

# JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

## Friends Campaign

For 30 years, Jewish Family Services has provided the community with high quality professional services proactively responding to the needs of our community.

JFS remains a steady, reliable source of compassion, professional expertise, and hope.

Jewish Family Services empowers all ages in all stages of life.

Your gift to JFS will help us reach your friends, your parents, your children ... and everyone in the community.

Did you know that? ...

- \* 88 families per week receive groceries from the JFS pantry.
- \* 150 therapy sessions per month take place at JFS.
- \* JFS leads Project Noah, which provides workshops and resources for individuals and families affected by the economic downturn.
- \* JFS collaborates with other

Charlotte Jewish agencies on programming, food drives, processing scholarship applications, and workshops.

\* JFS uses compassionate criteria to determine eligibility for people seeking monetary assistance

\* This past year:

✧ JFS has given nearly \$45,000, from various funding sources, to local Jewish families to assist with rent, food, medicine and transportation.

✧ JFS has had a 45% increase in the use of its counseling services.

✧ There was a 15% increase in the number of senior citizens receiving outreach services.

Your donation to the JFS 2010 Friends Campaign will allow our agency to serve the growing needs in the Charlotte Jewish Community and to empower many people with the tools and resources to succeed.

### Success stories:

The "Greenes" are a young Jewish family with a four-year-old son. This year, due to a job loss, the "Greenes" have had a hard time paying their bills. JFS has provided welcomed relief for this family. The "Greenes" receive food from the food pantry and have been given money to pay their utility bills. For Chanukah, JFS provided the family with gifts for their young son. Mrs. Greene says that paying their bills on time is still a struggle but she is thankful that her husband has found employment and for the help that she has been given by JFS.

Linda Gupton, 65, says that the assistance given to her and her husband Jim, 69, literally saved their lives. She says, "I thank God every day for Jewish Family Services and what they did for me." In the winter of 2006 the Gupton's furnace broke and they had no heat for an entire month. Their house was bitterly cold. One day a friend suggested Linda contact JFS for help. Linda says it was the hardest call she has ever made. JFS purchased a new furnace for the Gupton home and also provided them with money to pay some of their utility bills. Since then, Jim has become seriously ill and JFS has helped Linda cope with being a caregiver for Jim. Linda visits JFS weekly for therapy and case management as well as nutritious food from the JFS Food Pantry. Linda is a talented artist and she plans to share her talents with the Jewish community by assisting with Senior Outreach as a JFS volunteer.

Susan, an active member of the

On March 22, Hadassah volunteers prepared several dozen Passover meals for distribution thru JFS. Those who participated were **Barbara Abrams, Ellie Bantit, Janice Bernstein, Cathy Bogus, Ellen Bottner, Milly Corday, Helene Cullen, Zelma Fink, Shelley Friedman, Karen Kantrowitz, Judy Kaufmann, Phyllis Korman, Penny Krieger, Eileen Schwartz, Hagit Stav and Joyce Stoll.**



Bea Gibbs reaching out to a Jewish Senior who reside in Facilities

Jewish community, says, "My twelve-year-old son has been seeing a JFS therapist for almost two months and it has been a blessing. He looks forward to discussing his 'teenager issues' with someone who can help him deal with his peers as well as learn about himself."

Right now...you can make an investment in your community. Every dollar makes a difference.

Your donation will provide the means to:

- \* Connect a homebound senior with a friendly visitor and hot kosher meals.
- \* Offer job counseling and guidance for the unemployed.
- \* Provide therapy for a child with behavioral problems.
- \* Assist a family coping with grief and loss.
- \* Provide workshops, support groups and educational resources for parents, caregivers, job-seekers, and seniors.



JFS Annual Chanukah Party for Seniors

We need your support to continue these vital services. Funds raised through the Friends Campaign allow us to be the resource center accessible to the entire community; all ages, all incomes and all stages of life.

Last year's campaign raised \$224,772. With the increased demands for social services, JFS has set the 2010 fundraising goal at \$240,000.

Please mail your JFS 2010 Friends Campaign donation directly to Jewish Family Services at 5007 Providence Road, Suite 105, Charlotte, NC 28226, 704-364-6594 or you may make a secure donation online at [www.jfscharlotte.org](http://www.jfscharlotte.org). ✧

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Shirley Goodman, Judith Norman, Diggie Pesakoff, Jenny Rosenthal

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