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The Branco-Weiss School -2012-2013

Name of program

The Branco-Weiss School

Year of activity

2012-2013

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Status of program

Most of the school's students suffer from emotional, behavioral and social difficulties, often as a consequence of early traumatic experiences, serious learning disabilities and harsh home environments. The majority of students come from families on the lower end of the socioeconomic scale, and more than half the youngsters have police records of one sort or another.

We have had several goals for Matanel program under the idea of promote our economically disadvantaged children.

1. Giving scholarship to children who invested effort in their studies.
2. A grant which divided to those elements:
 - a. Funding the transportation of 15 chosen students from the school to Betzalel academy of art in Jerusalem.
 - b. Purchase of private home equipment to students at the lowest economic level.
 - c. Psychiatric evaluation and mental first aid to students who suffer traumatic events over the year.

d. Funding an afterschool ceramics course for 15 student at high risk, in order to minimize their expose to the streets.

Main achievements during the last year of activity

The main achievements during the last year was our ability as an educational staff to develop holistic approach for our student, to promote their strengths, their mental health.

From our students point of view they earned a sense of trust to adults, improvement of their self confidence.

Large amount of our students reached this year the matriculation by knowing they have containing background at school.

Evaluation

This was my first year at Branco Weiss Ramla School, so my perspective is not so wide. Nevertheless, I could not imagine this year without the project.

The methodology that based on trust was very important and without bureaucratic difficulties. I can certainly say that the student whom enjoyed the project were tended to significant contact with their teachers, their presence at school became higher, and their academic level was improved during the year.

Others

Next year expected to be 120 students at 9 classes. At the beginning of the year the staff will evaluate the needs and the student who going to take part in the project.

I can assume that nearly 80 student will enjoy this project in such way or another.

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