



2015 Grant Awards

National/Local

Families First

\$20,000

"Targeted Outreach of Pregnant Women"

Outreach and services to pregnant women with HIV/AIDS, high risk pregnant women, and high-risk women of child bearing age in PB County. The primary goal is to prevent HIV in newborns and provide comprehensive services. Outreach workers go into the community looking for women/teens who qualify for services and enroll them in the program. To date, they have a 100% success rate with preventing HIV in newborns.

PACE Center for Girls

\$20,000

"PACE Works!"

PACE Center for girls is a community based, gender responsive prevention, early intervention, and diversion programs serving girls at risk in Palm Beach County. Girls ages 12-17 are served in the day program and up to age 22 in the transition services. PACEWorks is an after-hours program that enhances the services of the PACE day program to move these girls into the mainstream society. PACE provides the girls with skills and employment experience in a variety of fields and ongoing support for three years following their transition from PACE.

Unchained at Last

\$20,000 for 2 years

"General Support"

Unchained provides women and girls in the United States who are resisting or fleeing an arranged/forced marriage with free legal representation regarding divorce, domestic abuse, immigration, and other legal proceedings, as well as provides free social services and emotional support. Unchained also does advocacy work and community awareness.

Yeshivat Maharat

\$20,000 for 2 years

"General Support"

Yeshivat Maharat is the first and only yeshiva in the United States that ordains women as Orthodox clergy. This grant supports their efforts to recruit, train, and place students, as well as engage in community advocacy efforts. Currently, there are 20 students enrolled in the program and all of their graduates are working in synagogues or educational organizations.

Israel

Center for Advancement of Women in the Public Sphere at Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

\$10,000 (second year of funding for two-year grant)

"Gender Index"

Research and evaluates gender inequalities in Israel. Created Gender Index. Expanding and digitizing the index to use for lobbying, public policy making and creating a more gender equitable society.

Center for Women's Justice

\$15,000 (second year of funding for two-year grant)

"Public Interest Litigation Project"

Works to change the status for women under Jewish law in Israel. They file tort cases with precedent setting value and file petitions in the Israeli Supreme Court on behalf of women who receive unjust treatment in the Rabbinic Courts, work on legislation and increasing public awareness on the rights of women under Israeli family law and Jewish law.

ELEM

\$10,000 (second year of funding on two- year grant)

"Derech Hamelech (King's Road)-Personal Mentoring & Employment initiatives for Ultra-Orthodox Girls at Risk"

Raises awareness and change attitudes within the community by empowering Orthodox girls at risk in Israel. ELEM works with local community center to provide mentoring, vocational training, and education to groups of at risk girls across the country.

Isha L'Isha

\$20,000

"Fighting Against Trafficking in Women and Prostitution"

Assists trafficking and prostitution victims in Israel and facilitates their integration into society; engages in advocacy work to improve legislation and policies around these issues; provides professionals with education and skills to design effective intervention and assistance programs; and educates the public to change perceptions on exploitation of women.

Itach Maki

\$15,000

"Raising the Voices of Marginalized Israeli Women for Economic Justice"

Educates and empowers underserved, marginalized populations of women in Israel, such as Ethiopian and Bedouin populations, about economic justice and employment rights. Program includes grassroots work, community education, and advocacy work. Participants are educated and trained and then return to their communities to educate other women.

Kolech

\$15,000

"Telem Educational Program for Gender Equality"

Series of workshops offered to teenage boys and girls, who meet separately, in well-established religious schools all across Israel, including the social and geographic periphery in Israel. Trained professionals, teach a curriculum focused on improving teenagers' ability to handle the challenges of relationships and sexuality through discussion and activities centered on gender equality, sexuality and healthy relationships, and self-fulfillment.

The Ruth and Emanuel Rackman Center for the Advancement of Women's Status

\$15,000

"Program for Legal & Social Change for Women in Family Law"

The Rackman Center's legal clinic provides free legal representation to women around issues of divorce, child custody, housing rights, and child support, and engages in advocacy work on these same legal issues in Israel. Within the clinic, the Lawyers of Tomorrow program familiarizes third year law students with family law and women's rights issues to encourage them to incorporate this into their work once they practicing attorneys.

WEPower

\$20,000

"Women for Future Leadership"

WEPower's goal is to increase the number of women who run and are elected to public office in Israel on both the national and municipal levels. The Women for Future Leadership program is a leadership development training program where participants develop leadership skills and take on public leadership roles and social activism in their communities, helping advance women into elected office from municipalities to the Knesset.

Other

American Joint Distribution Committee

\$200,000 (second year of funding for a four-year grant)

"Changing the Lives of Elderly Jewish Women in Moldova"

Improves the quality of life of some of the world's poorest, most helpless elderly Jewish women, who live in Moldova, by providing vital humanitarian assistance including food, homecare, and medicines.