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'We want to be strong in happiness, not anguish'

"We just want to be strong in happiness not in anguish ... It only gets harder as time continues on..." For Dina, whose son Ofir was killed by terrorists 13 years ago during his army service, the feeling of loss deepens with each soldier killed.

With the alarming events in Israel over the past six weeks, **OneFamily Fund** is now facing a new urgency; the recent terrifying siege has added hundreds of bereaved and injured families to the more than 12,000 victims the agency already supports.

And long after the rockets stop firing and there is some semblance of calm in Israel, there will still be victims. There will be families in distress, parents who have buried their children, soldiers who have lost their eyesight and toddlers who suffer from PTSD. There will be those in the south who live their lives 15 seconds from a bomb shelter, those who continue to face danger

fighting terrorism and a population coping with immense financial, emotional and physical trauma.

But there will also be **OneFamily**, Israel's pre-eminent organization dedicated to rebuilding, rehabilitating and reintegrating the lives of traumatized families with personalized, emotional, financial and material support. For more than 13 years, **OneFamily** has been there on the ground providing support through youth camps, therapeutic retreats, counselling and a variety of pioneering programs.

The need to care for victims of terror in Israel gave birth to **OneFamily Fund** and continues to be its call to action. OneFamily relies solely on the generous donations of caring supporters to ensure victims know they are not alone. To learn more about **OneFamily** or to make a donation, please call (416) 485-9687 or visit its website at www.onefamilyfund.ca.

