



Bet Hagai

HEALING LOST BOYS THROUGH ART

Every child deserves the promise of a brighter future. Art provides that opportunity. Long-heralded for its transformative powers, art is often used as a therapeutic tool with young children and adolescents. For some, playing with colors, contrasting light and darkness injects fresh perspective to their reality, while others gain independence and emotional regulation through tactile manipulation of materials. No matter the medium, method, or tools—art heals!

The Bet Hagai Youth Village provides teens from dysfunctional homes with hands-on learning and vocational training. But it is as much a therapeutic program as an educational program. Many of the boys come from difficult backgrounds, such as abusive homes, addiction, violence, and crime. The Youth Village offers these lost boys an opportunity to turn around every aspect of their lives, preparing them for adulthood as contributing members of Israeli society.

The art studio at Bet Hagai is an effective and popular program for fostering change in these troubled boys. Art classes are an integral part of the academic curriculum. But the learning does not stop when the school bell rings. In the afternoons, boys attend fun enrichment programs that contribute to their emotional and physical wellbeing. Many boys joyfully return to the art studio in the afternoon, free to put into practice the skills they learned in art class during the school day, but with greater freedom. Drawing, painting, pottery, and many other mediums provide enjoyable ways for the boys to express their inner worlds and move forward in their healing.

CFOIC Heartland donors have long supported various programs at Bet Hagai, and you helped create the original art program in a mobile home many years ago. But over the years, the mobile home has become worn and decrepit. It is time for the youth village to have a permanent, spacious structure for the art studio. There is a building available for the art studio but it requires major renovations and furnishings. Bet Hagai is asking you to help with this wonderful project.

The Bet Hagai Youth Village needs a new art studio, so vital in the healing process of lost boys. An art studio gives these boys a much-needed refuge from their brokenness and offers them the language of art to express their pain, and their dreams for a better future. Through the transformative gift of art, you can help these at-risk boys break the cycle of dysfunction, abuse, and neglect, and become responsible, upstanding Israeli citizens. Your gift to the Bet Hagai Youth Village is a gift towards Israel's future.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** The community was established in 1983, the Youth Village in 1989
- ☆ **Location:** South Hebron Hills, Judea
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** Hagai is an abbreviation of the names of three young men, Hanan, Gershon and Yaacov, murdered by terrorists in Hebron in 1980
- ☆ **Population:** 110 families in Bet Hagai, 45 boys and 5 families at the youth village



Your support towards a new art studio at the Bet Hagai Youth Village will provide art therapy for at-risk boys



Mentors and house parents open their arms and hearts to the boys at Bet Hagai, with unwavering love and support

BET HAGAI ART STUDIO

PROJECT BUDGET

Labor and Materials	\$103,380
Plumbing and Electricity	23,680
Interior Design and Furnishings	4,000
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$131,060

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