more than ten lines): The second year of the operation of "Arava - Leadership Institute- Paran branch" was a year of expansion.

The number of participants grew, the number of lecturers on the staff increased, the scope of the volunteering activities was broadened, the involvement with the community was deepened. To maximize the personal effect of the process for each of the students, the group is divided into smaller groups each of which have an instructor. In order to provide more guidance for the enlarged staff, an educational supervisor was employed, whose responsibility is to guide and support the manner of working of the staff.

The main achievements during the last year of activity (main achievements, number of events, number of participants, etc.):

- **The enlargement of the team of lecturers and councilors:** In the current year a team of lecturers and educators who are not from the region were recruited. The problems involved in their being located at a distance from the institute in the Central Arava, were dealt with.
- **The scope of the volunteering activities of the students in the program was extended.** The students provide teaching instruction to about 200 children and youth in a range of frameworks in the regions of Eilat. From school children to elderly.
- As part of the educational program of the mehina the students successfully completed **10 annual series (seminars)** in a variety of topics such as social series, field studies, a series of acquaintanceship with Israeli society, and content series on key issues (such as Jerusalem series).
- **In current year there was a sharp increase in demand for registration for the next year.** About 800 youth applied to the "Arava- Leadership Institute" in recent months for acceptance for the next semester. It's considered to be a large number.

- **The evaluation (methodology, results, comparisons with the precedent year, and conclusions for the future...):** The work method of the mehina, in the course of which the students are divided into three small groups each of which has an instructor, proved itself from the viewpoint of maximizing the personal aspect of the process that every one of the students goes through. Thanks to the division into groups better communication was established between the students and the staff and this enhanced the ability to provide personal attention to the pupil in the study environment concerning educational matters but also personal matters connected with their home and the preparation for army service.
- The enlargement of the team of lecturers enriched and added greater variety to the fields of study at the mehina. The enlargement of the team of counselors significantly improved the ability to address the various types of issues with which the staff has to cope.

Provisional guide lines for the advancement of the program in the next year:

- Numeral Growth from 29 to the maximum of 40.
- Continuation of the development of the Mechina in the fields of education, learning and volunteering.
- Enlarge and improving the communications with our graduates.

Attached is:

- A summary table, specifying the progress made in the program since the beginning of the encouragement by the Matanel Foundation.
- The Financial Report.
- A list of the participants in the program.
- Photographs