

For the Teens of Kfar Tapuach

Kfar Tapuach was established in 1978, on a barren hilltop in the heart of Samaria. *"And the border of Manasseh was, beginning from Asher, Michmethath, which is before Shechem; and the border went along to the right hand, unto the inhabitants of Tapuach. The land of Tapuach belonged to Manasseh; but Tapuach on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim."* *Joshua, 17, 7-8.* The community was established by a group of families, descendants of Yemenite immigrants, from the community of Bareket, on Israel's coastal plain. Today, Kfar Tapuach is home to 180 families. In addition, the community has a special neighborhood for young students who attend the nearby Ariel University Center, many of whom have expressed interest in permanently settling in Kfar Tapuach. Tapuach is currently building new homes which within three years will bring them up to 300 families, or 2,000 people!



Over the past several years, Kfar Tapuach has almost tripled its population. Every month there is news of new births and additions to the neighborhood! There are more than 100 children between the ages of newborn and six years alone! They have three pre-schools to absorb all these children and will be adding a fourth soon. There is also a day care center as well as an after-school learning center. Elementary and high school students travel to school to the neighboring communities of Yakir, Eli, Yizhar, Itamar and Elon Moreh.

Despite the dangers which threatened Kfar Tapuach and its neighboring communities after the outbreak of the war of terrorism in September 2000, the residents remain loyal to their community. They continue to care about their quality of life and that of their children. With CFOIC Heartland's generous help, many projects were planned and realized. An advanced library and computer center was built, a new nursery school was established, and a park and playground was begun in memory of their friends and neighbors who were victims of terror.

With growth, though, comes demands and responsibility. Kfar Tapuach has 60 high school teenagers. Many of these children used to attend the weekly activities planned for their age group but the center is shabby and uninviting and kids have stopped coming. The programs are interesting and challenging, and help break the routine of their school schedules, but they are not encompassing enough to keep the teens busy. The youth of Kfar Tapuach have too much time on their hands during the year, and even more so during summer vacations. Then they get bored, and bored children are not children at their best. Kfar Tapuach's dream is to plan a youth center—a warm, welcoming place, where the teens can come together, and spend their time involved in quality recreation. The counselors are adamant that the children themselves be involved in the renovations, in the building, in the gathering of materials, games and books. The more they are a part of it, the more work, time, and sweat they invest in this center, the more they will feel a sense of pride in this home away from home, and it will become a part of them, a place that belongs to them... a place they belong to.

Project Summary

Kfar Tapuach Youth Center

- In the past decade, Kfar Tapuach has tripled its population, with more than 100 children between the ages of newborn and 6 years old and over 60 teenagers!
- Kfar Tapuach’s dream is to establish a Youth Center where the teens can come together and enjoy healthy, productive, fun recreation. The teens want to be involved in creating this dream... they want to feel connected to something that will become their own. If Kfar Tapuach is good to their youth, the youth will be good for Kfar Tapuach.



Today’s youth of Kfar Tapuach are tomorrow’s adults of Kfar Tapuach. Investing in them is investing in the future. Your help supports them financially, and equally as important, gives them the strength that comes from knowing there are friends who believe in them.

Project Budget

Flooring	\$1,900
Painting of Walls.....	1,585
Decorating and Design.....	380
Furnishings and Window Shades	1,270
Equipment for Activities	950
Doors and Windows.....	2,540
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:	\$8,625

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