A Proposal for Supporting:

The New Social Welfare and Health Sciences Building
at the University of Haifa

Toward Better Health and Healthcare for All
The Project

- **WHY – The Need**

The 5,300 square meter Social Welfare and Health Sciences Building will house state-of-the-art research activities that are directed at gaining a deeper understanding of growing health concerns and improving quality of life for individuals with Autism, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases.

- **WHERE – The Location**

The University of Haifa is Israel’s youngest and most pluralistic institution of higher education. Founded in 1963, the University of Haifa received full academic accreditation in 1972 and, since then, has created and developed a world-class academic institution with over 18,000 students. The University’s 1,200 faculty members serve seven Faculties: Education; Natural Sciences; Humanities; Social Sciences; Law; Social Welfare and Health Sciences; and Management. In addition, the University is home to eight Schools and numerous research centers and institutes.

- **HOW – Program Description**

The new Social Welfare and Health Sciences Building will provide critically needed space for research, teaching and clinical facilities for the Israel’s leading Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences at the University of Haifa.

- **FUNDS REQUESTED**

The University of Haifa is requesting support of $14 million for the construction of the new Social Welfare and Health Sciences Building.
BACKGROUND

The University's Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences is renowned for its wide range of health research initiatives that are setting the gold standard of practice in health sciences around the world in fields of physical and occupational therapy, psychotherapy, mental health, communication disorders and nutrition. The Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences was established in response to the intense and rapid professionalization of the allied health disciplines in Israel and the need for a university in northern Israel to train professionals in these areas to serve the outlying communities. Our academic programs adopt an interdisciplinary approach and blend theoretical studies with intensive fieldwork, emphasizing practical research in the various professional fields of practice.

Spread over three schools and nine departments, the Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences is one of the University's fastest growing has outgrown its current facilities. The Faculty has an enrollment of more than 4,500 students and is staffed by 300 faculty members. Many of these academic programs are unique and distinctive in their multi-disciplinary approach.

The Faculty is home to the highly regarded Cheryl Spencer Department of School of Nursing; and Departments of Physical and Occupational Therapy; Gerontology, and Occupational Therapy; Human Services, Continuing Education Unit, and Communication Sciences and Disorders, and the Interdisciplinary Clinical Center.
The Need

Israel is home to a mosaic of immigrants and minorities. In the last two decades alone, Israel has absorbed thousands of immigrants with unique healthcare needs, faced precarious economic conditions that have affected healthcare provision and budgets, and endured turmoil that has taken a heavy toll on the physical and mental welfare of individuals and entire communities.

The University of Haifa is committed to addressing these acute and pressing health challenges and stands at the forefront of strengthening health research, education and policy.

■ The Project

To enable our researchers to expand their academic and research programs, the University of Haifa is building a new Social Welfare and Health Sciences Building. The Building will house the Schools of Social Work and Public Health, the Cheryl Spencer Department of Nursing, and the Departments of Occupational Therapy and Community Mental Health. The building will include classrooms, seminar rooms, computer rooms, administrative offices, laboratories, and public areas for informal meetings and social activities.
ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT

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($1 = 4 NIS)

TIMETABLE

The groundbreaking of the building is scheduled to take place in June 2015. Completion of the total project is estimated at three years.
Request for Support

Bridging health research, education and practice, The Social Welfare and Health Sciences Building will house cutting-edge research laboratories, classrooms, and clinics. The University of Haifa invites you to support this inspiring project by participating in a naming opportunity, a chance to link your name in perpetuity to this important capital project.

▶ A gift of $14 million will enable the University of Haifa to dedicate the Social Welfare and Health Sciences Building in your honor or in the name of a loved one.

Recognition

The University of Haifa prominently recognizes its donors and will be honored to pay tribute with graduated levels of recognition, including:

- The naming of the Social Welfare and Health Sciences Building will be marked with festive dedication ceremonies to which prominent government officials will be invited.

- The University makes all efforts to recognize the generosity of supporters. When appropriate, articles in professional journals as well as University publications will acknowledge your support.

- You will receive updates each year regarding research being conducted at The Social Welfare and Health Sciences Building; when possible, gifts will be credited in publications, on websites, and at events held.

The University of Haifa would like to express its appreciation to you for considering this vital project and would be delighted to provide additional information per your request.
About the University of Haifa

As the largest research university in the country’s northern region and academic home to a community of students that most accurately mirrors Israeli society, the University of Haifa is of unique strategic importance to the State of Israel. It enrolls the largest number of military and security personnel, who study alongside civilians from all walks of life - Haredi and secular Jews, new immigrants, Arabs, and Druze.

The University’s mission is to cultivate academic excellence, create a shared Israeli experience, and promote democratic values in an environment of tolerance and multiculturalism. It is such an environment that contributes to outstanding research and a community of exceptional, creative, and productive alumni. We believe that fostering outstanding research while strengthening Israel’s northern region and promoting an environment of multiculturalism is of strategic importance for the continued existence and prosperity of the State of Israel.

The University of Haifa stands atop Mount Carmel, where Haifa’s southern boundary verges on the Carmel National Park. Over 18,000 students study here for undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees. The University of Haifa is fully committed to academic excellence, which is expressed in its many and diverse interdisciplinary and international programs and collaborations with academic institutions around the world. The University of Haifa has gained an international reputation in many research areas, and is Israel’s leading university in the social sciences, humanities, education and marine research.

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