

elp emerging leadership program donor advised fund

As someone who cares about the Jewish future, you see opportunities to make a difference. With the Emerging Leadership Program (ELP) Fund, ELP participants and alumni can join together to make a positive, near-term impact on the Jewish organizations you care about.

what is the elp fund?

You may have heard of a donor advised fund (DAF) — an investment fund you contribute to for the purpose of supporting charitable organizations that matter to you. You may even have one yourself. The ELP Fund is a DAF, but it is special in that it aggregates the power of community to make a difference.

how it started

The fund was established in 2017 following a visit by ELP participants to Federation's partnership region in Israel, TZAHAR (Tzfat, Hatzor HaGlilit and Rosh Pina). Recognizing an opportunity to partner in additional ways with the region, the participants worked with Federation to establish a fund that could combine their donations to support priorities in the TZAHAR region.

Ultimately, the ELP Fund has become a vehicle for enabling emerging leaders to make near-term positive impact on Jewish communities locally and around the world through their aggregate donations to the fund.

initial accomplishments

The very first distribution from the ELP Fund provided scholarships for two teens from our community to join 22 of their peers for Project Tikvah, a program of Federation's Jewish Teen Initiative and Jewish Volunteer Center, for a transformative service learning project. The teens visited Nashville, Tennessee, to learn about the city's rich culture and to lead meaningful volunteer projects for those in need.

Donors to the ELP Fund also made it possible for students in the TZAHAR region to receive several laptops, educational computer software and individualized attention from educators at Matnas, a community center in TZAHAR.

Because of this project, the students maintained connections to their education and to the rest of the world during the pandemic. They gained relevant skills and became more proficient in English. The lab also reinforced for the students that their partners in the Palm Beaches believe in them and value their futures.

continued on side 2

“ Our commitment to making a difference in the world became even more meaningful when we realized we could have real-time impact. We made a donation to the ELP Fund and our fellow ELP participants joined us. We all had the satisfaction of seeing our philanthropy in action almost immediately. What a feeling to do a mitzvah that has near-term results and future impact, too. ”

-Sara Balas Densen
and Chad Densen, ELP Alumni



Computers, software and individualized attention from educators kept students in Federation's TZAHAR partnership region learning and connected during the pandemic.

see your philanthropy in action with the emerging leadership program donor advised fund



The ELP Donor Advised Fund provided scholarships for two teens to join 22 of their peers on an incredible service-learning community program in Nashville, Tennessee during the Summer of 2019.



Teen volunteers set up rooms at Hospitality House of Nashville, a nonprofit providing lodging, meals and other support services for patients and their caregivers at Nashville-area hospitals.

how the fund works

The ELP Fund creates organizations that are of the utmost importance to those who are participating in or have participated in ELP.

ELP alumni who contribute at least \$500 to the ELP Fund and \$1,000 to Federation's Annual Campaign are invited to serve on the Advisory Committee and help make decisions about the fund's distributions. The Committee takes into account the values that inspire ELP participants and alumni, as well as the areas that the group wants to support.

The ELP Fund also has a Steering Committee made up of current and former ELP Chairs with overall responsibility for the technical, financial, administrative and legal aspects of each project. Their goal is to verify that the objectives of the ELP Fund are aligned with the Advisory Committee and the priorities of the Jewish Community in the Palm Beaches and throughout the world.

An extensive evaluation process, including reporting from the benefiting organization, takes place before each distribution from the Fund.

how to participate

Making a donation to the ELP Fund gives you a voice in determining which organization(s) benefit from the combination of your philanthropy and that of other emerging leaders.

want to learn more or get involved with the ELP fund?

Please contact:

Matthew Newman
Director, Emerging Leadership
561.242.6617
matthew.newman@jewishpalmbeach.org