



DIFFERENCE MAKERS

The
2023-2024
Tzedek
Grant
Recipients

Founded in 2016, The Davis Academy Alumni Tzedek Grant recognizes and supports charitable initiatives by our graduates. These efforts exemplify The Davis Academy's menschlichkeit value of Tzedek, a Hebrew word that means righteousness or justice. Open to high school and college-age alumni, the grant program provides an opportunity to advance the efforts of our alumni who continue to carry our Davis values out into the world beyond their years at Davis. This year, we proudly award the 2024 Tzedek Grants to three outstanding recipients: **Noah Diamond Class '21, Summer Folbaum '21, Noa Kadoori '21, and Zoe Gordon '22.**

Our Davis Academy alumni are making a positive impact wherever their journey takes them. The Davis Alumni Tzedek Grant is a unique resource that we extend to help them continue to live the values we instilled during their years at The Davis Academy. Grant recipients receive a financial grant and marketing and media support that spotlight their good work.

Berman Commons Sukkah/Pergola Restoration Project by Noah Diamond, Class of 2021

Noah Diamond is currently a high school student at Innovation Academy, Class of 2025. As an Eagle Scout, Noah is restoring an old pergola at the Berman Commons Retirement Home. In addition, he will be building temporary walls to attach to the pergola so it can transform into a Sukkah during Sukkot.

"I am passionate about this project to ensure the elderly have a place to celebrate Sukkot. This space will also give them a fresh and comfortable year-round pergola to enjoy the seasons."

Noah is investing the grant funds in purchasing the materials and supplies necessary to restore the pergola and build the walls of the sukkah. Congratulations Noah in wedding your Eagle Scout credentials with service to the Jewish community.



The biggest impact is to guide Jewish traditions and share our light with those who are no longer able to create their own."



As part of the last generation privileged to meet Holocaust survivors, we're dedicated to brightening their lives on a weekly basis through our Shabbat deliveries."



I'm committed to making handmade blankets, offering both physical and emotional comfort to those navigating pain and the complexities of social and emotional challenges."

Loaves of Love by Summer Folbaum, Class of 2021, and Noa Kadoori, Class of 2021

The project is dedicated to honoring and spreading kindness to Holocaust survivors. Summer and Noa, current students at Riverwood High School, prepare Shabbat care bags containing freshly baked challah and two candles, which they personally deliver to Holocaust survivors in the Sandy Springs area.

"Our involvement in the Am Yisrael Chai teen leadership committee led us to The Daffodil Project, where we planted daffodils and heard survivors' stories. Noa led the daffodil planting at Riverwood, where survivors shared their experiences with students and teachers. These connections inspired our current project. We aim to bring joy and love to Holocaust survivors, hoping to ignite a chain of kindness in our community."

Summer and Noa will be using their grant to buy ingredients each week, along with Shabbat candles and gift bags. Mazal tov on bringing love and support to Atlanta area Holocaust survivors; your project truly embodies the spirit of empathy in action.

Past Recipients of the Tzedek Grant

Nikki Berne '10
Miracle Children

David Antonino '14
Homelessness

Isabelle Mokotoff '16
SteadyScrib

Zoe Light '12
Sustainability

Amalia Haviv '18
Nutrition Education

Caitlyn Pinkser '19
Positive Mirroring

Emily Brothman '13
Terps Against Hunger

Maya Laufer '18
Foster Care Support

Leah Tuck '15
A Spark of Art

**Jacob Cohen '13
& Max Kamean '13**
JAM Bowl

Zoe Bober '16
Services at The Refuge House

Annie Marcus '22
Annie's Homeless Bags

Max Rubenstein '14
Game Givers

**Josh Isaacs '18
& Alon Rogow '18**
Pressure Wish

Harris Unell '22
Recycling Tennis Balls

Curvy Girls Scoliosis by Zoe Gordon, Class of 2022

The Curvy Girls Scoliosis Foundation, also known as The Curvy Girls, is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting individuals affected by scoliosis, a condition characterized by abnormal sideways curvature of the spine. The foundation's primary aim is to empower girls through education, mental support, and acceptance, thereby reducing negative emotional effects. Zoe, a current student at The Weber School, plans to strengthen her continued support for the organization by involving her peers in making comfy blankets and distributing them to the girls in hospitals recovering from scoliosis surgery.

"This organization holds a special place in my heart because of my own journey. Diagnosed with scoliosis at eleven, Curvy Girls offered me a safe haven to learn, accept, and cope with my condition positively. Their supportive and inclusive environment allowed me to connect with peers facing similar challenges. Without them, I wouldn't have had the chance to speak with kids my age going through the same experiences."

We applaud Zoe for her heartfelt project and her compassion and initiative in making a positive difference in the lives of others.