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What do you think of when you think of Hadassah? The wonderful hospitals? Support for Israel? Why are they asking for money from me again? Other? Or nothing?

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, whose tagline is "the Power of Women Who Do," has broad impact in many areas, and the money they raise is put to many good uses. Here are just a few examples of HWZOA's work:

As part of a Peres Center for Peace project, sixteen cochlear implant surgeries were performed on Palestinian children at Hadassah's Ein Kerem Hospital. In addition, Israel's first spina bifida fetal surgery was recently done at Ein Kerem, lessening some of the crippling effects of this condition. The procedure was performed on a five-month old fetus and done by Dr. Yuval Gielchinsky, one of only three doctors in the world who can perform this technique.

Hadassah's Youth Aliyah villages in Israel help at-risk children to achieve long-term success. Services such as Hebrew education for immigrants, special education for children with learning disabilities, and therapy for those scarred by domestic or sexual abuse, in addition to secure shelter and food, have been provided for over 300,000 children since the program began in 1933 as a way to save Jewish children from the Nazis.

On the home front, Hadassah is promoting women's health through programs such as Every Bite Counts, which provides information about making heart healthy dietary choices, and advocacy for Gender Equity in Medical Research, as gender-specific issues in many diseases, but especially with cardiac problems, affect treatment outcomes for women.

Hadassah has also been working to combat human trafficking, and for more access to quality, affordable child care, by encouraging members to build relationships with their elected officials and advocate on these issues. The "Power of Women Who Do" is operating on many fronts and in many ways both to support Israel and to promote action on important domestic issues.

To support the important work of Hadassah, please contact Jo Ann Howard at [pkhlov@comcast.net](mailto:pkhlov@comcast.net) or Martha Woody at [rfbmmw@comcast.net](mailto:rfbmmw@comcast.net).

Martha Woody, Chapter President

*Happenings with our Members*

Our heart-felt sympathy is extended to **Mira Becher** on the recent death of her husband Michael.

Mazel Tov to **Jo Ann Howard** for having her trip to Hadassah Hospital featured in *Evince Magazine*.

Did we miss your news? Be sure to contact Martha Woody, 276-638-4316, and we'll include you in our next newsletter!



**You have been invited!**

Don't forget to return your check and response card for Hadassah Danville's second annual **Tower Of Love** "No Show Ball". This easy fundraiser has been designated to support the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower. Just think, you don't have to shop, get your hair done, hire a babysitter, or worry about a date. You can stay at home and simply relax. Be sure to join the fun and make a difference!



*Candle Lighting - A Danville Tradition*

This is an opportunity for every Danville Hadassah member to participate in our beautiful candle lighting tradition! At the end of every meeting members light a Hanukkah menorah and share what is happening with their family and friends. Now, whether you can attend a meeting or not, you can light a menorah for just \$18 and your contribution will be recognized in our next newsletter. Take this opportunity to support Hadassah and at the same time participate in a wonderful tradition!

Send your check, made payable to Hadassah, to Jo Ann Howard, 326 Rosemary Lane, Danville, VA 24541.



**We're the little chapter with a big heart!**

Hadassah Danville provides numerous opportunities for its members to support Hadassah's life saving work. Be sure to read our chapter news and flyers and find which projects speak to your heart! We'd love to hear from each of you.