

# Lillian Fund

women helping women and children in need



## Who We Are

The Lillian Fund is a giving circle of women established to help women and children in need. The Fund is named for Lillian D. Wald, a Jewish woman who left a privileged life to champion the rights of Eastern European immigrants living on New York's Lower East Side at the turn of the century. In 1893, Lillian Wald founded the Henry Street Settlement, a neighborhood health center that later became the Visiting Nurse Service. The Fund carries on Lillian Wald's legacy.

## Making a Difference

The Lillian Fund provides an opportunity for women to work together to positively impact the community on a project-by-project basis. Grants from the Fund are awarded each year to fund programs and projects that directly benefit women and children in need.

## How the Lillian Fund Works

During the year, Lillian Fund members learn about challenges facing women in our community and in Israel. Members vote on which project receives a grant from the Fund and are apprised of the progress of the project that was funded.

## How Can I Participate?

With an annual gift of \$100 or more, you are eligible to vote on the annual Lillian Fund project. You may also transfer your vote to another woman in your life, such as your mother, sister or daughter.

## Lillian Fund Grants

In the past, Lillian Fund grants have been awarded in the local community and Israel. In Israel, Lillian Fund grants have provided sports and educational activities, business leadership training, and mother-daughter communication workshops to help improve outcomes for women in impoverished areas the country.

In Greater Hartford, Lillian Fund grants have helped to fund counseling for victims of domestic abuse, trained Rabbis and Jewish educators to identify domestic violence in the community, and helped fund a bereavement support group with Jewish content for local women.

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