



Testimonies from the field:

"Makom"

We met A. on the street almost a year ago, a 40-year-old Ethiopian guy who is dealing with bipolar disorder and substance abuse. We gave him a locker and accompanied him throughout the year in support of assistance in various ways: from weekly conversations, to physical assistance and worked together towards utilization of rights. In collaboration with his social worker, we were able to keep in contact with him and wrap him with care, until he entered an apartment and went into rehab. The connection with him and the support along the way, strengthen and supported him in the complex path of rehabilitation.

Soccer team- Jerusalem

2021 was a complex year in general, and for the homeless in particular. Covid-19 has challenged many areas of their lives, mostly in the areas of employment and the utilization of rights. L', is a participant in the Jerusalem football team, and for him, 2021 was a year of a leap forward in his rehabilitation process. 4 years ago, L' slept in abandoned apartments, moving between acquaintances' apartments and was still looking for his place in the world. During this time, he also started participating in group activities. Over time, the group has become the central and influential framework in his life, while the team assists in the processes of utilization of rights, legal arrangements, finding housing and more. At the same time, a debt of about NIS 200,000 hovered over L's rehabilitation process, which made it difficult to find suitable employment, to manage a proper bank account and the ability to lead a normative lifestyle. In 2021, in collaboration with the team of Writ of execution, we reached significant debt settlements with all of L's creditors up to the level of a minimal payment, after which the case was closed. This allowed him to issue a checkbook, get a decent salary and lead a normative lifestyle, as a full-fledged citizen. In the summary of the year we did as group L' summed up the year and said that this was the year he went free.

Tel-Aviv Soccer team:

Avi, a player of the team says:

"2021 has been very difficult year for me. Since I joined the team in Tel Aviv I felt I was embarking on a new path. I started treatment in social Services, found a job at a supermarket and began to receive guidance from Home-Base's volunteer, who became a true friend. In June 2021, a turnaround came and I received actual imprisonment for a trial I dragged out from last year. For the first time in my life, I went to jail and it shocked me. During the four months I was imprisoned, Home-Base NGO stood by my side. Home-Base deposited money for the canteen, phone calls and especially a supportive shoulder. I was released from prison towards the end of 2021 and moved in an apartment. Went back to playing regularly in a team, with people I really like. I believe this year will be better than the last".