

GIFT

Give It Forward Today



Inspiring and
enabling lifelong giving



'GIFT's charitable work has been nothing short of phenomenal and has inspired me and should inspire everyone to give back.'

- Gavriel Sacks, Volunteer Tutor



'The most striking realisation I have had is that the GIFT mission is as much for the volunteer as for its recipients.'

- Sylvie Simons, Volunteer Driver



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Dear Friends,

Across London, Manchester and Israel we create givers. We know that being kind or helping others isn't something that just happens automatically. It is a mindset that needs to be taught, nurtured and encouraged, so that present and future generations are imbued with this core tenet of Judaism.

'It's what we give to others, more than what we get from others, which makes for a meaningful and happy life.' - Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

We are immensely grateful to all of our wonderful volunteers and generous supporters; through you, we are able to inspire and enable lifelong giving, creating a community that is engaged, supported and empowered by the gift of giving. Thank you for all that your involvement allows us to achieve.

Together with the whole GIFT team, we are delighted to share with you here more about what we do: our impacts since our founding in 2004, our current activities, and our vision for the future.

It has been particularly moving and powerful to hear from our volunteers about how their involvement with GIFT has had a meaningful impact:

'GIFT put me in touch with a lovely lady who lives alone. I continuously look forward to my weekly Shabbat visits and she is so happy to see me! I know it means a lot to her to come and chat, and I have really benefitted from it too (including a new friendship). I'm so glad GIFT put us in touch.'

'My experiences as a driver, delivering food packages, gave me a window into some of the challenges people face alone, hidden in the pockets of our communities.'

We are continually growing our reach, enabling more and more people to become lifelong givers, and in so doing sustain and nourish our wonderful community. Looking forwards, we are excited to launch new, impactful projects and programmes – whether online, in schools, through innovative resources or via eco-friendly initiatives.

Thank you for continuing to join us on our journey. Your involvement really does make a difference.



Sandor Milun
Managing Director



Naftali Schiff
Founding-Chair



Michelle Barnett MBE
Founding Director



THE GIFT JOURNEY



2004

GIFT was co-founded at the kitchen table of Michelle Barnett. Since then, we have worked with and inspired **28,000** volunteers across the country from the age of 1 to 99.



2008

The GIFT Box project was established to encourage shoppers to purchase and donate additional items to those in need. Since then, we have distributed over **500,000** essential food parcels.



2011

GIFT moved into the new Giving Hub in North London. Since then, we have hosted over **3,000** packing sessions.



2012

GIFT created its Education programme. Since then, we have connected with students in over **100** primary and secondary schools across the UK.



2017

GIFT ran the first Supermarket Challenge, an immersive experience which seeks to grow awareness of food poverty. Since then, over **2,750** people have taken part, of all different ages.



2020

GIFT launched its urgent response to the COVID-19 pandemic, garnering the involvement of over **1,000** new volunteers to support those hit hardest.



COVID-19: GIFT'S RESPONSE

7,600 REQUESTS FOR SHOPPING AND PRESCRIPTIONS FULFILLED



21,000+ HOT MEALS DISTRIBUTED



50,000 FOOD PARCELS DELIVERED TO THOSE IN URGENT NEED



200+ BEFRIENDING PAIRS CREATED, MATCHING UP ELDERLY PEOPLE WITH YOUNG VOLUNTEERS



12,800+ CARDS WRITTEN TO ELDERLY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY



600 VIRTUAL TUTORING PAIRS GENERATED TO SUPPORT HOME-SCHOOLING



1,100 ONLINE CLASSES DELIVERED BY GIFT EDUCATORS TO INSPIRE LIFELONG GIVING



100+ LAPTOPS AND TABLETS REFURBISHED AND DISTRIBUTED FOR HOME-SCHOOLING



OUR IMPACT

6,000 NHSOS GRATITUDE PACKAGES COLLATED FOR HOSPITAL AND CARE HOME STAFF

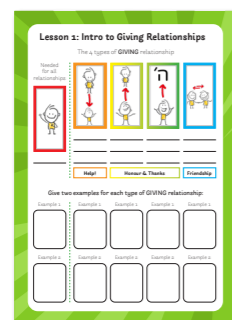




PRIMARY SCHOOLS

EQUIPPING OUR YOUNGEST VOLUNTEERS

We run powerful, fun sessions for Year 6 pupils across 15 schools, to inspire them to become volunteers and givers for the rest of their lives.



ONLINE

INSPIRING PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

We facilitate regular weekly virtual learning sessions and special online events around festivals, and invite ground-breaking speakers from around the world to motivate our community.

HOW WE INSPIRE LIFELONG GIVING

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO GIVE

We host regular, hands-on sessions in over 20 schools for students to learn about all forms of giving, and to actively volunteer, whether at school, from home or with our partner charities.



EXPERIENCES

GENERATING REAL-LIFE IMMERSIVE OPPORTUNITIES

We create a multitude of carefully curated experiences to bring the GIFT of giving to life, such as Bnei Mitzvah programmes, active summer camps, visits to UK food banks, and our highly popular Supermarket Challenge.





HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE



BUILDING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS

- The **Helping Hand Project** brings together young volunteers with families in need of childcare help.
- The **Befriending Programme** creates warm, long-lasting relationships between volunteers and those who are isolated within the community.
- The **Virtual Tutoring Programme** empowers young volunteers to share their academic knowledge.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES

- The **Go Green** supports the environment through regular litter-picking events.
- The **One Small Deed Project** encourages young volunteers to collate and distribute Homeless Packs.

SHARING THE MAGIC

- The **Simchas Project** enables an army of volunteers to use their talents, from photography to hair-braiding, to make a simcha magical.
- The **Pre-Loved Project** refurbishes and distributes much-needed items such as bicycles and laptops to those in greatest need.

FOOD SUPPORT

- The **GIFT Food Bank at The Giving Hub** distributes much-needed weekly supplies.
- The **Giving Kitchen** creates nutritious, hot meals to those unable to cook for themselves.



OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

A COMMUNITY ENGAGED, SUPPORTED & EMPOWERED BY THE GIFT OF GIVING



CREATIVE INNOVATIVE RESOURCES

- Curricula and educational resources developed through research and testing around the psychology of giving
- Rolling out our primary school learning programme to more settings



GOING GREEN

- New initiatives to encourage young people to think and act green, and expanding our current offering such as the Litter-Picking Project
- Distributing our food parcels in biodegradable food bags, saving 50,000 plastic bags from landfill



ENABLING GIVING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

- Launching the GIFT app to make giving accessible, easy and trackable
- Hosting The GIFT of the Gab podcast
- Training young volunteers to repair electronic devices and commit to putting their skills into practice



GENERATING GIVING OPPORTUNITIES AT ALL LIFE STAGES

- Launching The GIFT Hub 2.0 to provide multiple opportunities to engage in fun, rewarding volunteering activities
- Organising overseas social action trips to fully immerse students and families in the GIFT of giving
- Creating programming for harder-to-reach age groups, such as university students and young professionals





PARTNERSHIPS

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'I was involved at the start of the GIFT Box campaign in 2008. 13 years later and I'm certain that GIFT has contributed to me far more than I could have imagined.'

- Jonny Fishel



'I've been volunteering for GIFT for over 10 years. I'm still involved to this day. The buzz from doing something entirely for other people is the best feeling ever!'

- Gabriella Lubinsky

We are grateful to all of our wonderful volunteers and generous donors for their ongoing support for GIFT:

THANK YOU

'Volunteering for GIFT back in 2008, when I was in Sixth Form, made a profound impact on me (not just because my now-wife did the food deliveries with me!). I would now like to share these experiences with my own kids as they grow up, to help them learn the lessons I was lucky enough to learn myself.'

- Ariel Fine



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