

Leading Charitable Foundation Marks 15 Years Helping Israeli Society

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HERZLIYA , ISRAEL, December 9, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [The Agnes & Beny Steinmetz Foundation](#), one of the largest charitable organisations in Israel, is marking 15 years since its creation, aimed at assisting with various aspects of the country's society by giving millions of dollars over the years to support several key areas in need.

The foundation was founded by French-Israeli businessman Beny and his wife, Agnes, in 2007, based on their aspiring vision to help make the Israeli society more equal and robust and to provide opportunities to underprivileged children and adults.

Education, health, social welfare and culture form the pillars of the foundation's activities, as it works with organisations spread around Israel to assist those in need. Programmes and schemes are open to people of all nationalities and religions, with a particular focus on those in the Palestinian Authority and the wider Middle East, and impoverished Israelis as well.

Giving People a Helping Hand

Foundation chairwoman Agnes Steinmetz has put early childhood education and development at the forefront of the organisation's purpose, as she strongly believes that substantial investment in this area is essential for the smooth and healthy development of young people at the very early stages of their life. Among the foundation's initial activities in this area was the creation of a training course for workers at Israeli local authorities on the effective running of their early childhood departments, including suggesting new staff roles that would enhance the departments' work with children from newborns until six years of age.

The Agnes and Beny Steinmetz Foundation also places an emphasis on children at risk, and has partnered with a number of Israeli organisations to provide educational, sports and cultural assistance, including the Darna Rehabilitation Community, AMIT group of schools, Alley Runners Athletics Project and Naggat Multidisciplinary School of Art and Society.

The foundation's healthcare initiatives involve direct assistance to people requiring urgent medical care and donating funds to hospitals in Israel that urgently need various types of equipment. Sheba Tel-HaShomer Medical Centre in Ramat Gan and Laniado Hospital in Netanya

have benefited from foundation funds to purchase eye and paediatric intensive care equipment, respectively.

Millions Invested in Tertiary Education, the Arts

To date, The Agnes and Beny Steinmetz Foundation has donated over \$3.5 million to a scholarship programme at Netanya Academic College, with more than 1,500 student placements so far. Those who win a place are asked to volunteer part of their time helping out at the foundation's other initiatives, including some aimed at supporting young people at risk.

An additional scholarship programme funded by the foundation is run at Eldad High School in Netanya, and members of the Israeli Defence Forces, in the Givati Brigade's Tzabar Battalion, are supported with equipment and care, especially soldiers who are on their own and in need. The foundation has also financed a new wing of the prestigious Tel Aviv Museum of Art, named after Agnes and Beny.

And as 2022 draws to a close and the foundation is about to enter its 16th year of operation, it continues its tradition of providing food for families during Hanukkah, which falls between December 18 and 26 this year. As the foundation says, all these initiatives are part of a wider cause and ambition to make Israel a more just and equitable country for everyone.

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