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To Whom It May Concern:

Over the past few years, we have witnessed a growing phenomenon of many families becoming financially unstable and being forced to deal with the hardships of poverty.

I learned of "Lema'an Achai"'s blessed activities from the mayor of Beit Shemesh, Mr. Vaknin, counselor Mr. Shalom Lerner, counselor Mr. Jackie Edri, and "Lema'an Achai"'s chairman, Mr. David Morris.

I have been deeply impressed by the "Lema'an Achai" vision of both aiding and rehabilitating families suffering from poverty.

Their highly capable and effective implementation of this vision in just four years is a remarkable achievement. This includes the establishment of over 20 community-based welfare programs, assisting over 2000 needy people, and utilizing over 150 qualified professional volunteers.

I enthusiastically encourage all who have the means to assist, to support "Lema'an Achai" in continuing and expanding their important activities.

I wish "Lema'an Achai" further success in Beit Shemesh, and I look forward to their unique community-based model being used in other communities throughout Israel.

Sincerely,

MK Zvulun Orlev Minister of Social Affairs