



Jewish Family Services



Jewish Family Services celebrates its many sponsors and friends

By Penny Wagner-Schuster, MSW, ACSW, CCSW, Executive Director

As members of the community, we are all neighbors in one sense or another. The strength of a community rests upon strong families and their relationships with each other. To the extent that we can rely on each other for support and engage in activities of common cause is the extent to which we will continue to have a vibrant, humane, and loving community.

As your neighbor in the community, I have the privilege of serving you as the Executive Director of JFS. As the director of a social service agency that has a mission based on Tzedakah and Chesed, I witness first hand the

love and caring nature of our community. November brings to a close the end of another fiscal year. As we reflect upon the agency's successes throughout the year, we cannot do so without thoughts of the many people who gave of their time, talent and financial support. I feel very fortunate to be part of such a giving and caring community that reaches out to those in need, often without even being asked. A community that touches the lives of others in so many ways, without needing recognition or praise. It is the anonymity of this caring, and love that makes the giving that much more special.

It is this sense of community that enabled JFS to provide food

from our pantry to an average of two persons or families every day.

It is this sense of community that enabled JFS to provide friendly visits, telephone reassurance calls, and rides to over 25 individuals each month.

It is this sense of community that enabled a child to receive a bicycle donated by another family, a new mother to receive diapers, formula and a handmade receiving blanket.

It is this sense of community that enabled a senior citizen to afford medication for the month, without having to decide on whether she should eat or have her pills.

It is this sense of community that allowed JFS to provide emer-

gency financial requests to over thirty individuals in need of money for rent or utilities. Many were facing eviction or cut off of utility service.

It is this sense of community that enabled JFS to help strengthen the family system through counseling, case management, and supportive services to individuals of all ages facing problems coping or needing reassurance that someone cared.

It is this sense of community that allows JFS to exist. It is through the support of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte Campaign, your financial support that enables the agency to work. JFS is here to serve our communi-

ty. JFS is here because you care.

As JFS readies for its eighteenth year of service to our community, THANK YOU to all who continue to support the work we do!

Staff Update:

Linda Ziefert, a recent arrival from New York, has replaced Nellie Page as Correspondence Administrative Assistant with JFS. Linda will work with Edna Binford, Financial Administrative Assistant, to respond to calls for information, assistance, tribute card donations, food pantry and fundraising functions of the agency. Please call on either of them when you need assistance or wish to make a contribution. ✪

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Treif

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major Jewish organizations), not on an issue, but on an individual: Jonathan Pollard.

Shortly after Shavuot I started working for the National Council of Young Israel where I became aware Mr. Jonathan Pollard called our office several times a week. For years I, like many of you readers, signed petitions demanding his release and heard his words only in the prepared notes and statements read by his wife or a spokesperson. This created a curious, one-sided relationship of some 13 years. I had hoped to someday speak with him, but realized the odds were small because Rabbi Lerner would automatically put everything else on hold to take his calls. Given the chance, I know what I wanted to tell him. I wanted to tell him of my frustration working with the ADL and its shrinking posture on the "Pollard Affair." I wanted to tell him the outrage not only I, but countless

others, felt at the vulgar and deceitful treatment he suffered at the hands of our government, epitomized by former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger. I wanted to tell him that despite the self-serving claims of the many Jewish organizations that treated him like *treif*, they were not in fact the "voice" of American Jewry. I wanted to tell him to remain strong.

One day, Rabbi Lerner was out of town and I answered his phones, perfunctorily, simply taking messages from strangers. The phone rang, I answered it. My "second" call. It was Jonathan Pollard. We spoke at length. It was an honor. As far as my plan to give him support, let's set the record straight: after speaking with him I was the one who was strengthened and inspired. I now understand and appreciate Rabbi Lerner's, directive, "That's Jonathan? Put him right through!" ✪



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