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# Matanel Scholarships for young students from Ethiopian backgrounds-2011-2012

**Name of program**

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**Year of activity**

2011-2012

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**Status of program**

Program Implementation:

- Between September 2011 and June 2012, Matanel Scholarships were awarded to 30 Ethiopian-Israeli children from families living in harsh social and economic conditions. (The total number of scholarship grantees was increased from 19 students in 2010-11, to 30 in 2011-12.)
- These subsidies have enabled the children to afford the high tuition costs of good quality schools.
- All children are motivated to learn and succeed at school, and are well integrated into the student body.
- As was the case in the previous year, the Steering Center has succeeded in leveraging support from the Matanel Foundation by arranging a tuition subsidy to each student from

participating schools, and by securing co-payments from each child's parents. This is an important way of ensuring that all students, parents and schools are committed to success.

## **Main achievements during the last year of activity**

Accomplishments:

1. The program met its goal by selecting 30 Ethiopian-Israeli children and subsidized their tuition at prestigious schools by awarding them a Matanel Scholarship.
2. All 30 children have successfully completed the school year without dropping-out, and by either maintaining good grades, or improving their grades.

## **Evaluation**

The project methodology, of selecting talented Ethiopian-Israeli children and enabling them to study in high caliber schools, has proven effective. This is evidenced in the fact that students reached the end of the school year without dropping-out, and have maintained good grades.

The students have integrated well into the schools, and are an important and active part of the student body. This is evidenced by the fact that students have expressed desire to continue studying in these schools.

Project staff members have begun collecting photographs and final examination results from each participant on the program so that their academic performance can be monitored centrally.

## **Others**

Advancing Matanel Scholarships in 2012

- The detailed financial report below shows the names of each student that was awarded a Matanel scholarship over the past year, their grade and home city. Of the generous grant of 100,000 shekels, the Steering Center succeeded in distributing 86,100 shekels to 30 students, leaving 13,900 shekels unutilized. This surplus is the direct result of the Steering Center's efforts and policy to encourage parents to pay a symbolic portion of their school fees, and for the participating schools to issue a subsidy for the remainder.
- The Steering Center respectfully requests that this sum be carried over into the upcoming school year, thereby allowing an additional ten students to benefit, and bringing the total number of Matanel Scholarship grantees to 40.
- During the upcoming year, program methodology, monitoring and evaluation will remain the same as in the 2011 school year. However, during the summer months of 2012, the Steering Center staff would like to discuss with Matanel the criteria under which scholarships are awarded. This is necessary because, for example – some students have maintained high grades in specific subjects, but yet have not significantly improved their grades overall.

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