



## Jewish Family Services



# JFS Food Pantry: May No Jewish Family Ever Go Hungry

By Annie Lord, Director of Development and Marketing

Earlier today a Jewish Family Services donor came in to give her grandson a tour of Jewish Family Services' food pantry. They walked in and she showed him the shelves that donors like you stock with food and personal items. She proudly explained, "Because of this, no Jewish family will ever go hungry."

She said it with the wisdom that resonates from a grandparent: as someone who has been alive long enough to know that hunger affects people of all ages (we are seeing a rise in seniors using the food pantry due to fixed incomes), that all too often hunger affects families living paycheck to paycheck, and that hunger doesn't always mean poverty—that sometimes a job loss or health emergency spirals into a need for help with groceries.

As Jews, we have set our goals for the New Year and thought about the path we want to take for

this year. We have fasted, atoning for the things we wish that we had done differently.

Now, as we shift gears from one holiday season to another, looking forward to Thanksgiving tables filled with food, and family, and happy declarations that "we are stuffed," let's not forget those with less. Let us not forget those whose families leave the Thanksgiving table without that "stuffed" declaration. Let us not forget those whose electricity is on this month, but whose table is barer because of it. Let us not forget those whose unexpected diagnosis results in unplanned medical expenses affecting their other needs. Let us not forget those who are out of work and need some extra help to set their table.

Instead, let us remember the pangs of hunger from a day of fasting. Let us remember our resolutions to be better in the coming year. Let us continue our dedication, as a community, to the nearly 200 people JFS' food pantry currently serves.

Let's live up to a grandmother's powerful words, and make sure "no Jewish family will ever go hungry."

Make your meaningful donation to Jewish Family Services' Family to Family Campaign today. We also have Go, Play, Save books available: \$30 per book with 50% benefiting JFS.

Your donation will enable JFS to continue supporting programs and services including, but not limited to, the Food Pantry. Go online to [www.jfscharlotte.org](http://www.jfscharlotte.org), call 704-364-6594, or mail it directly to JFS at 5007 Providence Road, Suite 105, Charlotte, NC 28226. Thank you for your support. ✪



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## JFS Volunteers for September

**Volunteers:** Rick Abrams, Nancy and Emily Adamo, Ben Aizenman, Chaim Burke, Jennifer Collman, Andrea Cronson, Sheryl Effren, Mel and Caren Frank, Robert Friedman, Marc Gentile, Jennifer Golynsky, Gail Halverson, June Hirschmann, Bob Jacobson, Eva Kantor, Matt Luftglass, Frada Mozenter, Barbara Rein, Jeff and Stacy Strauch, Liz Wahls, Amalia Warshenbrot, Mike Weinberg, Jan Weiner, Mary Wennen, Dori Whitman, Lisa Wielunski, Nancy Wielunski

**Hadassah Cooks:** Phyllis Berlin, Bonnie Berman, Cathy Bogus, Ilene Cantor, Sharon Cavanaugh, Gladys Cherny, Ruth Goldberg, Sharon Goretzky, Gail Green, June Hirschmann, Elsie Kahan, Fran Kaplan, Judy Kaufmann, Steve Kaufmann, Penny Krieger, Andy McCleary, Jered Mond, Phyllis Romaine, Fran Schuler, Joyce Stoll, Elissa Vining

**Food Pantry Donations:** Temple Israel and Temple Beth El Congregants, Adamo Family, Hebrew High

**Simcha Celebrations:** B'nei Mitzvah Jordan Browning, David Mond, Hannah Julianne Musa, Ilan Socolovsky-Hull

**Special Recognition:** Mega Challah Bake Charlotte (round holiday challot); Golden Grains Baking Co. (small round challot); Adamo Family, Chaim Burke, Marc Gentile, Abeshaus/Levy Family, Barbara Rein (Rosh Hashanah deliveries) ✪

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Many people select an office purely on the proximity to their home or because an ad showed up in the mail on the right day, but be aware that where you receive your hearing devices has a huge impact on your treatment outcome. Some offices carry only one brand of hearing aids and "lock" their programming software, so that you must go to that office for the lifetime of the hearing aids. Levine Hearing carries all six of the major manufacturers including Starkey, Siemens, Unitron, Widex, Phonak, and Resound with no "lock" on the programming software. If a patient moves away or ever decides that they are not satisfied with the service anymore, these open-platform hearing aids can be reprogrammed by other practitioners, giving patients more control in the future.

Selecting the appropriate brand and level of technology to treat your individual hearing loss is a choice that requires the expert advice of your hearing aid practitioner. Some hearing aid brands are well known for their discreet designs while others are experts in Bluetooth capabilities. Day to day activities need to be taken into account to be sure that the hearing aids selected are the right fit for the individual. Every brand of hearing aids will have levels of technology ranging from basic to advanced, to fit different activity levels

and also different budgets. A good practitioner will ask many lifestyle questions before prescribing a specific brand or technology level. You should always feel that you have a choice in the selection.

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