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Dan Biddick  
Elmer Biddick Charitable Foundation Inc  
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Dear Dan Biddick,

It is always a tragedy when a soldier loses his life defending his country. Throughout history, too many brave young men have sacrificed their lives for home and hearth.

The loss of an Israeli soldier in combat is often a far greater and more compounded tragedy because the IDF is a people's army. A majority of its combat troops are not young recruits but older reservists; family men with wives, children, and careers.

When Israel is forced to engage in an existential battle, these civilian reservists are the first ones on the firing line due to their extensive combat experience.

The percentage of such men among Israel's dead and injured fighters is very high, and each fallen hero leaves a widow and orphans bereft of their husband, father, and primary breadwinner. It is not uncommon for such families to have 4, 5, or 6 young children.

Since 1788, Colel Chabad (501(c)3, EIN 11-3254483), Israel's oldest, largest, and most diversified social services charity, has been spearheading efforts on behalf of widows and orphans—especially war widows and war orphans.

Our help is not just monetary; it is holistic. We get involved with each child's schooling, provide tutors and big brothers/sisters, cover any needed therapy, send the kids to summer camps, and provide music lessons. We sponsor widows' retreats, and, of course, we stand in for the father during a bar or bat mitzvah.

Currently, we are confronted with the challenge of helping hundreds of IDF widows and orphans, and, G-d forbid, we must be prepared for more.

At this time, we must turn for help to the Elmer Biddick Charitable Foundation Inc, one that has a track record of showing concern for women and children in genuine distress.

We're appealing to you for an emergency grant to help us cope with these real tragedies in real time.

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Israel is at war it did not want, against a cruel and genocidal foe, sustaining heart-wrenching losses. Little children are burying their fathers and crying in mourning tents.

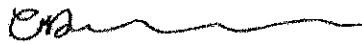
Colel Chabad is there for them now. More importantly, we will continue to be there for them in the months and years ahead.

We need your support, and we need it now.

Please make an exceptional grant during these exceptional times. Young widows and innocent children are facing the worst possible nightmare. They deserve everything we can do for them.

I thank you in advance for your immediate and favorable response.

Yours truly,



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