



# Ofra

## EQUIPPING RAPID RESPONDERS TO SAVE LIVES

On the eighth night of Hanukkah 2018, blood-thirsty terrorists drove by the Ofra Junction bus station and began firing at waiting passengers. Shira Ish-Ran, who was seven months pregnant, was shot in the stomach, while Amichai, Shira's husband, and five others were moderately injured. Sadly, their baby, delivered in an emergency cesarian surgery, died after only four days. While his wife was still fighting for her life, Amichai publicly addressed the people of Israel, declaring the mourning parents' unwavering commitment to the Jewish covenant with God and to settling Biblical Israel. The inspiring couple delivered their most powerful message through the name they chose for their deceased son—Amiad Israel (my eternal nation Israel)!

The dedicated pioneers of Ofra have created a rich and engaging religious, social, and cultural environment in the Biblical Heartland. In addition to a variety of schools, from preschool to a religious high school for girls, Ofra is home to several unique educational institutions, including Heart of Benjamin, a program for children and adults with special needs, two Bible academies for women, and a field school offering biblical and historical tours.

But outside this active and caring community lies a dire security threat that colors everything that happens in Ofra. Since the time it was established, the people of Ofra have experienced countless horrific terror attacks, both inside the community and along nearby roads and highways, including shootings, stabbings, car-rammings, attempted infiltrations, and arson attacks. Living under constant threat is a part of their daily reality. To protect its residents, Ofra employs several security officers, six security guards stationed at the various schools, and 26 rapid response volunteers.

Protective equipment cannot be compromised. Last year, generous CFOIC Heartland donors helped Ofra purchase long-range radios for its rapid response volunteers. This year, new tactical protective helmets are their most urgent need. Currently, team members use retired military helmets. Besides being heavy and uncomfortable, these helmets lack the option to attach life-saving accessories, like flashlights. Using outdated equipment, especially during critical nighttime emergencies, puts their own lives and the lives of the entire community at risk.

**Ofra desperately needs to equip its security team members with tactical helmets. Without proper tactical protective gear, Ofra's rapid responders are at a significant disadvantage. Your donation today for new tactical protective helmets will save lives!**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ Founded: 1975
- ☆ Location: On the border between Biblical Samaria and Benjamin , near Beth El, between Jerusalem and Nablus
- ☆ Biblical Significance: Named after the ancient Jewish town in the territory of Benjamin, mentioned in Joshua 18
- ☆ Historical Significance: The first Jewish community established north of Jerusalem in modern times
- ☆ Population: 4,000



*Ofra's security team members desperately need new protective gear when defending against constant threats!*



*With your help, the dedicated pioneers of Ofra will continue raising their families in Biblical Israel*

## OFRA SECURITY EQUIPMENT

### PROJECT BUDGET

36 Tactical Safety Helmets (\$425 each) .....\$15,300

**TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED ..... \$15,300**

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