

Dear friends of A Warm Home for Every Soldier,

Over the past year A Warm Home for Every Soldier accomplished many goals including promoting various key issues and finally establishing a **Support Center** for soldiers next to our offices, which are located at the Central Bus Station in Jerusalem. The center enables us to help soldiers in many ways which we weren't able to assist through our old office. The new center is a place where soldiers can rest, drink coffee, eat something, use the internet and even do their laundry when needed.

This year A Warm Home for Every Soldier established a **Scholarship Program** through which students who served in the IDF as lone soldiers or cannot have support from their families receive a scholarship. A Warm Home for Every Soldier also assisted them in obtaining other scholarships.

A Warm Home for Every Soldier provided **financial support** to thousands of soldiers and their families with cash gifts cards throughout the year and especially before the holidays.

This year A Warm Home for Every Soldier began operating special **Preparation for Civil Life Workshops** that are run at our center. The workshops provide the newly discharged soldiers with hands-on support in an array of issues that guides them towards a start as independent adults, including finding employment, housing and self-managing their finances.

A Warm Home for Every Soldier continued the efforts for **increasing soldiers' wages and salaries** and managed to reach remarkable achievements. The soldier's salaries have finally increased after more than a decade and are expected to increase further during 2016 and 2017. Finally soldiers will be able to cover the basic costs of living. A Warm Home for Every Soldier managed to **promote various laws** that ease the bureaucratic burden on soldiers.

A Warm Home for Every Soldier are currently promoting a **new reform** in cooperation with the soldiers who are in debt cannot be foreclosed, and interests and fines will be frozen during their military service.

A Warm Home for Every Soldier also **handled thousands of requests for assistance** regarding soldiers' debts to mobile phone companies. We have also promoted various appeals submitted to the soldiers' complaints commissioner and to the personal directorate regarding medical and financial issues.

A Warm Home for Every Soldier is watching out on behalf of all soldiers – if soldiers are not treated right we will make sure it is corrected by any legal means.

Finally, we constantly continue our **fundraising efforts** for the benefit of all soldiers. We would like to thank all our donors for their support over the years and for the coming year.

We wish you and all soldiers a happy and a safe new year.

Shifra Shahaar, CEO

