During Hanukkah, a season of light, we would like to share a story of how some light was shed into a family’s life. A young girl, one of nine children, lived in an impoverished home and suffered from behavioural problems. This concerned her single mother and psychologist, yet one donation from Homecare made all the difference. The young girl was able to take violin lessons, but a year later she decided to learn the saxophone, a wind instrument instead. The mother was understandably frustrated about her daughter’s seemingly indecisive behaviour and lack of perseverance. However, Homecare suggested that, “Perhaps this new instrument of choice will give expression to emotions that cannot be expressed in words, but rather blown into the wind.”

Only a few short lessons and a child prodigy was discovered! Not only did she display tremendous talent, but she enjoyed playing the saxophone. A few months later, she began playing with the Israeli Youth Orchestra! Her troublesome behaviour disappeared, as she developed into a confident young woman.

Every gift to the ICEJ Homecare impacts lives and can enable winds of change into families and communities. Please help us bring light to despairing situations.

Support the ICEJ’s Homecare at: int.icej.org/homecare

TEAM IN JERUSALEM

In 2017, an opportunity arose to bless the youth of Jerusalem through a grant to the Jerusalem Kfirim (Lion Cubs), one of 11 teams in the Israeli High School Football League.

The team consists of players aged 15-18 from various demographic groups in Israeli society. This team is coached by Mordechai (Mordy) Charnowitz, who is the defensive captain of the Jerusalem Lions adult team. Coach Charnowitz expressed, “Being on this team prepares them with the mindset that they have to work to succeed, and things don’t just come to them no matter how athletic and popular they are.” The assistant coach Yaov Prusak added, “They give all they’ve got. They’ve got heart, that’s for sure.”

The ICEJ is proud to sponsor this team so that young men from Jerusalem can continue to be built up through their participation in sports.

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