

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF
Neve Shalom  *Wahat al-Salam*
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for supporting Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam (NSWAS)- the Oasis of Peace – where residents live, work, educate and change lives in the midst of the ongoing conflict. The community is expanding and a new neighborhood of members is being formed. NSWAS is grateful to all who have supported the ongoing and expanding programs of the School for Peace, the bilingual/multicultural Primary School, the Oasis Art Gallery and the Community Spiritual Center.

The American Friends of NSWAS has kept fundraising costs below ten percent for the past two years, receiving Guidestar's Gold Seal for the second year in a row. We have a one hundred percent Accountability and Transparency rating from Charity Navigator and have earned Global Giving's Leader Status for AFNSWAS's engagement and effectiveness over the past year. Our commitment to ongoing operations, governance and program evaluation has contributed to growing success.

One metric of success comes from supporter's response to our programs, both long-running and recently begun. It is to you and each supporter, whether individual or organization, to whom AFNSWAS is grateful. You make the actual work possible as your support encourages the Jewish/Palestinian peace-building, conflict-transforming work and sustains the changes on the ground.

In partnership,

Rev. Gordon Webster, Co-President AFNSWAS
Joan Waller, Co-President, AFNSWAS

Outreach and Education



Over the years, American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam has developed materials and strategies that we share freely and (free of charge) with individuals, schools, congregations, and other community groups who reach out to us. A large part of this outreach has been the speaker tours in which people from Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam visit the US to meet with groups across the country, sharing their stories and their mission.

Our most recent speakers, Samah Salaime and Lihi Joffe, travelled across the US to educate listeners about the challenges facing Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel and the complexities of working across entrenched interests and political realities. They brought to life the programs of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam focused on developing and strengthening Jewish/Palestinian bridge-building and conflict resolution. There were thoughtful, probing conversations at every stop as they connected with the people they met and responded to their audiences' questions about identity, history, community, and religion.

The AFNSWAS website is increasingly a source of connection, with donations increasing 7% in the past three years. Visitors to the site can also read up-to-date content about AFNSWAS and the community of NSWAS, or review past updates and educational materials.



The Primary School

The Primary School (PS) continues to be a trailblazer in bilingual and multicultural education. This year, the PS published and distributed its formalized curriculum as a way of sharing its knowledge across the region. The curriculum is now available by request in Arabic and Hebrew with plans to translate it into English and make the curriculum available online.

At The Primary School, children learn to read, write and speak Hebrew and Arabic in all areas of life, from academic to social. English is introduced as the third language at The Primary School. As the school grows in numbers, it works to maintain Jewish/Palestinian and gender balance in the student body, building the NSWAS vision of an equal, shared and peaceful future for all students and families.

**AFNSWAS provided
\$212,900 to the
Primary School
in 2018-19.**

The School for Peace



A highly effective set of curricula and an innovative approach to learning has garnered the School for Peace (SFP) an international reputation for excellence. 2019 marks the school's 40th anniversary of providing change-making and peace-building courses to Israeli Palestinian and Jewish professionals in a variety of fields, from journalists and city planners, to lawyers, educators and health care professionals. Over the years the SFP has expanded their curricula to partner with high schools, colleges and universities, creating youth programming and year-long courses in cooperation with Palestinian

and Jewish educators. The SFP has also developed a series of regional and national conferences which bring further opportunities for like-minded professionals to develop connections, share knowledge, and inspire progress. This network of partners is now growing at an increasingly rapid rate as SFP alumni use the skills they have learned to make a positive impact and create space for a shared future in their many fields.

**AFNSWAS provided
\$135,000 to the
SFP in 2018-19.**

Humanitarian Aid Program

In areas of crisis in Gaza and the West Bank, the Humanitarian Aid Program (HAP) serves as a literal lifeline. Since 2002, NSWAS volunteers have provided Gaza hospitals and West Bank refugee camps and isolated villages with free medical care including examinations, medicines, surgery, and referrals where possible. HAP also provides aid to emergency responders, nurses, and doctors in the field.

Dr. Raid Haj Yehia, a pediatrician, has worked tirelessly for the past several years, with HAP and Physicians for Human Rights, to treat children in Gaza City's al-Shifa hospital. All of whom are without access to needed medical care. With the help of supporters from NSWAS and AFNSWAS HAP has transferred children with serious and life-threatening conditions to specialist hospitals in Israel, provided open clinics in villages and rural areas, and distributed medical supplies to those in need.

**AFNSWAS provided
\$10,000 to the
Humanitarian Aid Program
in 2018-19.**

Through the support of American and International donors and volunteers, HAP also provides a one-week camp held in the village, providing children from West Bank refugee camps with the opportunity to participate in the village's lived reality of equality and mutual respect. The HAP Summer Camp gives children and their families a vision of a shared and peaceful future— while in the West Bank, HAP medical volunteers make sure that those in need of medical attention get the chance to see that future unfold.



The Nadi - Youth Club



The Nadi, the village's youth club, brings youth of all ages together to learn, grow, and connect.

The Nadi has been expanding in numbers and activities under its new director Lihi Joffe, who has, with actress and lifelong village resident Yasmin Bar Shalom Agman, to create an compelling, inclusive community theatre program for youth. This year saw much growth in participation in the Nadi— following the immense success of the theatre program's first season in 2018 and the increasing interest in both the Nadi and the

**AFNSWAS provided
\$5,000 to the Nadi
in 2018/19.**

arts that followed, the Nadi is developing a more comprehensive arts and arts-education program for children and young adults.



Doumia-Sakinah/Pluralistic Spiritual Center, Peace Museum, and Oasis Art Gallery



In the 19 years since the Spiritual Center opened, it has provided space and leadership for learning, reflection and cooperation. The Center is available to everyone and is a place where people can come together to share a cross-cultural celebration and to form communities of interest. The Cinema in the Community program in particular was a breakout hit for the Center, bringing together first-time visitors and longtime supporters in a love of film and learning.

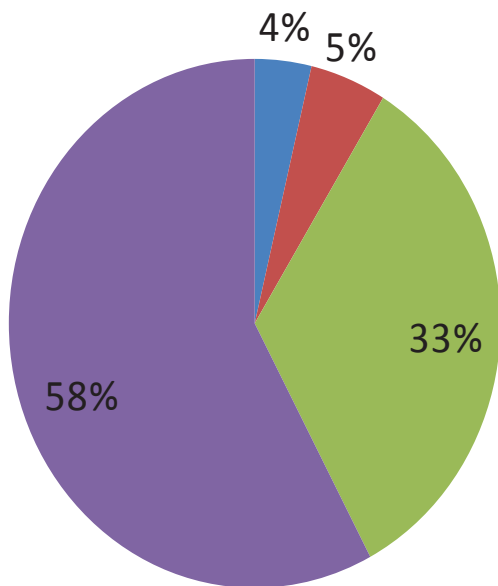
The Spiritual Center center has expanded in recent years to give birth to the Peace Museum and Oasis Art Gallery, providing a new opportunity to encounter and understand the conflict. In 2019, moving and ground-breaking exhibits engaged visitors in topics such as violence against women, conflicting identities, youth, and family. Visitors from around the world were invited to experience and connect with the exhibitions and works both through viewings and through the many artist encounters and talks that were given over the year.



AFNSWAS provided \$11,000 to the Doumia-Sakinah/Pluralistic Spiritual Center, Peace Museum, and Oasis Art Gallery in 2018-19.

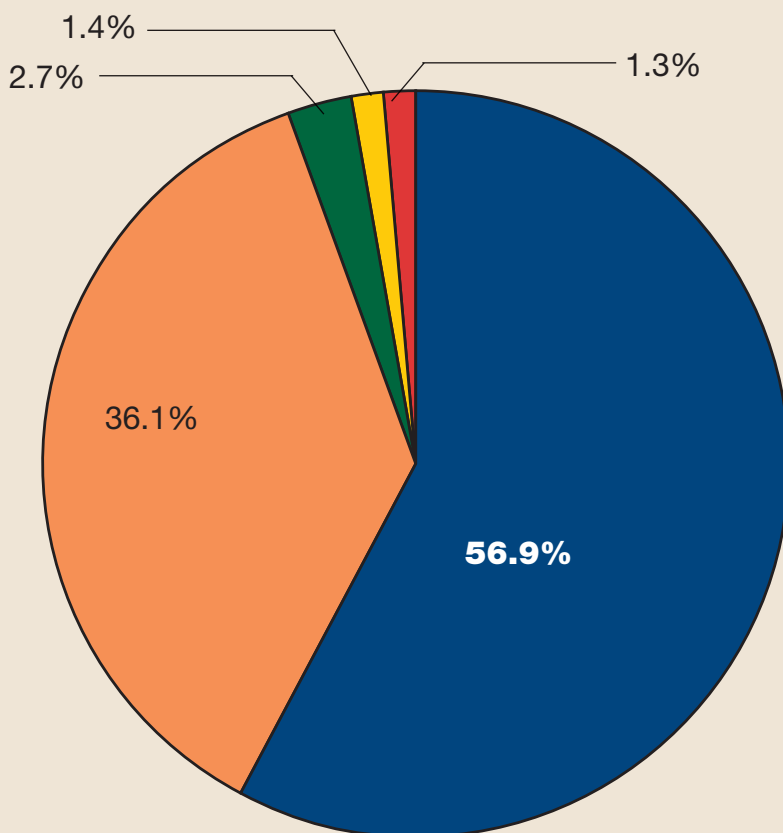


What did your contributions fund in 2017-2018?



- Humanitarian Aid Program
- Pluralistic Spirtual Center
- School For Peace
- Primary School

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- Primary School
- The School for Peace
- Humanitarian Aid Program
- Spiritual Center
- Nadi- Youth Club

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF NEVE SHALOM/WAHAT AL-SALAM, INC.
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	August 31,	
	2019	2018
<u>ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 159,357	\$ 98,721
Prepaid expenses	-	1,160
Total current assets	159,357	99,881
BOARD DESIGNATED ASSETS		
Investments - board designated	237,392	233,285
DONOR RESTRICTED ASSETS		
Investments held for endowment purposes	509,424	522,949
OTHER ASSETS		
Promises to give	50,000	50,000
Security deposits	800	800
Total assets	\$ 956,973	\$ 906,915
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued retirement contribution	\$ 1,074	\$ 980
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions:		
Undesignated	209,083	149,701
Board designated	237,392	233,285
With donor restrictions	509,424	522,949
Total net assets	955,899	905,935
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 956,973	\$ 906,915

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

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	Year Ended August 31,	
	2019	2018
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS:		
Operating revenues and other support:		
Contributions	\$ 634,885	\$ 505,861
Interest and dividends	10,142	9,335
Other operating revenue	654	30
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Total operating revenues and other support	645,681	515,226
Operating expenses:		
Program services	496,424	425,434
Support	46,205	62,718
Fundraising	48,506	46,503
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Total operating expenses	591,135	534,655
Operating income (loss)	54,546	(19,429)
Other :		
Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(6,057)	7,860
Net assets released from restrictions	15,000	30,000
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Increase in net assets without donor restrictions	63,489	18,431
NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS:		
Investment income (expense) from donor restricted investments	1,475	35,834
Net assets released from restrictions	(15,000)	(30,000)
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Increase (decrease) in net assets with donor restrictions	(13,525)	5,834
Change in net assets	49,964	24,265
Net assets at beginning of year	<hr/> 905,935	<hr/> 881,670
Net assets at end of year	<hr/> \$ 955,899	<hr/> \$ 905,935

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	Year Ended August 31,	
	2019	2018
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ 49,964	\$ 24,265
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Realized and unrealized (gains) losses on investments	28,944	(16,150)
Noncash contributions	(24,848)	(20,361)
Interest and dividends restricted for long-term purposes, net of investment fees	(34,504)	(36,879)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	1,160	749
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	-	(2,036)
Increase (decrease) in accrued retirement contribution	94	(1,167)
Increase (decrease) in accrued payroll	-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	20,810	(51,579)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from investments - other	-	18,824
(Increase) decrease in investments - other	-	3,296
Proceeds from investments - board designated	24,826	-
Purchases of investments - board designated	(10,142)	(9,336)
Proceeds from investments held for endowment purposes	15,000	30,000
Purchases of investments held for endowment purposes	(24,362)	(27,543)
Net cash provided by investing activities	5,322	15,241
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Interest and dividends restricted for long-term purposes, net of investment fees	34,504	36,879
Net cash provided by financing activities	34,504	36,879
Net increase in cash	60,636	541
Cash at beginning of year	98,721	98,180
Cash at end of year	\$ 159,357	\$ 98,721

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AFNSWAS Financial Management: AFNSWAS a 501(c)(3) organization in good standing, fully compliant with provisions required under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and is independently audited, annually, by James Vanstrom & Company of Falconer, NY which has consistently reported satisfactory results. Internal controls are implemented through an internal Audit Committee. The Board of Directors exercises full discretion and control over all grants to Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam through a multi-stage process that begins when the Board and the AFNSWAS staff meet with NSWAS representatives. The Board decides, from a list of potential projects, what it should solicit funding for and then, after a careful consideration of the formal grant proposals submitted to AFNSWAS by NSWAS, determines which grants, and how much, will get funded. The Board, through on-site visits by individual directors and through extensive reporting by NSWAS, ensures that the funds have been used as intended.

You can find our newsletters and activity reports on our website: <http://oasisofpeace.org/newsletters>



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