

# Jewish Family Services Collaborates to Expand Services

Collaborate. From the Latin word *collaborar* comes an important concept for JFS and for temples: "to labor together." JFS is a strong believer in "win-win" collaborative programming. In partnerships, temples get additional resources to serve their members and JFS has opportunities to meet the needs of a greater number of community members. It has always been the goal of JFS to go beyond the agency walls to reach out to Jews where they live and socialize.

Just a few examples of current collaborative programs include Big Bubbie/Big Zayde, a joint effort of JFS and The Bernstein Leadership Group which bridges the generations by matching a senior volunteer with a young family. Each generation learns from the other and a sense of Jewish continuity is passed on. The Charlotte Jewish Day School has partnered with JFS to create a volunteer tutoring program that creates that

much needed extra edge for children who need a bit more one-on-one academic attention. JFS is able to feed more people because of the collaborative effort of our schools, temples, Temple Beth El's summer food drive, and the generosity of our community working together because we all agree that human rights begin with breakfast. Temple Israel and JFS partner to present the monthly Job Seekers Support Group and JFS is now in the process of working with Temple Israel as well as Temple Beth El to strengthen this vital program by adding a job bank and mentors. Oasis and JFS joined with the Ivy, Charlotte's newest Adult Day Care facility to present a Reminiscence Workshop and tea for caregivers and elderly parents. JFS has also worked together with the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center to bring lectures by Jewish



authors, Hadassah has partnered with JFS to strengthen our Meals on Wheels program and Federation is joining JFS in sponsoring a Poverty Simulation program. As we prepare for the Holidays and then move into the New Year, look for more opportunities to enjoy some enriching joint programming.

While collaborative projects have always been important, they are even more so now for many reasons. The changing demographics of the elderly, intermarried and young families are of concern to both Jewish Family Services and the temples. Our Jewish population in Charlotte used to be almost entirely in one zip code; now we are literally spread all over the city and into outlying areas. Programs that are jointly sponsored are a more efficient use of our resources. Temples often create caring com-

munities which emphasize volunteers, adult learning and support services for congregants. It can be helpful to integrate JFS into the caring community effort. Invite a JFS staff member to sit in on committee meetings to ascertain how JFS might best be of service, even helping the committee choose programs and plan events. Invite a JFS representative to be part of your temple's leadership training program or to speak at a Shabbat service or to conduct a training class for bikkur cholim volunteers. One of the greatest benefits from collaboration is the building of relationships between rabbis, temple leaders and JFS staff and social workers, who each bring different training and knowledge to the experience. It is time for Jewish Family Services and for temples to reach out more to each other, so that they can become partners in this exciting adventure. ☆

Today to Fresh Market on Providence and to Phil's Deli for their generous contribution that ensured our clients celebrated Rosh Hashanah complete with challahs, apples and honey. And a special Thank You to Hebrew High who baked and donated honey cakes to top off the Rosh Hashanah gift bags for our clients.

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