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the city of *Ofakim*, this development will serve as a virtual, self-contained community for disabled adults, affording them a real-life sense of responsibility, along with the thrill of freedom and independence.

Aside from the residential facilities, which will house some 220 disabled young adults in its first phase, the Aleh Negev Village will feature a host of recreational venues, Centers for Occupational Development and multi-faceted educational programs.

Construction of this estimated \$42 million dollar project is well underway and moving along at a quick pace. Once completed, the village will serve as a world-class model of the successful integration of advanced rehabilitative care within a real-life communal environment.

Current plans for the village include:

On-site Medical Center and Health Clinic

A full-scale medical facility and intensive care unit to provide essential medical support services, as well as emergency and ambulatory care for both residents and outpatients.

Special Ed and Occupational Center

A fourteen hundred square-foot Educational Center, utilizing the latest advances in motor, cognitive, sensory, and social development.

Therapeutic Recreational Outlets

Aleh's pioneering approach relies heavily on sensory stimulation as a means of cognitive development. Resources will include a Therapeutic Agricultural Center,

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JNF Adopts Aleh Negev Project

Aleh is pleased to announce that our the Aleh Negev Rehabilitative Village has been incorporated into Jewish National Fund's development plans for Israel's southern Negev region. On October 17, at their National Leadership Conference in Los Angeles, JNF President, Ronald S. Lauder announced "Blueprint Negev". This initiative outlines the creation of new communities in Southern Israel that will bring some 250,000 new residents to the least populated part of Israel, over the next five years. The plans include roads, infrastructure, parks and recreation, as well as economic and social development. Aleh's Rehabilitative Village will now become an integral part of this redevelopment campaign.



"MILLION DOLLAR" DINNER KICKS OFF NEGEV CAMPAIGN

The highlight of Aleh's 2004 fundraising season was the Gala Manhattan Dinner at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, - A living Memorial to the Holocaust on December 9. Dinner proceeds exceeded one million dollars, surpassing all projections, which will allow for inauguration of Phase II of the Aleh Negev Project, far earlier than expected.

The evening's Guest of Honor was IDF Major General, Doron Almog, Chairman of the Aleh Negev Project and former IDF Head of Southern Command. Ambassador Dan Gillerman - Israel's permanent Representative to the U.N. - delivered the Keynote address. The program featured an audiovisual presentation, performance of former IDF Orchestra Soloist, Limor Ilan, and Musical performance by Yoel Sharhabi and Orchestra. The evening also featured an inspiring menorah-lighting ceremony in honor of Aleh's children, by three grandchildren of the late Joe Beyda whose name will be forever perpetuated by the Special Education School at the Aleh Negev Rehabilitative Village. Mr. Beyda's sons, Jeffrey and David, were instrumental in putting this event together in their



father's memory, and received special awards for their tireless efforts on behalf of Aleh's children.

The overwhelming success of the event can be attributed to a handful of dedicated supporters and Event Committee members whose contributions helped us reach our goal. Our top donors included Event Chairman & Master of Ceremony, Stanley Chera and sons, Harvey & Gloria Kaily, Jack and Violet Harounian, Stanley Silverstein, Joseph, Ralph and Andy Nakash, Ezra and Rene Dabah, Journal Chairman David Friedman, the File Family, and the Lloyd Goldman and Sol Goldman families.





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ALEH FACILITIES

Bnei Brak Facility

Jerusalem Facility

Gedera Facility

Aleh Negev

Our Highlight Facility

Happenings at ALEH

For over twenty years now – ever since the founding of Aleh's first home by a determined group of parents – Aleh has remained true to its mission of making every day count for every child, despite the overwhelming challenges involved.



Now with three comprehensive centers serving well over 500 disabled young adults and children, every day is indeed, a *happening* day at Aleh.

Moriah/Gedera Happenings

Accompanied by a mighty entourage of medical staff, caregivers, volunteers and family members, 30 residents of the *Aleh Moriah* facility made their way north, to the breathtaking heights of Hermon's snow-

capped mountains, last month. The therapeutic effects of the magnificent views, as well as the intoxicating "breath of fresh air" are all part of Aleh's therapeutic approach in harnessing the power of the spirit to overcome physical limitations.

Hosted by the Alpines Unit, residents enjoyed a wonderful program, including a trip through the tunnels, a hot lunch and a short film describing the day as a memento.

Jerusalem Happenings

Aleh Jerusalem's residents were treated to an honorary visit by a Border Guard Squadron, in full regalia. The hardened soldiers were suddenly shy and hesitant upon seeing these innocent children, bound to their wheelchairs, waving their hands and uttering sounds that seemed strange to their untrained ears. A mother of two of the soldiers, who works in Aleh and has a *continues on p. 6*

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The Aleh Negev Rehabilitative Village is our most ambitious initiative yet. This wide-ranging project is an all-new concept in specialized care and intervention, for physically and mentally challenged adults and children.

Spread across 25 scenic acres in the southern *Merchavim* region bordering *continues on p. 2*

