



Jewish Family Services



2002 Friends Campaign: Essential to the Future of JFS

As a member of Charlotte's Jewish community, you have likely been contacted by Jewish Family Services to pledge your support for the agency's Annual Friends Campaign. You may ask: Does my donation really make a difference? And where exactly does the money go?

Now more than ever, the support of the community ensures the future success of JFS. A major portion of the agency's operating budget is funded through the generosity of contributors to the Friends Campaign. The demand for JFS services is at an all-time high, and program costs continue to go up. In 2001, JFS assisted more than 2,000 families and individuals—nearly double the number served the previous year. There was a 28% increase in counseling sessions for children, families, and older adults. Visits to the JFS Food Pantry increased as well, rising from 350 contacts to over 500 during the past year.

The money raised through the

Friends Campaign helps to fund all of these essential programs and services. With a sufficient budget, the trained and licensed staff of JFS can continue to serve Jewish individuals and families in need, regardless of clients' ability to pay. Donations from the community keep many programs and services alive and well. Among them:

* **Food Pantry:** In times of crisis, individuals may access the pantry for food, toiletries, and other necessary items for day-to-day living.

* **Meals on Wheels:** JFS delivered 250 home cooked meals to needy families and individuals last year.

* **Jewish Connection:** Through visits and outreach, this program enables homebound individuals and residents in senior facilities to remain actively connected to the Jewish community.

* **Family Life Education Workshops:** Programs touch on such vital topics as parenting adolescents, caring for aging parents,

and identifying the factors that lead to teen violence.

* **Community Tzedakah Loan Fund:** Last year, JFS processed 32 loan requests for emergency financial assistance with rent, utilities, burial costs, and medical fees.

* **A new Speaker's Bureau program** advances the goals of JFS through presentations to agencies and organizations.

* **Support groups on parenting, bereavement, and divorce.**

* **A new Domestic Violence counseling program.**

* **An emergency "on-call" program** for crisis counseling calls after hours.

This is only a sampling of the JFS programs and services available to families in need. Charlotte's Jewish community has recognized the value of JFS, and has helped the agency attain its Campaign goal year after year. In these uncertain financial times, when many non-profit organizations suffer severe budget cuts and often must close their doors, it's

especially important to keep JFS operating at the level on which clients have come to depend.

Consider your donation an investment in an insurance policy. We never know what tomorrow may bring, and we never know when we may need assistance, either emotional or financial. When we "insure" that JFS will be here in the future, it's a smart long-term investment.

This year's Friends Campaign goal is \$150,000, and it can be met with community-wide support.

Through contributions large and small, JFS donors make a statement: each life is sacred, and every individual and family deserves the chance to be self-sufficient.

Kol Yisrael Araveem Ze L'Ze. All Israel is responsible for each other.

In the event that you have not received a call from JFS volunteers or have misplaced your pledge card, please call the JFS office at 704-364-6594 to make your donation pledge today. A list of all donors will appear in Charlotte Jewish News later this year. ☆

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In honor of Lenora Stein from Judy Kaufmann.

In honor of the birth of Jack Besnoy, grandson of Sandra and Ralph Besnoy, from Heidi and Michael Rotberg, and Marilyn and Mike Tuckman.

In honor of Ruth Goldberg's being honored by the Federation for her years of volunteer work in the Charlotte Jewish community from Judy and Milton Tager, Nora

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In honor of the bat mitzvah of Julia Slade from Ruth and Alan Goldberg.

In honor of the consecration of Judith Cohen from Tammy and Andy Cohen.

In honor of Max Cohen's graduation from the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies from Tammy and Andy Cohen.

In honor of the birth of Jack Bryce Besnoy, grandson of Sonni and Ralph Besnoy, from Marilyn and Mike Tuckman.

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To Michael Tuckman's mother from Marcelle and Allan Oxman.


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