MATANEL FOUNDATION

ACTIVITY REPORT

Program: **Vear:** 2016/17

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: Kaima Beerotaim

Year of activity: 2016/2017

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Number of active participants in the program: 10

Estimated number of impacted participants: 16

Give the actually state of the program (where the program stands at the date of the activity report, no more than ten lines):

- Our main achievement is having a stable professional team that leads our program to success.
- We are recognized by the Juvenile Court in Netanya as an organization that is suited for fulfilling social service and we have two youth who are in the program.
- We Increase our cooperation with Shafririm special school and we have 2 stable youth in the program.
- We serve 120 customers and after having a very hard summer at the field which proved itself as a lesson in life skills we are on our way to a very good winter season. Due to our difficulties in summer our educating team have contacted our farming partners in Emek Hefer and now apply at the field with the young team, what they have learned.
- Two of our youth are soldiers, one of them got a certificate for excellence in duty. This could never have happened if he had not been with us.
- We expanded our basket distribution areas and have made connections with restaurants that share our community approach.

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

- 1. Build a greenhouse to be able to have our own high quality plants. This will also give our young team and our consumers a broad vision of the "farm to table" process.
- 2. Build a net house that will give us an option of growing summer and winter vegetables 2 months earlier every season. Growing earlier is a factor of increasing our income and profit.
- 3. Each of our youth that are with us for more than 6 months will be responsible for a special project at the farm. Will manage it, give a report of its development and be in touch with the consumers of the outcome of project.
 - 4. We plan to increase our growing area and start planting an orchard in March. The orchard will enable Kaima Beerotaim to develop another 3 dunams, allowing the farm to add an entirely different product line to our current offerings. The land is owned by the farm and already zoned for agricultural purposes. Understanding market demand, we intend to plant 150 fig, avocado and almond trees. We project that the first harvest will go to market within three years for consumption through our CSA membership, our farm-to table educational programs, and the public at large.

 The initial preparation of the soil and planting will be done by our young farmers, two professional agriculturalists, and community volunteers.

Special workshop



Farm to table kitchen



Coopration with "Acharai" organization





A day at our social agriculture partenrs



Passover special present baskets

