

SHANTI HOUSE 2025 IMPACT REPORT



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Shanti House Association — Warm Homes for Youth at Risk and in Life-Threatening Danger

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SECTION A

Executive Summary



Every young person deserves a safe haven to turn to when life falls apart.

For more than four decades, Shanti House, a non-profit organization has provided immediate safety, short and long-term support, and a path toward independence for young people facing abuse, neglect, homelessness, violence, addiction, and family breakdown. Operating three homes in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and the Negev, Shanti House is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, ensuring that no young person in crisis is left without somewhere safe to go.

A. Executive Summary

2025 at a Glance



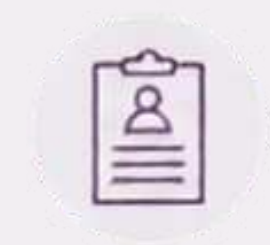
621

Young people received care and support at Shanti House.



7,840

safe nights were provided to young people.



217

New referrals were received in 2025, a **81%** increase from the previous year, reflecting both the growing distress among young people in Israel and the increasing trust placed in Shanti House by welfare professionals.



But impact is measured by far more than numbers. For every young person who walks through our doors, the journey begins with immediate safety and continues with therapy, education, life-skills development, and preparation for independent adulthood. Whether a young person stays for one night or several years, our goal remains the same: to encourage them to dream, help them rebuild trust, discover their strengths, and create a future they can believe in.

SECTION B

About Shanti House



For more than four decades, Shanti House has been a lifeline for young people aged 14-21 in Israel facing risk and immediate danger, with no family to rely on. Since 1984, it has welcomed tens of thousands of children and youth - offering not just shelter, but a real home, a family, and tools for building independent lives.



B. About the Shanti House

Today, Shanti House operates three homes - in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and the Negev - open 24/7, 365 days a year, ready to receive young person the moment they need help, whether through emergency arrival, social-services, or court referral.



Impact is measured by far more than numbers. For every young person who walks through our doors, this journey begins with crisis stabilization and continues with therapy, education, and life-skills development. Whether a young person stays for one night or several years, our goal remains the same: to encourage them to dream, help them rebuild trust, discover their strengths, and create a future they can believe in.

This report presents the people behind the numbers, the outcomes made possible through the support of our partners and donors, and the growing need that lies ahead. Together, we are not only responding to crisis- we are helping young people build stable, independent lives.



B. About the Shanti House

Our Mission



Shanti House exists for young people at risk and in life-threatening danger who choose to change their life's direction. We are committed to providing immediate, unconditional refuge to youth facing abuse, neglect, violence, addiction, and family breakdown – staying with each of them, when needed, from that first night of safety through years of therapy, education, and preparation for independence.



B. About the Shanti House



Learning to Dream



Many young people who arrive at Shanti House do not imagine a positive future of their own. That's why every new arrival's first conversation includes one simple question: what is your dream? We take the answer as seriously as we take their safety. Because for many, learning to dream is one of the first steps toward healing.



What Makes Shanti House Different

B. About the Shanti House

Four elements set the model apart from a conventional shelter:



Immediate 24/7 Access.

Open 24/7 for immediate admission in emergencies - whether young people come on their own, are referred by social services, or by the court.



Our homes are run on a family structure.

Not a shelter - built to function, and feel, as a home.



One Continuous Model.

Housing, therapy, education, and preparation for independence in a single, holistic framework of care.



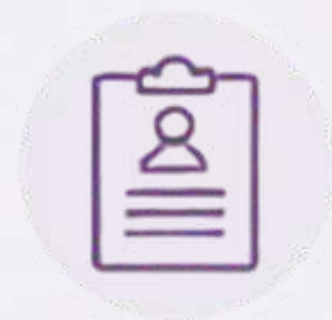
Flexible Duration.

Support ranges from one safe night to several years, shaped by each young person's needs.



B. About the Shanti House

Recognition



In recent years, there has been a significant increase in referrals to Shanti House by professionals, alongside the expansion and deepening of our collaboration with them. Behind each of these partnerships is a young person who has received comprehensive support tailored to their needs, as part of a broader therapeutic framework.



SECTION C

Impact in Numbers

7,840

Number of safe nights provided

Calculation: number of youth times number of nights stayed

C. Impact in Numbers

621

Total children welcomed

C. Impact in Numbers

How Long Children Stay

Total children welcomed: 621



Long term

73

From one month
up to 7 years



Short term

548

from an hour to a month

Education Success

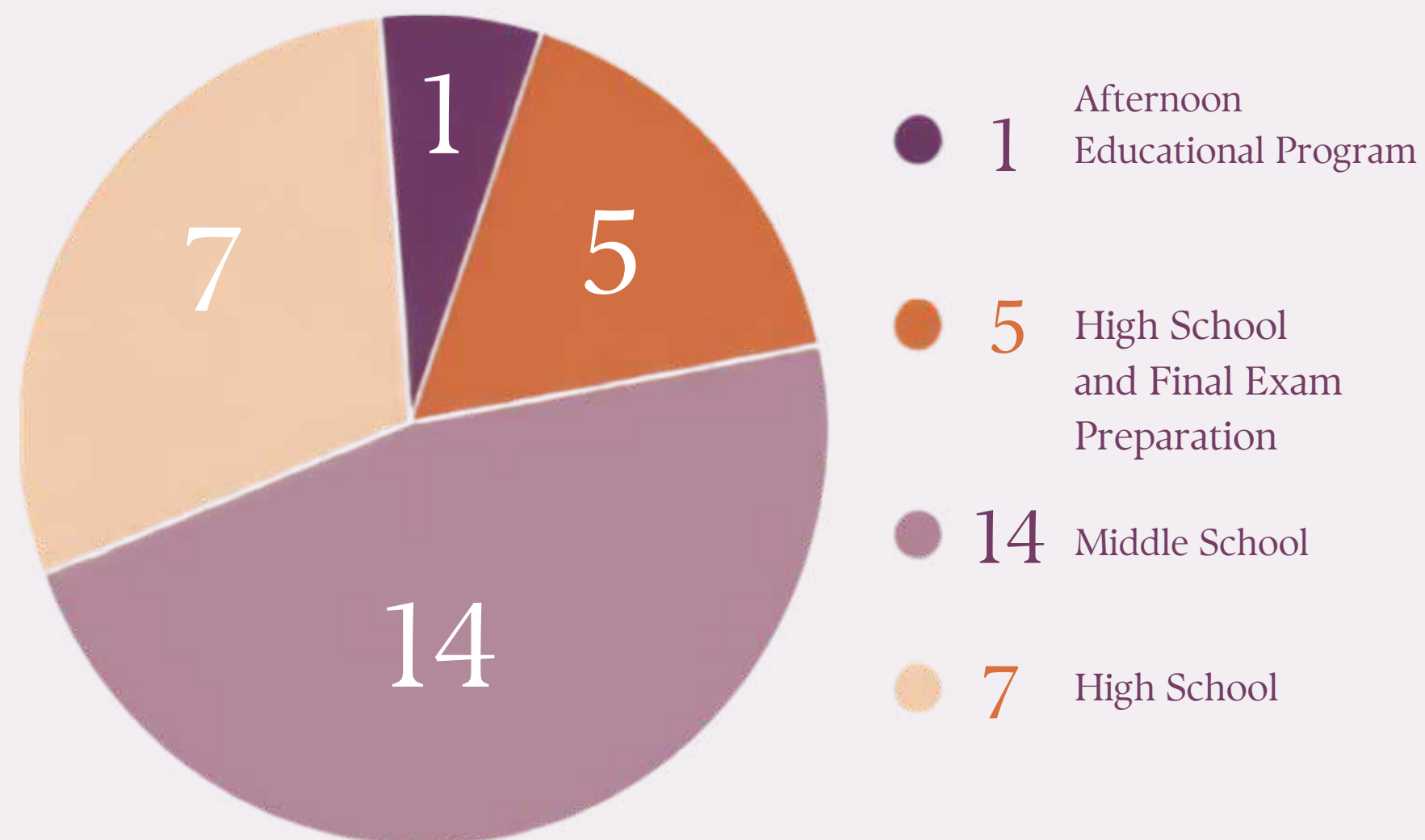
C. Impact in Numbers



All 27 School-Age Youth
Are Enrolled in School



Our 27 School-Age Youth
By Education Pathway

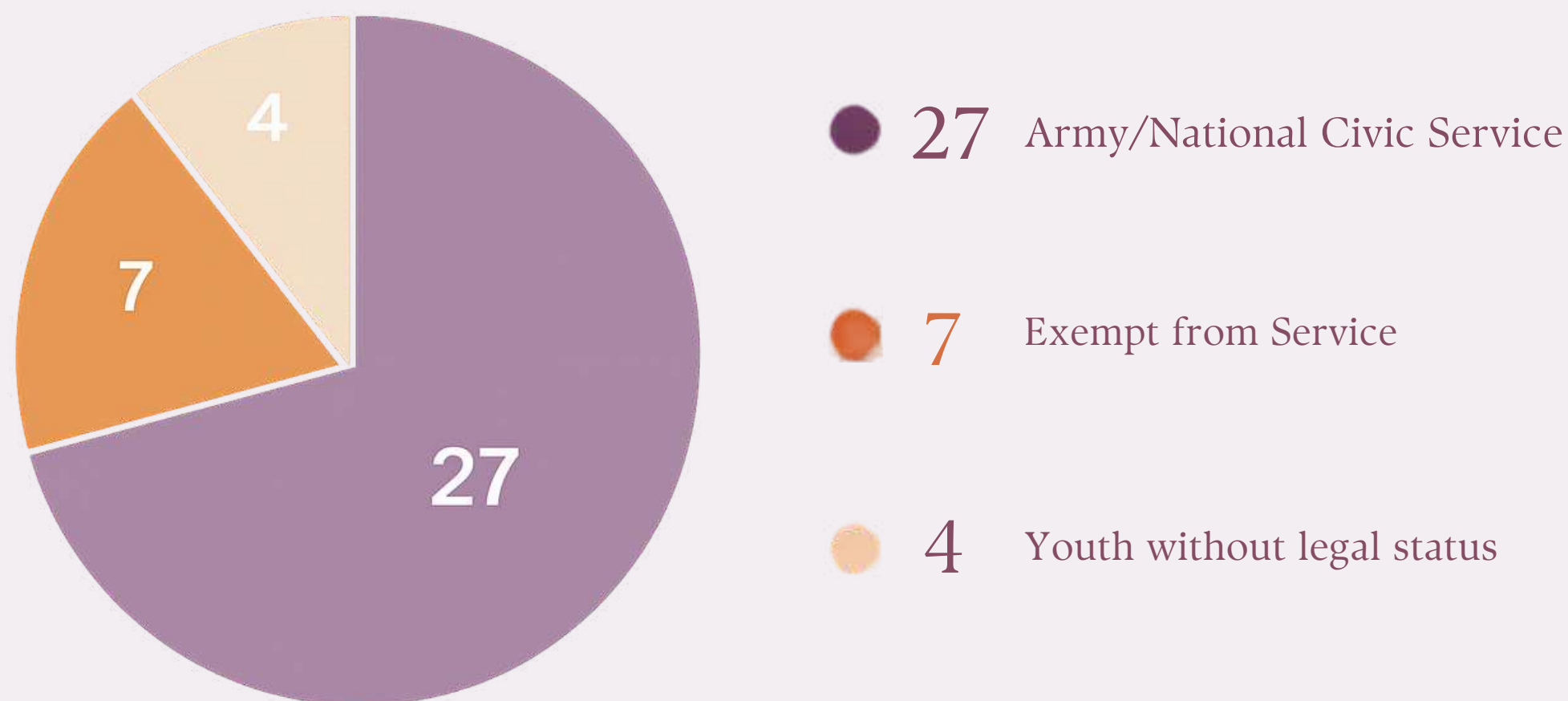


Numbers reflect status among long term living youth at Shanti House

C. Impact in Numbers

Army/Civic Service Participation

Enrollment into Service among
relevant age group (18-21)



Figures reflect the status of youth in long-term residence at Shanti House

Referrals

C. Impact in Numbers



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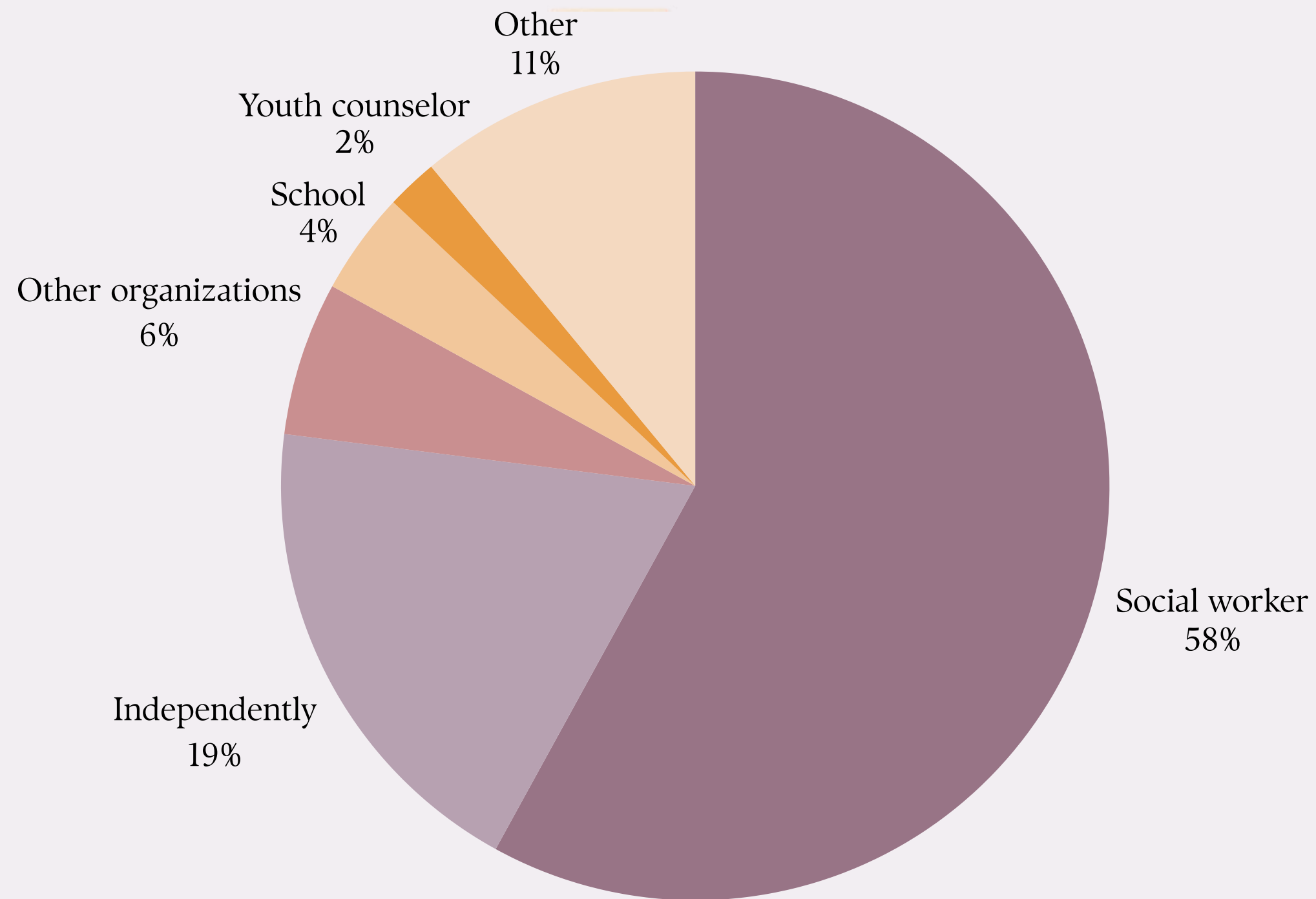
Number of youth referred
to the Shanti House

81%

Annual growth

Driven by Growing
Youth Distress and
Greater Recognition
from Authorities

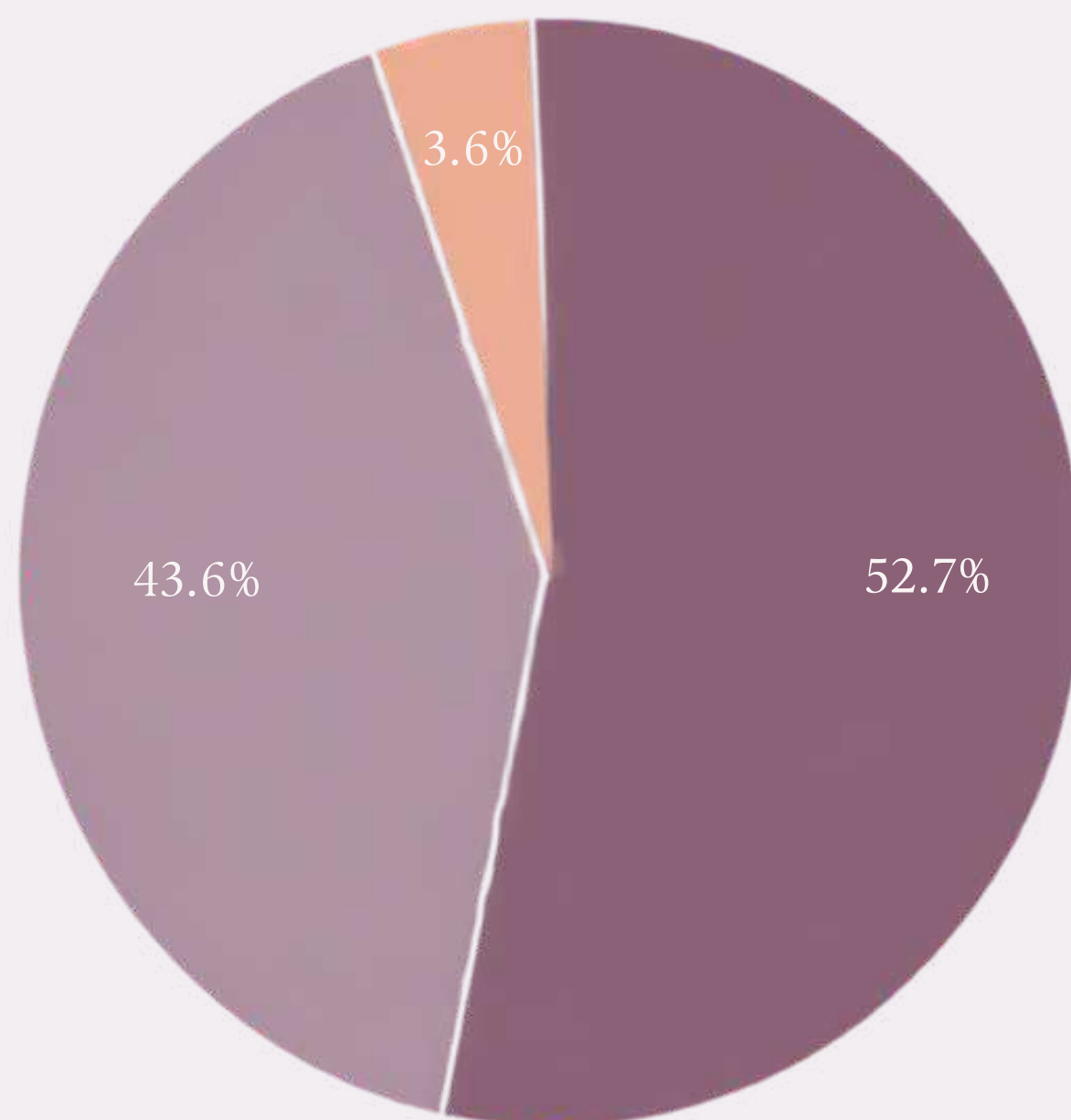
Referral Channels



Refers to youth in long-term residence at Shanti House

Type of Referral

C. Impact in Numbers



-  Emergency admission 52.7%
-  Planned admission 43.6%
-  Referred by social worker in school 3.6%

Refers to youth in long-term residence at Shanti House.

C. Impact in Numbers

252,324

NIS per year

ANNUAL COST OF LIVING PER YOUTH



Some youth are not welfare-funded due to emergency admission or personal choice.

C. Impact in Numbers

Number of Staff Members



36



employees across 3 sites



Our staff work around the clock, providing
compassionate and consistent care to every young person.

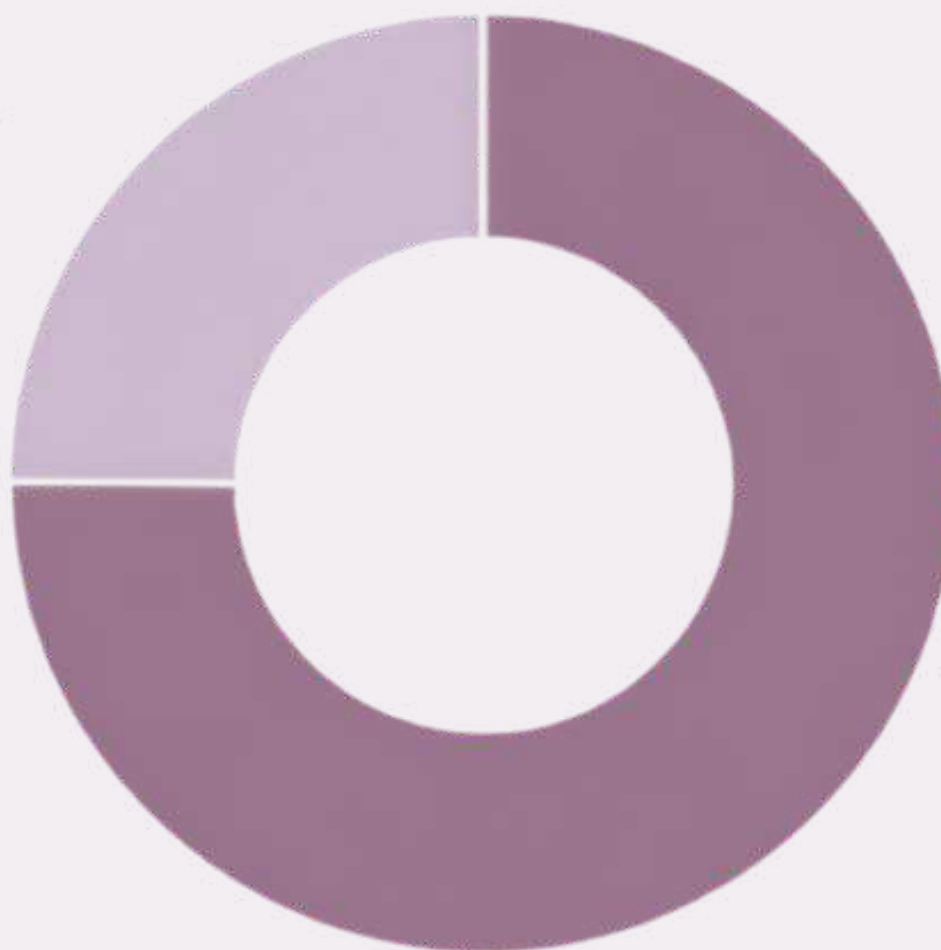
Employees Breakdown

C. Impact in Numbers



24%

8.7 employees:
Administration
and Fundraising



76%

27.3 employees:
Counseling, Therapy
and Operations



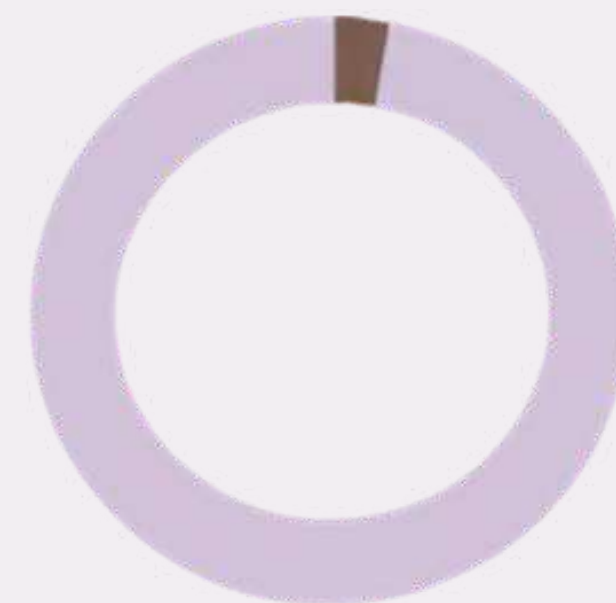
Our team is united in our mission to provide consistent, compassionate care for youth every day.

C. Impact in Numbers

Fundraising Cost

1.3%

Of the
total budget

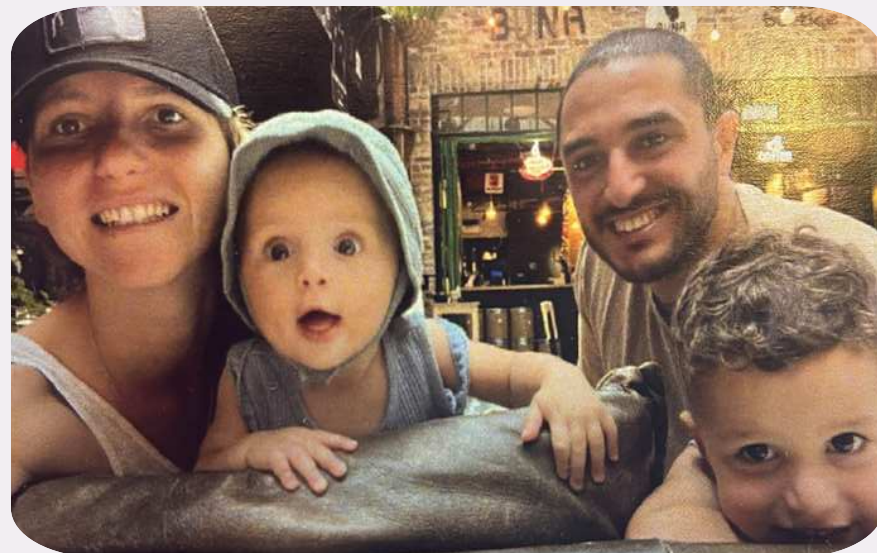


Equal to 1.3% of the total budget

229K NIS

SECTION D

Real Life Stories



Vika and Dekel arrived at Shanti House separately as young teenagers. There, they met, built a life together, and today are raising their two children, Alon and Eitan.

Dekel received a scholarship to study architecture at Bezalel and turned that opportunity into a successful career as an architect.

Their connection to Shanti House continues: Dekel cooks for the young people each week, and Vika has worked at the House.

As teenagers, Vika and Dekel chose life. Today, they help other young people make that same choice.

D. Real Life Stories

Liron

Liron came to Shanti House seven years ago, a sweet boy whose life circumstances led him to life in the street. He arrived at the Desert Shanti House youth village, where he discovered his love for horses. Through riding, Liron learned to connect with himself and believe in his abilities. He returned to school, enlisted in the army and completed the officer's course with great success.

Liron received a scholarship from Shanti House and is currently studying business administration.

In the future, he wants to help boys and girls, like him, whose childhood experiences were on the sidelines of life.



D. Real Life Stories

Yosef

Yosef came to Shanti House when he was 15 years old, a boy who grew up in an environment that was blind to him.

During the 7 years he lived at Shanti House, he was exposed to the world of music, gained the confidence and peace that allowed him to learn to play and especially to dream.

Very quickly Yosef became the voice of the house. He made it to the TV show The Voice and from there he was propelled into the world of music.

Today, Dekel performs his original music in front of large audiences.



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for youth at risk and in life-threatening danger.

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