

Jewish Family Services

Jewish Family Services Awarded Wal-Mart Grant

Jewish Family Services of Greater Charlotte received a Wal-Mart Bonus Grant of \$1,000 this summer from the employees of the Charlotte Wal-Mart location in the Arboretum. The store's employees donate to an ongoing central fund and choose one charitable organization each month as the recipient of their contributions.

The Wal-Mart grant will be used to help organize the JFS VolunTeen Program. This program matches bar/bat mitzvah students (and others needing community volunteer projects) with individuals and organizations looking for volunteer help. Examples of these service projects include bingo-calling at local assisted living facilities, visiting residents, helping at homeless



JFS Director Penny Wagner-Schuster accepts the bonus grant from Wal-Mart's Dan Hoover.

recipient of this generous grant from Wal-Mart," said Penny Wagner-Schuster, JFS Executive Director. "It's especially exciting because we're using the money to fund a program that encourages volunteerism among young people. Performing good deeds to fulfill the tradition of Tzedakah is essential to the Jewish way of life. And it's wonderful when the larger Charlotte community recognizes and supports our efforts." ☆

shelters, collecting food for the JFS pantry, cooking and delivering food, and more.

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Not Too Late to Become a Friend of JFS

Donations are still welcome as JFS closes out its annual Friends Campaign of 2005. This is the agency's largest annual fundraiser and has become essential to funding the programs and services that help Jewish individuals and families in need.

"The community always steps up to the plate during our campaign and we appreciate the support," said Amy Mullen, JFS Chair and Co-Chair of the Friends Campaign. "It's no surprise that

costs keep rising. To keep pace, we rely on the generosity of our donors to maintain the high quality of our programs and services for the people who need them most."

If you haven't already, please consider making your pledge to the 2005 JFS Friends Campaign. Call 704-364-6594 or pledge securely online at www.jfscharlotte.org. ☆



"The Five Weeks"

JFS will be highlighting our numerous service areas during the five weeks leading up to our 1st Annual Meeting. In addition to programs throughout Shalom Park, services will be available in the Levine JCC Fitness Center wing for stations on Thursdays and Sundays from 9 AM to 12 noon and from 4 to 7 PM.

The service areas and topics to be covered include:

Older Adults Week

View photos of programs, make cards for those who are sick, and see the prayer books used at community older care centers.

Vocational Week

Career and Interest Tests: Set Values, Self-Assessment, Personal Grooming, and What Makes Me Happy.

Counseling Week

Join community forums led by

JFS staff touching on topics of current support groups: Divorce, Loss, Alzheimer's and more. Make an appointment with JFS to meet the counselors. Learn about your depression/anxiety scale and how to manage stress.

Tzedakah Week

Community Tzedakah Drive for the following items: food, paper goods, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products. Drop at any box at Shalom Park marked "JFS Tzedakah Box."

Community Outreach Week

Make cards: "get well wishes" for those in the hospital, and "sunshine" wishes for those who are alone, sick or in assisted living centers. Sign up to volunteer for many opportunities. ☆



Mitzvah Maker Cooks for September 2005

Bobbie Bernstein, Emily Chatham, Adrienne Gossett, Betty Levin, Nancy Levine, Vera Mendel, Ollie Polk, Cindy Powell, Claire Putterman, Francie Serbin, Lynne Sheffer, Scott

Simon, Julie Stein, Denise Sussman, Patti Weisman, Barbara Ziegler. ☆

