

EMERGENCY FUND: PHYSICAL THERAPY PROJECT

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Summary

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Introduction



In October 2023, the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) launched an emergency fund in response to the outbreak of war in Israel. The CAM Emergency Fund successfully identified and supported local organizations and heroes who stepped up to strengthen civil society, addressed emerging and unprecedented needs, and inspired innovative ideas and organizations.

Four volunteer entities supported by the CAM Emergency Fund were recognized by Israeli President Isaac Herzog for their outstanding efforts in assisting individuals and communities impacted by the October 7th attack. To date, CAM donors and partners have contributed **\$4.6 million to the fund**, which has been distributed **to more than 60 entities and individuals**, addressing the needs of hundreds of thousands of Israelis affected by the events of October 7th.

With your support, the Emergency Fund expanded its efforts to address the critical recovery needs of thousands of soldiers and civilians injured during the war. Israel is now confronting a scale of injuries and rehabilitation needs that no other country in modern times has experienced within such a short period. Both the public healthcare system and civil society are playing instrumental roles in providing support and aiding the recovery and rehabilitation of thousands of people.

The Emergency Fund identified and collaborated with partners to develop and support unique projects aimed at helping soldiers and civilians with severe injuries suffered during the war.

With your generous contribution, CAM was able to allocate **\$500,000 to support four outstanding projects**, meticulously reviewed or developed in collaboration with our team: **Restart Global, Brothers for Life, Tikvot, and the Israeli Judo Association**. In addition to this report, photos and videos from all the programs will be provided.

A heartfelt thank you for your generous contribution, which directly helped hundreds of people overcome their new disabilities.



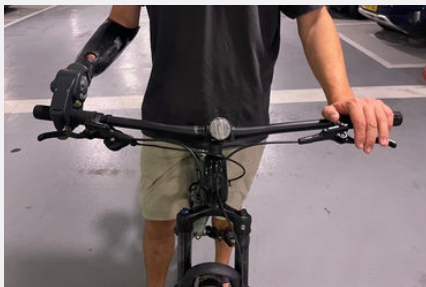
Restart Global

Granted: \$180,000

Restart is dedicated to designing innovative products for injured soldiers from the war who face disabilities without existing solutions on the market. By engaging with tech companies and medical teams, Restart bridges the gap between advanced technology and urgent medical needs.

Through the support of the emergency fund, the Hospital Makers Program was launched, bringing teams of makers into hospitals to collaborate directly with medical staff in creating tailored rehabilitation products for wounded soldiers. This generous donation enabled the development of **35 groundbreaking solutions**, providing critical support where none existed before.

Examples of Created Products



Adapting **Bicycle Mechanisms for One-Handed Use**: Designed for individuals with arm amputations, this modification enables full control of brakes, gears, and other functions using a single hand, ensuring safe and accessible cycling.



A specialized **gaming keyboard** for individuals with functional hand impairments or upper limb amputations.

A mechanism that **enables toothbrushing motion** even when the injured individual is unable to perform it independently.



An upper **body training device** for bedridden individuals and those with functional difficulties in their limbs, featuring a hand-holding mechanism to enable movement in the air without engaging injured muscles.





Brothers for Life

Granted: \$105,000

Brothers for Life (BFL) is a non-profit organization founded and led by wounded IDF officers, built on a unique "soldier-to-soldier" model. BFL provides critical medical and financial support, educational opportunities, mental health programs, and wellness initiatives for injured soldiers. From hospital visits to long-term mentoring, BFL empowers soldiers to rebuild their lives.

The Emergency Fund Supported the establish of sport programs for injured soldiers. The contribution enabled the establishment of a dedicated **tennis group for 15 disabled veterans**, offering them a space to rebuild strength and camaraderie. It also facilitated the launch of a specialized **MMA course for 24 veterans**, providing an empowering platform for soldiers to regain confidence and resilience through martial arts. Furthermore, the funding contributed to the creation of **an adapted gym**, designed to meet the unique needs of disabled soldiers with **320 personal trainings per month**, ensuring they have access to state-of-the-art equipment and tailored fitness programs.



TIKVOT

Granted: \$85,000

TIKVOT, a non-profit, volunteer-based organization dedicated to rehabilitating Israel's wounded soldiers and victims of terror through sports, has been a cornerstone of our efforts to empower and uplift individuals facing new challenges. Since its founding in 2007, TIKVOT has helped thousands of severely injured Israelis overcome pain, trauma, and disability, with a focus on guiding participants toward meeting Paralympic criteria and rebuilding productive, fulfilling lives.



In partnership with TIKVOT, we have established and will fully support **running and triathlon classes throughout 2025**, with each class accommodating 20 participants. Additionally, this year, we are helping **10 wounded soldiers learn paraplegic skiing**, offering them the tools and support needed to adapt to their new realities while fostering resilience.



Israeli Judo Association

Granted: \$130,000

The Emergency Fund, in partnership with the Israeli Judo Association, has launched a nationwide initiative to harness the resilience and values of judo to support wounded soldiers, civilians, and individuals suffering from severe post-trauma caused by the war.

This transformative project offers unique opportunities for recovery and empowerment through the discipline of judo. Four classes, each accommodating **20 participants (80 in total)**, will be conducted over 15 sessions in the north and south of Israel. These classes will not only teach the physical techniques of judo but also create resilience, discipline, and personal growth essential for healing.

In addition, the program will provide weekly judo classes and free judo camps during the upcoming Passover vacation for children who have been affected by the war from northern Israel and children from the southern city of Ofakim. This initiative, supported by trainers from the Israeli Judo Association, will be open to **200+ participants**, offering them a supportive environment to rebuild confidence and gain a sense of community.

