

# MATANEL FOUNDATION

## ACTIVITY REPORT

**Program:** *Juzor: Academic Guidance and Accompaniment for Lod's Arab Youth*

**Year:** 2023

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: Juzor: Academic Guidance and Accompaniment for Lod's Arab Youth

Year of activity: 2022/23

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Number of active participants in the program: 306 beneficiaries/ 20 volunteers

Estimated number of impacted participants:

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

This past week saw our end-of-the-year celebration, attended by all beneficiaries who joined a festive ceremony titled 'Pressing forward – the 1,000 miles journey'. Participants showcased their 'products' in a way that reflected the significant growth and accomplishments achieved by each of them throughout the year. We also paid commemorated the work of excelling volunteers, who each received a small gift showing our appreciation.

At present we're busy planning a 3-day seminar for new beneficiaries joining our Transition Year program, i.e., all students who completed the 12<sup>th</sup> grade under the guidance and mentorship of our volunteers. During the seminar they will be introduced to the program in a fun-filled experiential manner, thus securing their place for the upcoming year

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

Over the past year, we've launched a new pilot program offering vocational training in the field of App devolvement and website construction. The program, conducted in collaboration with Code-Zone College and Seert Human Resources Services, engages 13 beneficiaries, ages 17-30, all of whom undergo 11 months of thorough training.

Each participant receives personal accompaniment from the program's coordinator, helping to establish and develops his or her skills. The program also includes an introduction to the world of software engineering and coding, followed by advancement into the developmental stages of Apps' creation and successful integration within the vocational frameworks (CV writing, LinkedIn, job interviews).

Another noteworthy accomplishment was the social initiative undertaken by participants of the Masask program. Within the framework of this initiative, high school students prepared food packages for families in need during Ramadan. Participants worked hard and launched a donation campaign for all groceries, in full collaboration with the high school's authorities. They proceeded to collect the food, arrange it in packages and distribute it throughout the city.

During the period reported, we've identified a strong need for the incorporation of volunteers as providers of enrichment in computer tutelage throughout various schools. Following this demand, we placed 2 students from this fields in **Elrashedya school**, who proceeded to provide support for the school's 6<sup>th</sup> graders. It should be noted that these prompt adjustments to the community's emerging needs, along with the placement of volunteers according to their abilities and inclinations, helped to strengthen the bonds between said volunteers and the communities in which they served. The end result indicated a strong sense of affinity to the school and its student, a heightened level of dedication and a long-term commitment on the part of volunteers.

One of the program's most moving success stories belongs to Ali Dauski, a 20-year-old from Lod. Ali was born to one of the city's most infamous families, where many had met with a tragic end involving premature death or incarceration. Despite such challenging beginnings, Ali was determined to forge his own unique path. Although, at first a strict resistance on the part of his family threatened to thwart his ambitions, Ali persisted and at present he stands at the top his class. He continues to advance himself and was also able to make peace with his family.

Another success story we feel is representatives of our recent accomplishments, revolves around an 18-year-old student by the name of Sondos. One of 18 promising 12<sup>th</sup> graders engaged in our Ort Lod's group, Sondus came to us after the recent trauma of losing her younger brother. Despite the sense of devastation and inconsolability permeating her every-day life, Sondus was able to draw much strength and comfort from the group's sessions. The program's focus on positive thinking, social interaction and hope for the future helped her to realize that time and patience are a crucial part of overcoming obstacles. With her newly-found faith in herself, we believe that she'll be able to pursue her wish to study social work and, once her training is complete, serve as a role model for others facing similar challenges.

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

We have yet to conduct an organized evaluation, but have already witnesses an increase in the number of beneficiaries committed to the program, as well as a high level of competence among volunteers who were thoroughly trained for the work ahead. Finally, we can attest to a an extremely satisfying rapport with high schools' teams, following in-depth encounters with the program's instructors,

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

During the upcoming year we plan to expand our activities so as to include more high schools in the cities of Ramle and Jaffa. At present, we're negotiating with several such schools, with the hope of launching 2 groups of 30 12<sup>th</sup> graders who will join our Transition Year program.

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

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

Please join a 5 minutes movie which presents your institution and the particular project supported by the Matanel Foundation. The movie should be accessible to the philanthropic world and to other potential donors.