



Community Centre in Ofakim

\ Ofakim on Oct 7th

On Saturday, Oct 7th, Israel woke up to a different reality. The city of Ofakim, not normally in a high-risk security zone, was dealt a shocking and heavy blow. 48 residents were murdered, of which 18 were killed while defending their communities. Ofakim's rabbi was shot in the leg and is now in the process of rehabilitation. Many members were called up from the reserves, to go and fight at various fronts. Many others have been evacuated and are in temporary shelters around the country. Those who stayed have described the town as a ghost town, with half the residents gone and the rest

afraid to leave their homes. By Sunday, despite unimaginable shock and trauma, a community emergency team was established, and began to map all of Ofakim's needs as well as needs in the broader area that the team could help.

\ Location

Ofakim is only 30km from the Gaza border, with just over 40,000 residents.



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The **Community Centre**, which was already in construction before Oct 7th and is now only weeks away from opening, will be an even more crucial hub to support the recovery and rebuilding of the devastated town. The building requires funding for 3 centres to urgently open:

Youth Club - will support up to 15 youth-at-risk, from at-risk and welfare background, providing after-school care, education and tutoring, mentorship and recreational activities.

Total Project Cost: \$137,500 CAD

Special Needs Youth Club - will support up to 20 youth with moderate to high functioning cognitive special needs, serving their unique needs with individual support in school work, life skills and independence.

Total Project Cost: \$165,000 CAD

Family Centre - Large hall and smaller rooms for family services such as counseling and training for young couples, financial planning, various treatments and if necessary, mediation between spouses.

Total Project Cost: \$220,000 CAD

