



# YACHAD

BUILDING BRIDGES BY BUILDING COMMUNITIES



# Yachad/Together

*Food insecurity and unhealthy housing conditions plagues our community.*

*How is this still possible?*

## **Mission statement**

Yachad brings communities together to preserve affordable housing and revitalize neighborhoods throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Yachad means together in Hebrew and that's how we do our work: in partnership with homeowners, houses of worship and community stakeholders.

We mobilize volunteers, invest financial resources, and work together to transform people and properties. Our mission is rooted in the Jewish responsibility to seek justice by engaging in acts of loving kindness. We welcome people of all faiths to share in our work to keep our communities inclusive and vital.



## **2018 - Yachad's Housing Remediation Expands to Address Healthy Housing and Food Insecurity**

Over the past year, Yachad received more than 200 calls for services—more requests than we can accept. Most of these families were multi-generational households. The families accepted into our housing remediation programs all lived in their homes for at least a decade, and most for several decades. Their homes are the foundations for their families. And these families are the foundation of their communities.

### **What if your house was literally killing you or your children? What would you do?**

Since the beginning of the year, Yachad has expanded its work to focus on households with serious health-related issues, such as asthma where mold, mildew and pests exacerbate respiratory issues. We also addressed food insecurity in homes that lack working stoves, refrigerators and functioning kitchen plumbing. It was not unusual for the families we work with to use hot plates and microwaves when appliances were broken. And some, without a fully functioning refrigerator were unable to store food properly which can also lead to serious health problems. In these homes, putting a hot, nutritious meal on the table on a regular basis was nearly impossible.

### **Homes without working kitchens are like a can of soup with no can opener. We can do better to address food insecurity.**

Yachad's remediation and repair work guaranteed that more than one hundred families were able to continue to live safely and in better health in their homes. We renovated and created new kitchens for homeowners, replacing stoves, refrigerators, microwaves, kitchen cabinets and laminate flooring. Volunteers pulled out old carpeting, replacing it with new laminate or tile flooring. We repaired roofs, addressed extensive plumbing problems to fix water leaks and broken bathroom and kitchen fixtures. We installed new dry wall removing old and moldy material and completed the jobs with coats of paint. More than 1300 volunteer hours from forty-one different groups helped Yachad with this work. Significantly, the work was also supported by two dozen skilled tradespeople totaling more than \$300,000 in reduced-fee services with a fair market value of \$472,000.

The results were dramatic for our homeowners.

## **We Can't Do It Alone: 2018 Partnerships**

**The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation** is a new major funder in 2018. The foundation awarded Yachad a 2-year \$100,000 grant for our single family comprehensive home repair work in Prince Georges' County, Maryland

### **DC Department of the Energy and the Environment**

continues to support our work to provide weatherization services to hundreds of DC homeowners. Yachad and DOEE provide emergency heat and cooling measures, hot water heaters, attic insulation, double-paned windows and refrigerator replacements.

**DC Healthy Housing Collaborative** and Yachad continue to lead the growing advocacy and policy reforms needed in DC to more swiftly address the health triggers in families' homes that are making people sick. The Collaborative includes over 40 organizations from health and housing fields, philanthropy, managed care organizations and DC government.

**Impact DC at National Children's Hospital** is referring children seen in their asthma clinic to Yachad for remediation services. NCH recognizes that without remediating the housing triggers, the medical conditions for many of these children persist and worsen. Curing substandard housing conditions is good medicine.

**BreatheEasy** offers home visits to families diagnosed by Impact DC for further health education and "soft" preventative measures such as HEPA vacuum cleaners, mattress and pillow covers. Yachad and BreatheEasy are working together to identify multi-family properties and single-family homes where our combined assistance can be of benefit.

**New floors without carpet are "magnificent". I don't need to use my nebulizer as much as before. My quality of life has definitely improved. I can sleep laying down whereas before I had to sleep sitting up because of the coughing fits. My grandson loves to stay in his room now too.**  
—Yvonne Simmons



## Stretching our Dollars: The Handymensch Program Adds Tremendous Value

In 2018 we saw tremendous growth in our Handymensch Program. Thirty new semi-skilled volunteers signed up to work on home remediation projects throughout the year. This was a 4x increase in the number of recruits. Volunteers gave over 430 hours, lending a hand with carpentry, drywall repairs, appliance installation, accessibility modifications, and other semi-skilled projects.

### Project Highlights:

- \* built deck railing to finish transforming a rusty, worn-out deck into a safe, sturdy space.
- \* mended a homeowner's broken fence, so her young grandchildren could play safely in the backyard again.
- \* removed dusty, old carpet for a family with allergies so they could breathe easier.
- \* removed old, damaged kitchen cabinets preparing the space for a kitchen renovation.
- \* helped complete a wheelchair ramp after rainstorms put work behind schedule, plus added final touches, including weatherproofing and pouring a concrete slab for the bottom of the stairs.

New trainings helped to grow the volunteers' skills. At Toilet Training 101: Flush Your Cares Away, volunteers learned about toilet flanges and flappers. Basic Carpentry was a hands-on training explaining saw safety and different techniques for cutting wood. Painting 101 workshop shared the ins and outs of interior painting. Thank you to Home Depot in Bethesda and Goldfarb & Associates for hosting our workshops, and Alan Kanner, of Added Dimensions, for sharing his expertise.



**I'm glad we could help put a smile on someone's face. I'm thankful for what I have and the opportunity to improve the lives of others around me.**

—PETE BAUM,  
HANDYMENSCH VOLUNTEER



**I've truly enjoyed being a part of Yachad and hope I've given as much as I feel I've received from the experience.**

—RACHEL JESSUP,  
HANDYMENSCH VOLUNTEER

At our yearend Handymensch appreciation party we celebrated Chanukah with an Irish twist at McGinty's Public House. District Locksport led a lock picking workshop, where guests learned the art of decoding pin tumbler locks.

The growth in our Handymensch Program is increasing our ability to assist more homeowners and our direct impact on the families and communities where we work. We welcome the curious to join our Handymensch crew.



**It's a great combination of learning and helping - and in a warm, accepting atmosphere.**

—LARRY HERSHMAN,  
HANDYMENSCH VOLUNTEER

# Mobilize



# 2018 By the Numbers:



I was so impressed with all of your volunteers. The attitudes, diversity of ages, great spirits and humbled willingness to serve. It truly touched my heart!

-Lisa Haywood, Yachad Homeowner

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## Major donors:



Top: Christylez Bacon, performs at Yachad's All Together Now Brunch  
Bottom: Ruach Yachad Awardees, Janna & Zachary Oxman with Kiyi, teen photographer from Critical Exposures

### \$225,000 to \$500,000

D.C. Department of Energy & Environment  
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### \$25,000 to \$50,000

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Stuart Bindeman  
Tenleytown Trash  
Capital Bank  
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### \$500 to \$3100

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Ohr Kodesh Congregation  
Temple Micah  
The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington  
The Jewish Studio/Goldfarb & Associates  
University of Maryland Hillel  
Washington Hebrew Congregation

## Sukkot in Spring hits 26 years old

Sukkot in Spring, our annual home repair program, brings the community together for a special purpose—to remediate substandard housing conditions while building bridges in the community. Synagogues, college Hillel groups, The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, and businesses from across the metro D.C. area partner with Yachad by sponsoring a house bringing critical funds and additional manpower to bolster our work. Over 260 Sukkot in Spring volunteers joined us in 2018. Working alongside homeowners, they rolled up their sleeves, picked up hammers, paint brushes and drills and got to work contributing over 1,300 hours.

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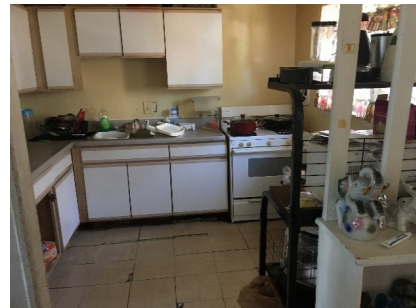
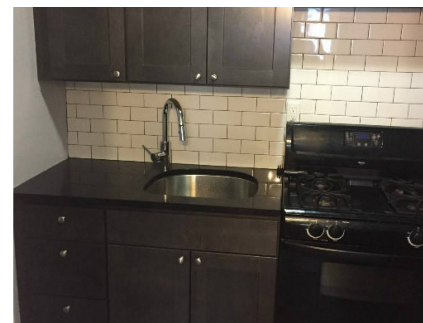
# Transform

## Kitchen Transformations

Before



After



**What a wonderful way to spend a sunny Sunday. Helping someone else better their lives without asking for anything in return.**

—SAUL GOLDFARB,

THE JEWISH STUDIO/GOLDFARB & ASSOCIATES

**This is wonderful. What a gift to the Green family. I hope we can continue to do this for years to come!**

—RABBI BERAHA, TEMPLE MICAH



## Ramp It Up! Celebrates 15 Years of Building Accessible Ramps

In 2018, energetic teens tirelessly built a 40-foot ramp for a 12-year old girl who uses a wheelchair. The Amaya family, of Capital Heights, saw their home's front yard turn into a construction site one hot and rainy week in June. The result is new found freedom for the whole family and dignity for one special young girl.

Over the past fifteen years, more than two hundred teens have built accessibility ramps for families throughout our greater community—the District, Montgomery County and Prince George's County. More than twenty ramps covering over 800 square feet have been built—including two wheel chair lifts.



**I really want to thank you for everything you have done for my family. I want to thank the volunteers that helped build the ramp, the volunteers that helped with the landscaping and the volunteers for the staining! It really means a lot to me and my family. We are very grateful, thank you again!**

—SYLVIA AMAYA, HOMEOWNER

**Ramp camp was a great experience. It was a really humbling experience to build the ramp from scratch and be able to see how much work goes into construction and other minimum wage jobs in general, which also might be a glimpse into what it's like for the lower income families Yachad serves.**

—AVERY SMEDLEY



## Thanks to Yachad's Construction Partners

Acker & Sons Plumbing  
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Alco Appliance Sales & Service  
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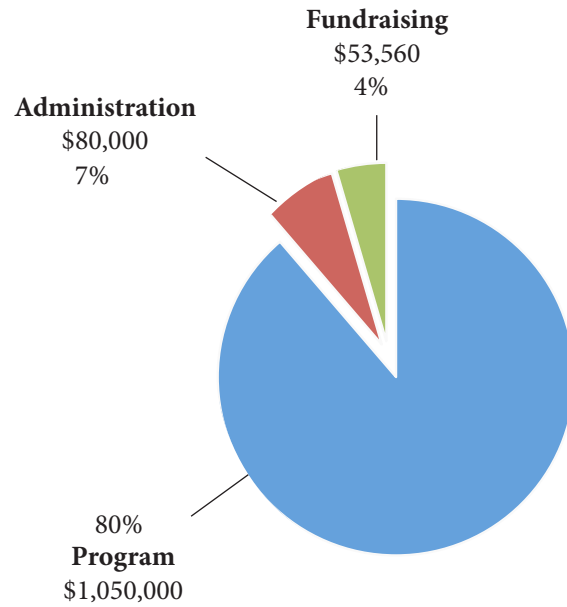
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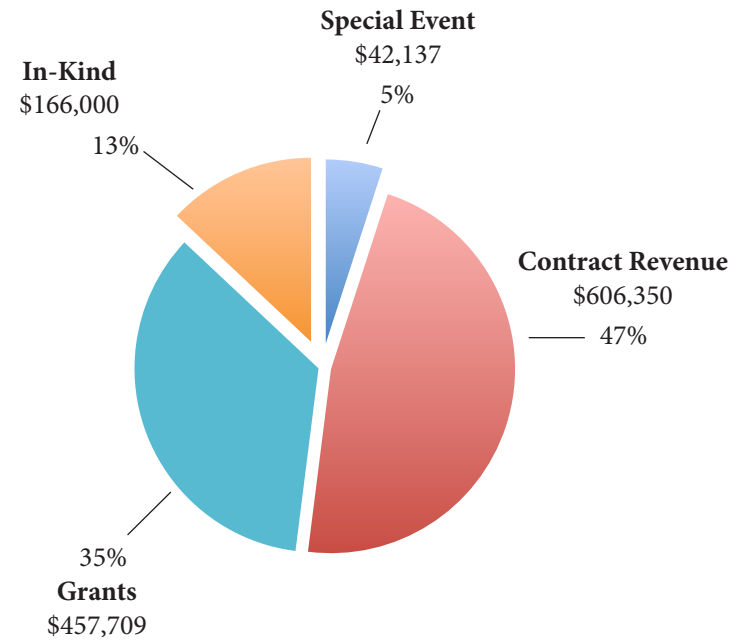
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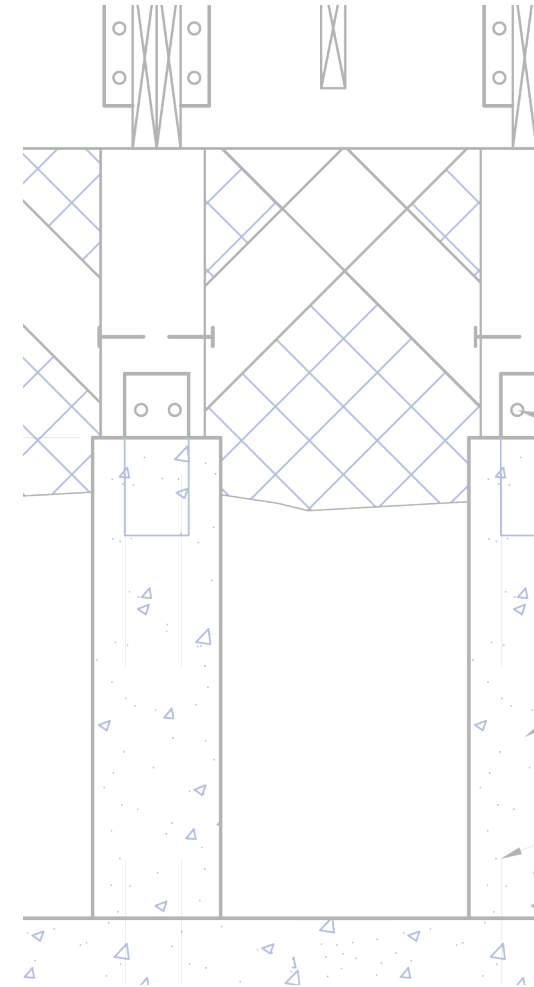
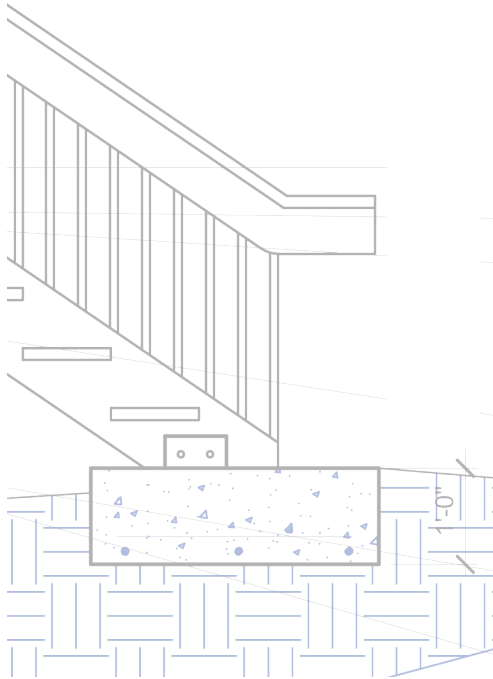
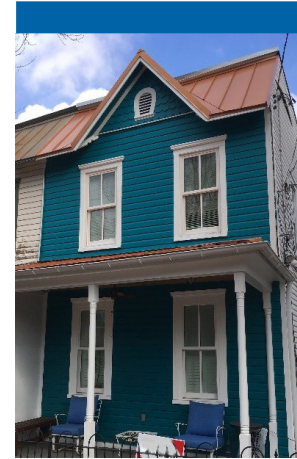
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These photos highlight some of the homes we worked on in 2018.



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