



Our History

Na'amat is a Hebrew acronym for Nashim Ovdot Umitnadvot (Movement of Working Women and Volunteers). Originally founded in Israel in 1921 under the name of Pioneer Women, the organization was renamed to better reflect its roots.

The founders were idealistic women, who believed in social justice, equal opportunity and shared responsibility. With help from friends across the globe, these Pioneer Women set about developing programs and services to meet the changing needs of an emerging Israeli community. For generations, Na'amat has upheld the philosophy that every person is entitled to respect and equal opportunity within a just society.

Today, Na'amat is the largest women's organization in Israel and has branches around the world in: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay, and the United States of America. The first to embrace feminist ideals, members of Na'amat continue to be innovative leaders in meeting the needs of an ever-changing world.

Your mother knew us
Your grandmother knew us



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Who We Are

A part of an international women's organization, Na'amat Canada is a registered Canadian charity with branches in five provinces. Since Na'amat Canada's inception in 1925, our mission has been dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of women, children and families in Israel and Canada. In Israel, Na'amat has developed an extensive network of social services, educational institutions and programs that assist Israel's citizens on a daily basis. In Canada, Na'amat members of all ages are instrumental in fundraising and in planning local social, educational, cultural, and community projects.

Making a difference since 1925



What We Do

Na'amat is widely known for providing services to women, youth and children in need. As Israel's largest source of child care, tens of thousands of Israeli infants and preschoolers are cared for each day at Na'amat daycare centres.

At Na'amat's technological and agricultural residential high schools, hard-to-reach teenagers avoid slipping through the cracks of the educational system by acquiring new trade skills while simultaneously building their self-esteem.

Shelter and counselling for the victims of domestic violence is the cornerstone of service at the Na'amat Canada Glickman Centre in Tel Aviv. Na'amat offers counselling sessions to both victims and abusers, in hopes of rebuilding shattered lives.

This is just the beginning of the countless social services Na'amat is responsible for in Israeli society today.



Na'amat Canada raises funds to maintain these services:

In Israel:

- Daycare Centres
- Community Centres
- Technological & Agricultural Residential High Schools
- Domestic Violence Counselling Centres
- Shelters for Victims of Domestic Violence
- Legal Aid Services
- Vocational Retraining for Women
- Absorption of New Immigrants
- Health Education
- University Scholarships for Women

In Canada:

- School Supplies for Children in Shelters and Inner City Schools
- Gift Baskets for Victims of Domestic Violence
- Anti-Bullying Program for Elementary Schools
- Free Legal Advisory Clinic
- Social Programs for Seniors

