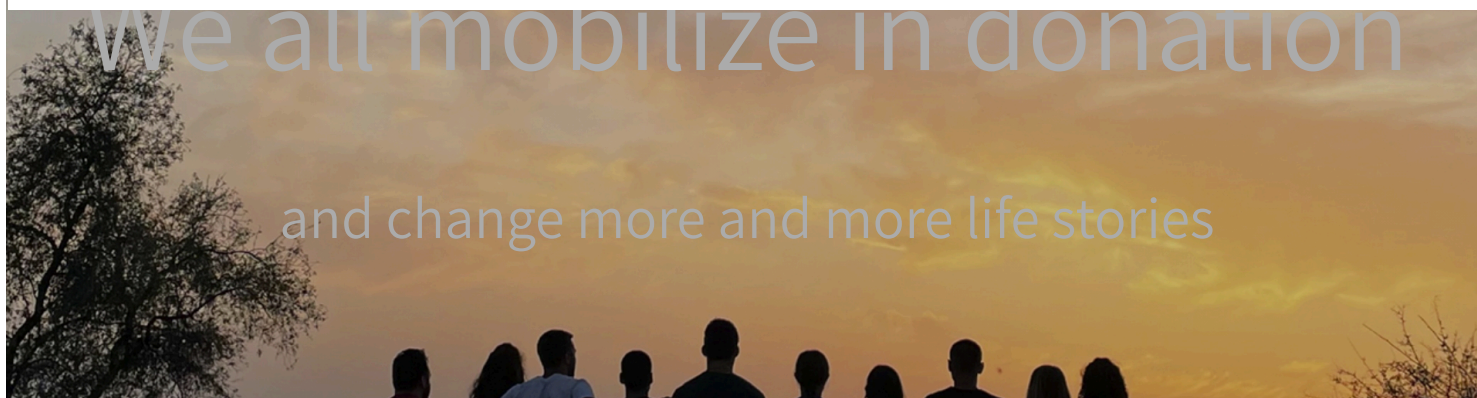


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About Nirim

Nirim was founded by brothers in arms of the late Navy Seals' Sergeant Major Nir Krichman, who was killed in action in 2002, during an operation that the Navy Seals undertook against terrorists in Nablus. His commander, himself once an at-risk youth, was motivated to create a program that elevates and empowers youth at high risk, and to name it in Nir's memory - Nirim.

Established in 2003, Nirim provides youth at high risk with an opportunity, in many cases their last, to

overcome their harsh life circumstances, discover their 

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their families by the Youth Protection Authority or referred by the Juvenile Court as an alternative to jail. (see Nirim Track)

The daily schedule is intense and includes all village units; school, therapy, after school classes, and more. Every Tuesday the kids are out in nature for wilderness therapy and ODT and once every six weeks they have a four-five day outdoor activity.

Through the course of three-four years in the village our youth completed five stages. Reaching each stage is subject to successfully completing the previous one and at the end of each stage they will have a powerful ceremony with the village community and their families



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standards and objectives that are often perceived by the youth as impossible to reach; a full Matriculation diploma, a meaningful IDF service, social involvement and personal growth.

Nirim in the Neighborhoods

Nirim in the Neighborhoods is a community outreach program active in socio-economically deprived, crime-saturated neighborhoods across Israel. Program

participants are youth aged 14 to 18, outreached in the neighborhoods by Nirim in the Neighborhoods staff or 

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prioritizes teenagers or younger ages, so as to prevent their deterioration.

The Nirim in the Neighborhoods program uses the unorthodox methods used by the Nirim village, among which is the Wilderness Therapy, which serves as the main change initiator. We focus on returning these teenagers to their educational frameworks, integrating them into society, and strengthening their close environment, their families and their ties to the community. The guides scout the neighborhoods, at the kids' usual gathering places and slowly and patiently succeed in gathering the wondering teens; gaining their trust and helping them join the program.

A staff serves as a Case Manager for the youth and



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is a rehabilitative component pivotal to our success. As we trek through nature, we use survival skills, marine and outbound challenge activities as intensive therapeutic mediums that strengthen self-confidence, leadership abilities, and a sense of self-empowerment. The participants learn to work as a team to achieve personal and mutual physical and psychological goals. This therapy is an integral part of their scholastic program and incorporates elements of ecology studies as part of our participants' final grades. Wilderness Therapy is part of our youth's personal growth and transformational process.

▸ deepest personal process as part of Wilderness



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youth undergo a transformational process, they are still susceptible to negative outside influences, economic challenges, and destructive family ties. Therefore, we developed the Nirim Graduates' Program, which offers emotional and practical support. We liaise with teachers, IDF, social workers, families, and all involved parties, to facilitate a warm and caring transition from the stigma of youth at extreme risk to normative young adults. We make ourselves available with love, warmth, and practical support, acting as their family and representatives as they face every new stage and milestone.



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contribute to themselves, their families,
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