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Kedma

Kedma is a registered 501(c)(3) [Kedma USA] and is an amuta in Israel.

Kedma's Mission

Kedma's mission is to connect people to Israeli society through volunteering. To that end, Kedma runs impactful and meaningful volunteer programs in Israel and abroad that benefit Israel. ***Following October 7th, Kedma was one of the first organizations that mobilized to support army families through restaurant vouchers, and special programming for miluim kids and army wives. To date, we have reached over 10,000 army wives and kids throughout Israel.***

RCA Connection

Kedma hosted two RCA mission groups in November 2023 for meetings with army wives and moms.

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Description of Services

Kedma was among the first organizations to support army families after October 7th, recognizing that these families are the backbone of Israeli society and vital to ensuring that our soldiers can stay strong and focused on protecting Israel and Jews worldwide. As reserve duty continues, October 7th underscored the critical need for boots on the ground. The responsibility of safeguarding Israel's borders rests heavily on reservists and their families. After two years of war, many reservists are struggling to return to civilian life, and their families continue to cope with significant trauma. These families still urgently need our support.

Kedma launched its Meals for Army Families Initiative on October 23, 2023, providing 60 families with vouchers to local restaurants. **The goal was to offer dignified support to army families, strengthen small Israeli businesses (the restaurants) struggling in the wartime economy, and ease the burden on already overwhelmed communities.** More than two years later, the initiative is still going strong. Miluim families consistently share that these vouchers provide both practical help and the emotional "hug" of knowing they are remembered and cared for. **To date, Kedma has provided meals to over 10,000 army spouses and children and invested tens of thousands of dollars in small Israeli businesses throughout Israel.**

Kedma also taps into its global network of volunteers in order to provide additional supports for army families.

- Kedma mobilized its Leadership Cohort to support army children, arranging gatherings with bat mitzvah-aged miluim daughters whose fathers had been in reserves for hundreds of days. Through joint workshops, Kedma volunteers connected with these girls and offered the extra attention and care they needed and deserved.
- More than 350 gap year students volunteer through Kedma weekly, and in the aftermath of October 7th Kedma sent a number of these volunteers to assist army families with childcare and errands.
- Through its Kedma Connects programs, Kedma brings communities abroad closer to Israel through hands-on volunteering. Since October 7th, several of these programs have supported miluim families. This past summer alone, communities in NY and NJ packed hundreds of care packages for army wives and children, which were distributed at Kedma events for miluim families in Israel. Most recently, students from the Frisch School in NJ created friendship bracelets for miluim kids. **These programs help miluim families feel cared for while enabling overseas communities to make a meaningful impact and show their support.**