



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES



We're More Than Friends... We're Family

Founded in 1980, Jewish Family Services has evolved from an agency serving Jewish Russian immigrants, seniors, and the financially needy to one that provides a full range of counseling and social service assistance to the entire Greater Charlotte community.

Today, Jewish Family Services collaborates with every Jewish agency in our community, as well as many agencies throughout Charlotte. While the programming and services of Jewish Family Services has changed over time, the agency's core mission has not: Jewish Family Services strengthens and empowers individuals and families through professional counseling, programs and services inspired by Jewish values.

In May, JFS will launch its "Family to Family" annual campaign. Formerly known as the "Friends Campaign," our new campaign name came as a result of evaluating the work we do in the community and recognizing that we have become more than friends with our community, we have become family. Family is the core of what JFS does and who we serve. As our slogan says, Jewish Family Services is "the heart of our community." But more than that, Family is the heart of Jewish Family Services.

JFS plays an integral part in the lives of countless families in the Charlotte area. From therapeutic groups for children experiencing

social issues, to counseling for the young adult starting out on a life of independence, to parenting classes and workshops for families, to providing connections between senior adults and their out-of-town family members, JFS' positive and pervasive impact can be felt everywhere.

What is the Family to Family Campaign?

Funding for JFS programs and services are received through three primary sources: allocations from Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and program grants; client fees and insurance reimbursements; and contributions from our donors. Of these sources, over half of our \$750,000 budget is funded directly from contributions from our generous donors.

Donations to our annual campaign are used to set the budget for the next fiscal year, dictating the programs and services we are able to offer to the community. The generosity of our community makes it possible for Jewish Family Services to meet the growing numbers of those who seek our help.

"The economic reality of non-profit agencies such as JFS is that insurance payments and client fees cover relatively little of the true cost to deliver the services our clients require and deserve," said Stephanie Starr, JFS Executive Director. Consequently, JFS turns to our community to make up the shortfall. "Ensuring that JFS continues to meet basic family needs, while retaining the flexibility to address emerging needs, is at the heart of the Family to Family annual campaign," Stephanie added.

Be Part of the Family

Your tax-deductible gift to the 2012 Family to Family annual campaign gives you and your family the opportunity to join JFS in ensuring stability, dignity and compassion to all members of our community for generations to come.

Your pledge will help people help themselves. Your gift will counsel the children who are watching their parents divorce; it

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will pay the utility bill for the young couple who lost their jobs; it will provide companionship for homebound adults and secure Shabbat services for those in assisted living.

And it will allow this important work to continue into the future.

JFS Family to Family volunteers will be calling the community to talk about the campaign, starting in late May. If you have questions about JFS or the annual campaign, you can ask the caller or contact us at 704-364-6594. Donations are currently being accepted online at www.jfscharlotte.org.

Welcome to the Family!

Counselor's Corner Now Online

Visit our website www.jfscharlotte.org for monthly articles written by our counseling staff. In support of Mental Health Awareness Month, this month's article is written by JFS Child and Adolescent Therapist Libby Rains.

Donation Acknowledgements

Thank you to the following individuals and organizations who contributed to Jewish Family Services in March. Your support and generosity allow us to provide quality services and programming to our community.

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Thanks to all the Temples, CJDS, CJP, JPS, LJCC, Gleiberman's, and Phil's Deli for collecting Passover food, and to our community who dropped off food in their collection barrels.

May Events at JFS

Support Group for Families of Children with Special Needs

Schedule online

Caregiver Support Group

Tuesday, May 8, 6 PM, JFS

Melton Adult Mini-School for seniors continues through May 8. ☆

Donations to Jewish Family Services from February 4 to March 1

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