

# Annual Report 2023



Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the LORD will be my light.

Micah 7:8



## Shalom,

My friends, this past year was full of events we never could have imagined.

Of course, we all know the entire world changed on October 7. And especially here in Israel, our reality dramatically shifted, in shocking and devastating ways.

I've painfully reflected on how much has been asked of each person here in Israel, and it's heartbreaking. We have all had to contend with the fact that Israel is in a war for our survival. We all witnessed friends and family being brutally taken or killed by Hamas terrorists. And we all have loved ones risking their lives to protect us. The entire country has been affected in a deep, lasting way.

Meanwhile, war continues in Ukraine, causing more heartbreak, loss, displacement, and uncertainty. So many vulnerable people in this troubled region of the world are suffering and in need.

But through it all, there has been a shining light. You—our millions of Christian and Jewish friends—show the Jewish people they're not alone, through prayer and action. And as anti-Semitism is dramatically on the rise across the globe, your support is needed even more.

Once again, the Jewish people are going through a very hard time. But this time, we're not alone.

Thank God for the dedicated friends who say to us: we support you and we love you. You've raised your voice and let the world know that you strongly stand with the Jewish people—and you've done this through your support of IFCJ Canada.

Together, we've touched the lives of so many Jewish people in need by bringing them lifesaving comfort, care, and the chance to make aliyah. And we are only more committed to our mission during dark times like this. We are going into the war zones, on the ground, with our volunteers, ready to support, and comfort the people of Israel. And the message is clear: that Christians and Jews are standing together.

So thank you, my friends. Thank you for shining God's light, protecting God's Holy Land and His people with your steadfast commitment and faith.

With blessings from the Holy Land,

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Yael Eckstein President





### OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The October 7 Hamas massacre in southern Israel was the greatest loss of Jewish lives in a single day since the Holocaust. The nation still mourns for those lost and those held captive in Gaza. Communities are destroyed, and the people of Israel still live in threat of attack. In the face of these threats, your support and solidarity shows the Jewish people they are not alone.

### **Impact:**

More than **2,500 vouchers** were provided to elderly individuals and families for the purchase of basic necessities like food, clothing, and hygiene products. These vouchers were distributed to people evacuated from their communities following the attacks on October 7.





# OUR POVERTY PROGRAM

Thank you for answering God's call to feed the hungry and bless Israel and her people. Together, we provided lifesaving food, care, and support for Jewish people in need in war-torn Israel and Ukraine, as well as around the world. In total, IFCJ Canada provided basic needs and support to more than 78,000 people.

### Impact in Israel:

**6,400** elderly and Holocaust survivors in Israel received basic needs.

Over **755,000** hot meals were served to needy people through 24 soup kitchens across Israel.

12,000 impoverished families assisted with food and financial aid to observe the sacred holidays of Passover and Rosh Hashanah.

**8,800** children who were displaced or living in shelters were given clothing and backpacks containing essential school supplies for the school year.

Over **2,400** at-risk children and youth benefited from educational, social, and mentorship programs, with an additional 70 youth with severe disabilities receiving hands-on vocational training.



# OUR POVERTY PROGRAM

As impoverished Jews in Ukraine struggle with the harsh reality of an ongoing war, your support gives life and hope to this vulnerable community – including Holocaust survivors – that has suffered so much.

### Impact in the FSU:

**6,000** elderly and Holocaust survivors in the FSU received basic needs.

243,027 hours of home care were provided to assist frail elderly with basic activities of daily living, such as bathing, laundry, cleaning, and cooking, averaging 6 hours per person per week.

1,800 impoverished elderly and families were assisted with food and financial aid to observe the sacred holidays of Passover and Rosh Hashanah.

460 Jewish children in Ukraine received relief, including case management, material support, emergency assistance, school support, and socialization activities.





### O U R ALIYAH PROGRAM

For millennia, Jewish people around the world have faced anti-Semitism. Today, anti-Semitism is on the rise, especially after the October 7 attacks. But in Israel, the Jewish people find refuge and hope, where they can live and worship freely as Jews. Together, we answer the prayers of the most vulnerable who wouldn't have the support or finances to begin new lives on their own. IFCJ Canada shines God's light and helps bring His people home – thanks to our supporters.







# SUPPORTING FELLOWSHIP

IFCJ Canada builds bridges of faith between Christians and Jews through shared biblical values and education on the Jewish roots of the Christian faith. Our ministry is always growing stronger with each partnership we create based in shared faith values and love for Israel.

### **Impact:**

**24,000** people across Canada supported our mission in 2023

**5,100** people engaged in quarterly prayer services in 2023

**6,900** prayer requests taken to the Western Wall in Jerusalem in 2023

**12,000** followers on our IFCJ Canada social pages in 2023

**112,000** engagements, reaching 558.4 thousand people from our IFCJ Canada social efforts in 2023





I look at Yael and see a sincere desire to help all of us elderly who find themselves in a difficult situation. She wants to change our lives for the better and give hope for life. I feel not just support, I feel the love of lots of people by whose grace I live now. I love you all."

Yuliana, a 92-year-old Holocaust survivor in Moldova

I couldn't celebrate the holiday without this assistance from IFCJ Canada. Thank you for remembering me and taking care of me when I'm in need. Thanks to you, I will have a happy holiday. Thank you!"

**Sibo,** an elderly woman celebrates Rosh Hashanah



### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR 2023

REVENUE	2023	2022
<b>Donor Contributions</b>		
Restricted	\$7,456,084	\$6,746,787
Unrestricted	\$7,846,602	\$7,322,374
Operating Grant	\$402,330	\$400,787
Interest Income	\$52,094	\$36,321
TOTAL REVENUE	\$15,757,110	\$14,506,269

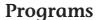
EXPENSES	2023	2022
Programs		
Guardians of Israel	\$5,021,003	\$4,363,466
Isaiah 58	\$2,650,000	\$3,310,000
On Wings of Eagles	\$1,645,729	\$1,903,433
Fellowship	\$53,975	\$15,492
Education Outreach Program	\$20,000	\$-
Total Programs	\$9,390,707	\$9,592,391
Operating Expenses		
Fundraising	\$4,005,755	\$4,105,731
Management and Administration	\$1,296,063	\$1,295,679
Total Operating Expenses	\$5,301,818	\$5,401,410
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$14,692,525	\$14,993,801
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$1,064,585	\$(487,532)

You can be confident that your donations to IFCJ Canada are being used conscientiously to do the most good for Israel and Jewish people in need around the world.

IFCJ Canada regularly submits our financial information to Canada's most established and respected charity watchdog organization — Charity Intelligence Canada — and we work hard to receive the highest grades possible for accountability and transparency, and to constantly improve. It's only through the generosity of our supporters that we're able to do the work that we do.

IFCJ Canada is a charity you can trust.

# Expenses 27% Fundraising 64% Programs Management and Administration



53% Guardians of Israel

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