



Beit Issie Shapiro
Changing the lives of people with disabilities
On the Willie & Celia Trump Campus

IMPACT REPORT 2023

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIELD OF DISABILITIES
& OUR RESPONSE DURING WAR

OUR WORK DURING WARTIME



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EDUCATION



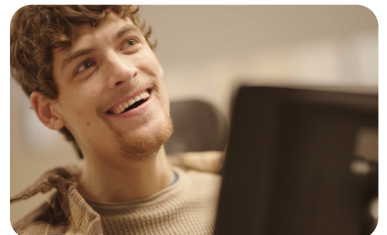
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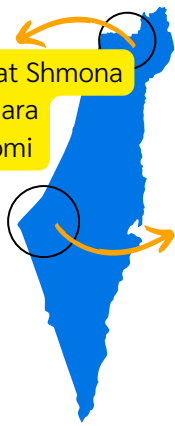
OUR WORK DURING WARTIME

Immediately following the horrors of October 7th, we expanded our work in order to help Israelis with and without disabilities across the country

1,000+ therapy sessions and respite visits for evacuees and residents of Israel's North and South

We have welcomed evacuees from across the country

Kiryat Shmona
Menara
Shlomi



Ashkelon
Ashdod
Sderot
Kfar Aza
Ofakim
Netivot
Zimrat
Nir Am

Provided the following services free-of-charge:



HYDROTHERAPY



EMERGENCY DENTAL TREATMENTS



MULTISENSORY THERAPY



EMOTIONAL THERAPY



SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR EVACUEE CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



SPORTS THERAPY



Yael

Occupational Therapist, Beit Issie Shapiro

[WATCH HERE](#) how Beit Issie is providing trauma therapy to people in need



2,000+ people with disabilities and their families continue to receive essential support each month

Beyond day-to-day services received at Beit Issie, we have provided additional:



EMOTIONAL THERAPY



SUPPORT GROUPS



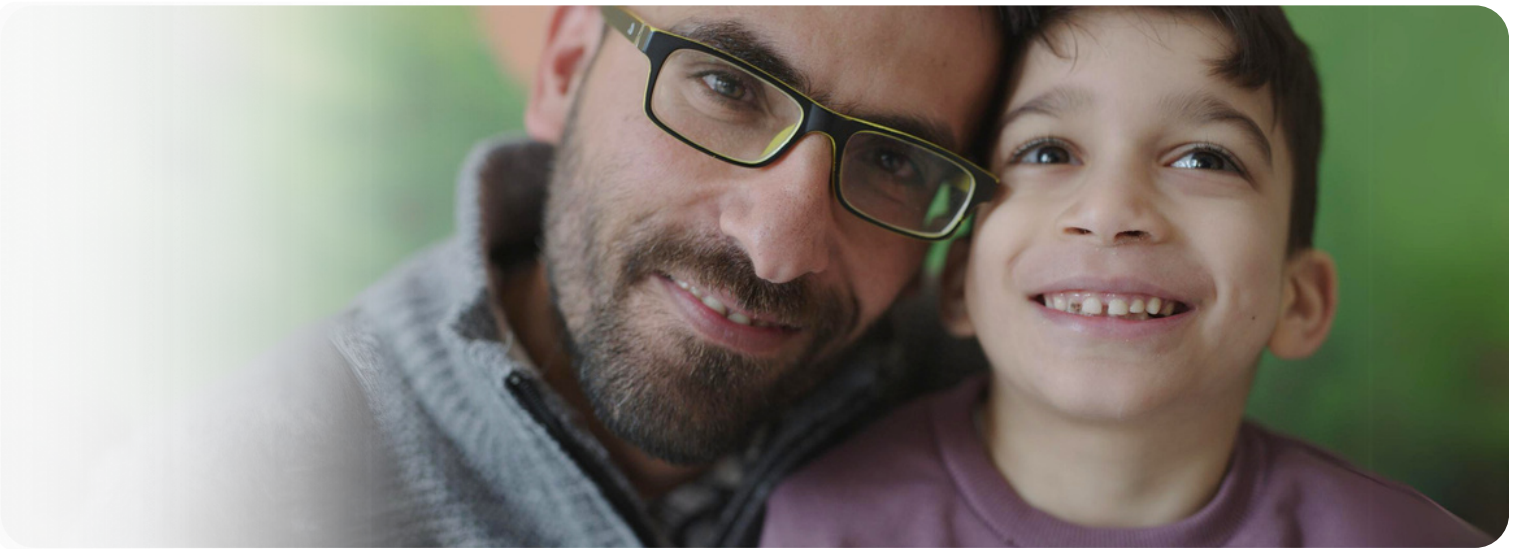
HOME VISITS



PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE



COPING MECHANISMS AND TOOLS



1,120+ professionals trained and people with disabilities coached on how to cope during times of crisis



We have worked with:

- IDF casualty officers
- Doctors, nurses, social workers
- People with disabilities and their families
- Disability organizations

TECHNOLOGY

We are proud to have been able to use our expertise in assistive technology to help people in need across the country

HELPING WOUNDED SOLDIERS

A soldier was **seriously injured in battle and left completely paralyzed**. Beit Issie Shapiro stepped in to introduce him to the EyeGaze system. With regular visits to the hospital, our dedicated therapists taught him how **to communicate using a smart screen that tracks his eye movement**. Now, he can reconnect with loved ones and express his needs to the medical staff.



TECHNOLOGY THAT SAVES LIVES

Developed an **accessible smart bracelet that vibrates with alerts for incoming missiles and other emergencies** in cooperation with the Ministry of Defense, Israel's Homefront Command, Ministry of Welfare and JDC.

FROM SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER TO IDF SOLDIER

Before Yael became a 2nd grade teacher at Beit Issie Shapiro's Special Education School, she served 4 years in an IDF intelligence unit. Immediately following October 7th, she volunteered to be drafted. *"I am proud to be serving in the IDF and helping the war effort. My main concern was leaving my students at Beit Issie. Beit Issie is like family and have been so supportive - it lifts my spirits to receive care packages and messages from the kids and their families. I missed my students so much that I came to visit them at Beit Issie whenever I could, before returning to my base. Being able to be together and hug my students is giving me the strength I need to go on."*



THERAPIES

4,100+ children and adults received life-changing therapies at Beit Issie Shapiro

HYDROTHERAPY
SPORTS THERAPY
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
SPEECH THERAPY

EMOTIONAL THERAPY
PHYSICAL THERAPY
ISSIESENSES MULTISENSORY THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENTS
ADAPTED DENTAL TREATMENT



Inaugurated a brand **new IssieSenses therapy room** for the benefit of the Arab population at our **Sindian Center** in Qalansua

The renovated IssieSenses room empowers 4 year old Rihana, who has autism and developmental delays, to achieve sensory balance. This helps her advance emotionally, behaviorally and make progress in her communication and learning.



Expanded our impact through sports therapy groups in partnership with the **Israel Parkinson Association, Israel Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Stop Cancer organization** and more



SOCIAL CHANGE

500,000+ people in Israel continued to benefit from Beit Issie's effective policy change

Tommy and Osnat, two leaders from Beit Issie's Leadership Center, were selected to join the **Knesset's Advisory Committee of the Commission for Equal Rights of Persons with Disabilities**, to play a significant role in advocating for people with disabilities throughout Israel.



Successfully spearheaded a campaign to **secure equitable salaries for special education**

aides working in Early Intervention Centers; benefitting **4,000** toddlers in **180** centers across Israel



Submitted a bill for the **inclusion of toddlers with disabilities** in mainstream daycare systems; impacting **thousands** of children across Israel



TECHNOLOGY

Helped **500,000** people with disabilities across Israel access life-changing Assistive Technology tools by guiding Atvisor.ai, a website offering accessible solutions



30,000+ DOWNLOADS

of our accessible IssieApps globally



IssieDocs



IssieBoard



IssieSign

Scan or click here to download



IssieCalc



IssieDice



2023 WAS A BIG YEAR FOR ISSIESIGN - OUR ACCESSIBLE SIGN LANGUAGE DICTIONARY APP

ض Launched IssieSign in Arabic



Upgraded the IssieSign app - adding a feature which allows people to **customize and upload their own signs**



Read in **GLOBES** about how we partner with tech companies to create accessible solutions



GLOBAL IMPACT

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING & KNOWLEDGE SHARING



3,100+ professionals trained to help people with disabilities in Israel and around the world

38,000+ people from **63** countries were influenced by Beit Issie's best practices through presentations, publications and online resources

The Austrian Parliament selected our Self-Advocacy program for adults with intellectual disabilities to be implemented in their local communities



2023 Global Partnerships and Sharing our Models for Best Practice



EDUCATION

125 children with complex disabilities benefitted from our daily educational frameworks, which include:



DE LOWE EARLY INTERVENTION CENTER
ages 0 - 3

SINDIAN EARLY INTERVENTION CENTER
ages 0 - 6

SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL
ages 6 - 12



"This year, Shaked finished 1st Grade at Beit Issie's Special Education School. She can't read, write or do math, but she has learned sign language and communicates with us using her iPad. She has learned to be caring towards her friends and enjoys her time in class.

It is truly a blessing to be at Beit Issie Shapiro! The staff is incredible, supportive, embracing, and loving. Arabs, Jews, religious, and non-religious, all for the sake of Shaked.

It is moving to see them see her as a person and not just a syndrome."

- Reut, Shaked's Mom

361 adults with disabilities **gained essential life skills and knowledge** through Beit Issie's Inclusive University in Israel



LAUNCHED OUR FIRST EVER INCLUSIVE UNIVERSITY "ART OF LIVING" COURSE ABROAD at **Florida International University**, America's 5th largest public university

FIU

AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS & MILESTONES



Received the prestigious **Zero Project 2023 Innovative Solution Award** for our National Self-Advocacy Group of People with Intellectual Disabilities



Our Founder, Naomi Stuchiner, was awarded an Honorary Degree from **The Holon Institute of Technology**



"Asked to name projects she found most satisfying, Foundation Director Linda Sakacs chose one... **Beit Issie Shapiro**... It is the kind of results-driven organization in which **Zalman Bernstein** might have discerned a "royal reach." ...We fund organizations that are run by those people, doing quality work with real impact, where we don't have to worry about what they spend the money on. We see results."

-Excerpt from *A Gift of Many Colors, The First Two Decades of Keren Keshet - The Rainbow Foundation* by Tony Proscio, Post Hill Press, USA, 2023



LOOKING FORWARD: GROUNDBREAKING PROJECT AT BEIT ISSIE SHAPIRO

Broke ground on building Israel's 1st Inclusive Early Childhood Campus

WATCH to learn more about this revolutionary project



NAMING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE



Ahmir Lerner, CEO, Sasha Trump-Weiss, Chair of the Board and Naomi Stuchiner, Founder, laying the foundation stone of Israel's first Inclusive Early Childhood Campus at Beit Issie Shapiro in Ra'anana

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE

1,967+
Supporters

300
Staff

240
Volunteers

60
Lay Leaders

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Israel's Most Effective
Organization Award



Israel Prize for Lifetime
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