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ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES
FROM NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, ALINA IANSON

SHALOM!

"The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned."
— Maya Angelou



**HOME IS WHERE
THE HEART IS**

Dear Friends,

I recently returned from a trip to Israel, our Jewish Homeland, with a CHW Delegation which included Marilyn Libin, National President and Members of our Board. We attended the WIZO Centennial Enlarged General Meeting (EGM) along with hundreds of active and vibrant women from around the world. We visited CHW projects across the country, to see, first-hand, the impact made by our generous donors, supporters and volunteers. We visited our educational facilities, children and youth villages, and state-of-the-art medical centres. We met dedicated teachers, brilliant medical staff, and inspiring administrators who shared how they are saving lives and building futures for an ever-growing population of Israelis. We spoke with students, patients, and individuals whose lives have been saved and changed for the better thanks to CHW.

We toured the new labour and delivery facilities at Hadassah Hospital Mount Scopus; participated in the dedication ceremony for the Roslyn Joseph Auditorium at the CHW Neri Bloomfield Academy of Design; met the head of the new Healing Broken Families program at CHW Hadassim; and were hosted by a brave woman who received assistance and rehabilitation at a WIZO Shelter for battered women. These were just some of our moving and inspiring experiences. Our insightful trip is a great reminder of what drives us to keep working hard on our programs and services for Children, Healthcare, and Women. It truly warmed my heart and made me proud to be part of CHW and the incredible work of the organization.

As an integral part of the Jewish Community, we all bear responsibility for our Jewish Homeland. Therefore, it is not surprising that the theme of this year's CHW Annual Campaign is **HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS**. With your help, we will continue to grow stronger and help build a better future for in Israel and Canada. Your continued charitable support makes a difference and creates an impact. Last year alone, CHW improved the lives of more than 170,000 people!

We are truly grateful to all of our CHW supporters for effecting a meaningful change in our Jewish Homeland! Home is where the heart is.

Todah Rabah!

Alina Ianson

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2020 Annual Campaign Launch Video

CHW CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF WIZO

Last month, a CHW Delegation travelled to Israel to attend the WIZO Centennial Celebrations in Tel Aviv. National President, Marilyn Libin, CHW National Executive Director Alina Ianson, and a team of National Directors participated in fascinating presentations, and discussions along with more than 750 participants from all corners of the world.



CHW Delegation attends the WIZO EGM 2020 and Centennial Celebrations in Tel Aviv!



Members of our CHW Delegation congratulate elected President of World WIZO, Esther Mor at the World WIZO Gala.



Marilyn Libin, CHW National President, and Alina Ianson, CHW National Executive Director met with Anita Friedman, the newly elected Chairperson of World WIZO.



We were happy to reunite with Yonatan Doron at the World WIZO EGM 2020! Yontan, a singer-songwriter, family counsellor, author, and a graduate of CHW Hadassim, performed at the CHW iChange Gala this past November. Mazel Tov on your new book!

CHW PROJECT VISITS IN ISRAEL

Last January, the CHW Delegation visited CHW projects across Israel. Here are just some of the highlights from our tour:



Marilyn Libin, CHW National President and Alina Ianson, CHW National Executive Director met with Zehavit, a survivor of domestic abuse and recipient of assistance at a WIZO Shelter for battered women an inspiring story of strength and bravery!



Our CHW Delegation visited The Debbie Eisenberg and Gary Levene Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Shamir Medical Centre (Assaf Harofeh) for a tour of the new upgrades. We're so happy to report that more than 350 children have been treated at the PICU in 2019!



The Tel Aviv Foundation and Mayor of Tel Aviv, Ron Huldai, hosted CHW at City Hall to launch a new educational program to engage young girls in the study of technology and science. We also visited 2 schools in Tel Aviv-Yafo, which have started implementing this program.



The CHW Delegation visited CHW Nahalal Children and Youth Village! We are so proud of the great work they do, and we're thrilled to see the new tractor and improvements made thanks to the generous support of CHW donors.



A visit to the CHW Netanya Technological High School included a tour and special surprise apple strudel made by students of the Patisserie Program!



The CHW Delegation visited Hadassah Hospital Mount Scopus to meet with Dr. Tamar Elram, Director of the hospital, and Professor Asnat Walfisch, Head of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department, and tour the new Labour and Delivery Department.

CHW STAFF IN ISRAEL



L-R: Cathy Williams, CHW Calgary Centre Coordinator; Rachel Lasry Zahavi, CHW Israel Liason; Reeva Waksberg, CHW National Marketing Communications Manager; & Daniel Pike, CHW Graphic Designer and Videographer

Cathy Williams, CHW Calgary Centre Coordinator, joined our wonderful CHW Marketing Team, Rachel Lasry Zahavi, Reeva Waksberg, and Daniel Pike, in Israel last month to visit CHW projects, gather news and information about new developments.

Rachel is our CHW Israel Liaison and based in Israel. She visits and communications with project administrators, educators and medical staff regularly for updates, and keeps our group in Canada well informed.

This trip was Reeva and Daniel's first experience at our CHW projects!

Reeva -- "What an incredible journey, which I will never forget! Beyond knowing about CHW and the schools, hospitals, children & youth villages, daycares, and women's shelters we support, nothing compares to seeing the people and places in person and in action! Meeting inspiring and brave heroes who give and receive the life-saving and life-changing support, listening to all their stories, and seeing the direct impact was incredible! Now I see the importance of what we all do at CHW to make the world a better place."

Daniel -- "Visiting CHW's projects for the first time was a mind-blowing experience. This was my first-ever trip to Israel and seeing all of our projects gave me the context I needed to help me better understand and appreciate all the great work CHW does. I especially enjoyed connecting with the other design students at CHW Neri Bloomfield Academy of Design. I also enjoyed visiting the CHW Netanya Technological High School's Patisserie program, because even though I have a severe peanut allergy, they managed to whip up a dessert specifically made for me on the spot! The kindness and generosity of the Israeli people was not lost on me. I am honoured to be a part of an organization that helps shape the futures of so many young and passionate Israelis, who, with your support, are positively impacting the world around us."



Daniel, Reeva, and Rachel overlooking Tel Aviv



Daniel at CHW Hadassim Children & Youth Village



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Canadian Hadassah-WIZO (CHW)
2020 Annual Campaign

Changing Lives

Providing Hope

Building Futures

Annual Campaign Launches March 1

Help Us Reach Our Fundraising Goal of \$1.5M

PROJECT VISITS WITH **DAGMAR NOWAK**

Last June, Dagmar Nowak of Kelowna, BC, and her family visited The Shamir Medical Centre (Assaf Harofeh) and Hadassah Hospital. We toured the hospitals, as well as met with medical staff and patients who shared their moving, personal stories. The family experienced their generous gift in action! The following is a short interview we conducted with Dagmar and her son, Raphael while in Israel.



Can you share a bit about your background with CHW?

My parents supported CHW for many years while living in Germany and I felt it important to continue to support CHW. We are now three generations of giving as my son, Raphael continues to carry out the work we do.

What motivated you to visit our CHW Projects?

We feel strongly to support the people of Israel and we know that there is a need. We are not looking for recognition, it is an honour for us to see where, for many years, people have selflessly been supporting. To see the fruits of labour is both humbling and inspirational. It is beautiful to see that these initiatives are truly lifesaving.

Can you share with us your impressions of the CHW Projects visited today?

It was fascinating to see the contrast between Canada and Israel. We are used to our Canadian hospitals and here, visiting Hadassah Hospital and The Shamir Medical Centre (Assaf Harofeh), it was remarkable to see the facilities. They are so clean and spacious. There was also the emotional side to the visit, hearing the patient stories first-hand and seeing the equipment that is truly life-saving.

What were the highlights of your visits?

We think about meeting people like Dr. Ronen Levite who showed us how they are saving lives through recent cases and tangible examples. The support of these initiatives is changing lives and ultimately saving lives; I think about the personal story of Dvir who said you don't only save one person's life, you save generations to follow.





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Save the Date

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Saturday, October 24, 2020

Tribute Gala in Honour of
Marilyn Libin
National President

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National Conference and AGM
Sunday, October 25, 2020

Calgary, AB



Details to come: www.chw.ca