MATANEL FOUNDATION

ACTIVITY REPORT

Program: The Israel Leadership Academy Bnei-Zion
Year: 2016-2017

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: **The Bnei-Zion Leadership Program – Alonei Yitzhak**

Year of activity: **September 2016 - September 2017**

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Number of active participants in the program: **25**

Estimated number of impacted participants: **25**

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

In September 2017 began the third year of the program with 26 students.
After about two months we dealt with an incident in which a number of students smoked drugs at the Mechina and during vacations at home, which is considered forbidden. Due to this event, we have dismissed six students from the program.
Additionally, we are working on moving the program to a new campus in Pardes Hanna.
Graduates of last year have enlisted in the army. About five of them stayed for a six-year follow-up program, about five remained to accompany new students (big brother program) and the rest joined the army.

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

Main Achievements:
1. 25 out of 28 students successfully completed the program (the three students who did not complete the program left in the first two weeks due to lack of suitability).
2. All of the students were recruited to the army, including full success in closing criminal cases for students exempt from military service due to a criminal past.

3. About three students stayed for another six months to accompany and guide new students and another four students stayed for the follow-up program of the Mechina - all of which will be joining the army in March 2018.
Top events:
1. During the year we held a very unique event, first of its kind - a navigation run in memory of Jordan Ben Simon for whom the program is named. About 350 friends, soldiers and families arrived at the event.
2. The students received a certificate from the Zichron Yaakov Municipality for volunteering in the fire and for social involvement in the city.

The evaluation (methodology, results, comparisons with the precedent year, conclusions for the future…):

The success of the project is also measured in the near term by qualitative measurement - the process of development of the students observed through the eyes of the educational staff, the families and the educational staff from the previous frameworks of the Mechina students. In addition, the success is measured by the percentage of students who enlist to a meaningful and combat service in the army.
In the long run, success is measured by the resilience of the soldiers in the army and their role of service, in their progress, and in the percentages of commanders and officers.
Additionally, further success will be measured by the integration of Mechina graduates into civilian life - integration into the market, contribution to the community and academic studies.
Success is measured directly by the staff in the Mechina program, which continues to accompany the Mechina graduates during their military service and later in civilian life as well.

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

1. Next year's goal is to increase the number of students to 30.
2. Finding a campus and a new permanent building for the program.
3. When there is a permanent building - the establishment of a home for the graduates in the army, where they could live during vacations.

As we wrote in our Email, the support we received over the last two years for the Alonei Yitzhak program was 15,000 USD per year. This contribution, which we are thankful was provided in accordance with the Metanel Fund policy of supporting the creation of new Mechina extension. However, the Alonei Yitzhak extension is unique as its students are all underprivileged youth, with no family support, and are unable to pay tuition fees and require full scholarships. Therefore, we kindly ask you to examine the option of supporting the Alonei Yitzhak program with the amount of contribution allocated to a new Mechina. The Mechina director, Yuval, discussed the issue with Joelle.

Please join the Evaluation Report, the Financial Report and the list of the participants to the program (**as PDF documents**)

Please join photos – as **photos** – and any link or any other document connected to the program which will seems to you relevant – as **PDF document**.