

Jewish Family Services

Jewish Family Services Extends Reach with Lake Norman Office

By David Boraks

With the Lake Norman region's Jewish population growing, Jewish Family Services of Greater Charlotte has opened a satellite office in Cornelius to extend the reach of its counseling, senior outreach, and education programs.

The program began last year with an office in Temple Kol Tikvah, on South Street in Davidson. It's now on its own, in a suite of offices at 18139 W. Catawba Ave. in Cornelius, near the intersection with Westmoreland Road.

Caroline Biber, a clinical social worker and therapist who manages the new office, said the separate site would allow the program to reach beyond the local congregation to anyone in need of help. "We hope this is the next step for people utilizing our services," Biber said.

Jewish Family Services has op-

erated in Charlotte since 1980, helping community members with caring for aging parents, the loss of loved ones, unexpected crises, mental health, financial, and other problems.

"There are things outside the skill set of a rabbi. Having this literally right down the street is great," said Rabbi Michael Shields of Temple Kol Tikvah. "Having an office right here means people are more likely to seek out help and take advantage of educational opportunities," he added.

In a survey, congregation members said they wanted JFS to have a local presence, and Rabbi Shields had promoted the idea of a Lake Norman satellite office, said Stephanie Starr, executive director of Jewish Family Services of Greater Charlotte.

The expansion north of Charlotte has been made possible by

two-year grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. The grant provided \$15,000 in the first year last year and will provide \$19,000 this year.

"Our goal really is to get integrated into the community," Starr said.

The new office should help increase the number of people JFS serves. Last year, the organization served about 450 people across the Charlotte region, JFS board president Jennifer Collman said.

"We're excited to be up there (at Lake Norman) to offer services," she said. "There's such a growing Jewish community in the Lake Norman area, although our counseling services are open to people of all faiths."☆

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Thank You JFS Legacy Family Circle Members

Jewish Family Services is one of ten agencies participating in the Create Your Jewish Legacy initiative, designed to educate members of the Jewish community that all of us, regardless of age, wealth, or affiliation, have the ability to make a difference for future generations.

In February we asked you to join this initiative by establishing a legacy gift to JFS. At that point, we needed nine more families to join the JFS Legacy Family Circle in order to qualify for a \$9,000 incentive grant from the Grinspoon Charitable Foundation. We are happy to report that you answered our

call, earning JFS the grant and more importantly, ensuring that JFS will always be a place where Charlotte Jewish families can find counseling, companionship for seniors, emergency assistance, and a food pantry.

Although this \$9,000 grant is important to us, what is most meaningful is your commitment to our community. Thank you.

To find out more about how you can become a member of the JFS Legacy Family Circle, please contact at 704-944-6849 or beth.cupp @jfscharlotte.org. ☆

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Lake Norman Caregiver Support Group: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 12 noon-1:30 PM, Temple Kol Tikvah

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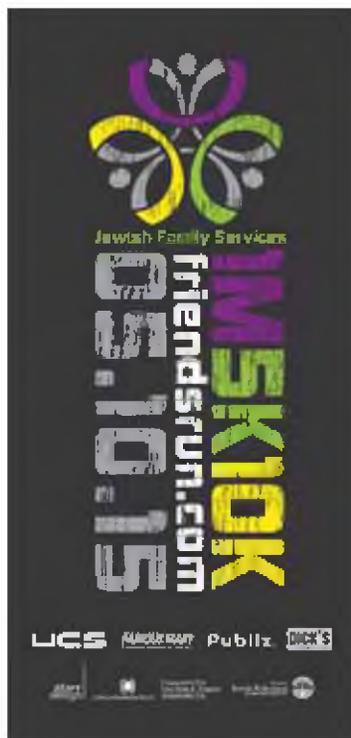
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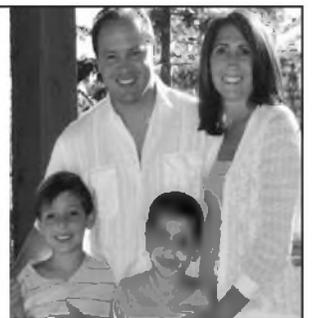
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