



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES



Jewish Family Services of Greater Charlotte, the Year in Review

The year 2010: busy and productive for Jewish Family Services. Due to the economic downturn there was an increased need for all of the services provided by JFS. As a result of your support, as well as an incredible staff and board of directors, JFS was able to assist and empower many people in our community.

Therapy Services

In 2010 the JFS professional staff of licensed therapists provided 2,018 therapy sessions, an 18% increase over last year.

Food Pantry

The JFS food pantry experienced tremendous use again this year. The food pantry is utilized nearly every day by someone in our community who might otherwise have gone hungry. Over the past twelve months, 2,399 families utilized the JFS food pantry, a 6% increase from last year. An average of 200 families and individuals accessed the pantry each month. The JFS Food Pantry provides food, personal care items and other necessities to help individuals and families through difficult times until independence is re-established.

The JFS Mitzvah Basket proceeds help stock the food pantry and purchase store coupons for perishable food items. Over the last year, the Mitzvah Basket pro-

gram brought in \$1,407 of income and food to replenish the JFS food pantry. In addition, the Mitzvah Basket program raised the community's awareness about hunger in the Charlotte Jewish Community.

Senior Outreach Services

The JFS Senior Outreach Program provided Jewish programming and community interaction to over 150 seniors who are homebound or live in nursing, independent, and assisted living facilities across Charlotte.

In October 2010, Temple Israel and Jewish Family Services collaborated to initiate a program called Simchas for Seniors. With the generous assistance of the BJH Foundation for Senior Services Grant and the Etta and Louis Greenspon Senior Endowment, we are able to provide an enriching program in a warm friendly environment for seniors to celebrate Jewish holidays and traditions with their peers. We also provide many resources for vital services that seniors in the community may require. The Senior Outreach Program provided 95 programs on Jewish education, Shabbat and holiday services, inter-generational programs, culture and socialization.

Community Outreach

Information and referrals are

given on a daily basis to people who contact JFS.

Callers with various needs discuss issues with JFS staff and receive recommendations. The JFS Case Manager made over 424 referrals to community agencies this year and conducted 488 case management sessions, an 18% increase from last year.

JFS took the lead on the development and implementation of Project Noah, a collaborative initiative of the Charlotte Jewish community providing supportive services which assisted and empowered members of our Jewish community affected by the current economic downturn. This project provided vocational counseling, an on-line job board, support groups, educational workshops, financial resources, and pro-bono professional services.

This past year JFS revised the Community Tzedakah Loan Fund Criteria in order to increase the amount of assistance available to individuals and families. JFS professional staff assisted 58 individuals and families requesting emergency financial assistance through the Community Tzedakah Fund, a 25% increase from last year, and distributed \$30,285 in assistance, a 54% increase from last year.

Parenting Programs

JFS Parenting Place continued

to develop and implement ongoing Parent Workshops and Resources, in collaboration with the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and the LJCC. JFS also offered a new very successful workshop series called Love and Logic which teaches parents the skills needed for raising happy, responsible, respectful children.

Mitzvah Maker Volunteers

JFS volunteers logged close to 1,000 hours assisting in many capacities, a 6% increase from last year. Trained volunteers were matched with persons seeking friendly visitation, telephone companionship, or transportation to doctors or shopping.

For 30 years, Jewish Family Services has been the heart of our community, offering a helping hand that people can count on in times of need. Please keep in mind that JFS is here for you at all ages and stages of your life. Consider utilizing the exceptional resources and services that JFS provides right here in the Jewish community.

You are invited to attend the 2010 JFS Annual Meeting on Thursday, December 16, at 7:30 PM in Shalom Park's Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts. We are



Karen Knoble, Lee Boxer and Nancy Bernstein.

proud to honor the following people at this event; Karen Knoble, former JFS Board President and current JFS Volunteer, Nancy Bernstein, JFS Mitzvah Basket Volunteer and Lee Boxer, JFS Food Pantry Volunteer.

For more information about our programs or services please call us at 704-364-6594 or visit our website at www.jfscharlotte.org. ☆



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Donations to Jewish Family Services in October 2010

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Berta Kaplan from Jill and Edwin Newman, Shirley and Eddie Goodman

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The new addition to your family to Debbie and Jim Rosenberger from Evelyn Berger

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The father of Janie Levinson from Roslyn and Marty Birnbaum

The father of Ronnie and Michael Hecht and family from Marci and Richard Willenzik

The father of Steve Lauer and family from Harriet and Mark Perlin ☆

**Hear my prayer, Listener,
and attend to my plea;
Do not be silent in the face
of my tears.
For I am a stranger with You,
a temporary resident, like all
of my ancestors.**

--Psalm 39:13



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