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2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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REJOICE

Erika Gold, a Holocaust Survivor, enjoys a special birthday cake in her honor, delivered to her home as part of JFSA's "Celebrations Club", a monthly on-line social program for older adults.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear Friends,

It comes as no surprise that the last year has been unlike any other. From a Christmas Eve vaccination clinic to the distribution of Covid-19 self-test kits, our staff are continually faced with new challenges and unusual circumstances. Our staff have been adaptive, responsive, and resilient in ways that we could not even have imagined two years ago.

Frequently doing the work of more than one person, our staff often must step in and provide services that are not on his or her job description. When an unmet need is identified, so many have stepped forward with creative ideas and new ways of going about the work that we do.

We have embraced this innovation, creating on-line programming, welcoming friends from throughout the state to online musical wellness, cooking classes, movie club, chair yoga, classes in brain health, and visual tours to Vienna and the Caribbean.

Since last December, Alyson's Place Medical Clinic has been a hub of focused activity, providing vaccination and testing to well over 2,300 individuals throughout our community from children to the homebound. Our volunteers for this effort have been extraordinary – willing, committed and caring, working many hours to ensure access to the vaccine, and now the booster.

We would be remiss if we did not close by taking the opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank our longtime CFO Dave Hlavac for his years of dedicated service to JFSA who retired this past December. His contributions will be with us for years to come.



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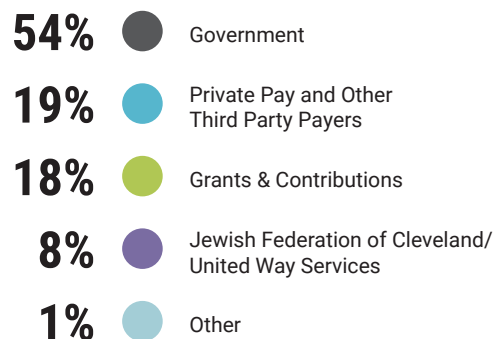
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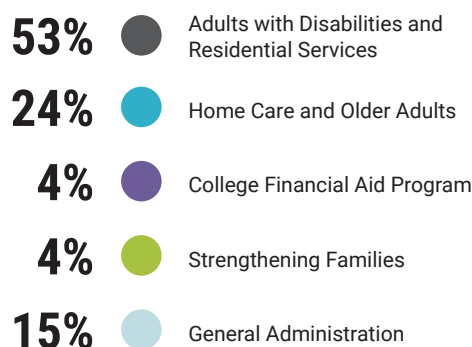
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FINANCIALS

Year ended June 30, 2021.



Government (Reimbursement for Client Services)	\$	17,653,446
Private Pay and Other Third Party Payers	\$	6,074,304
Grants and Contributions	\$	5,808,746
Jewish Federation of Cleveland/United Way Services	\$	2,719,753
Other	\$	492,492
TOTAL	\$	32,748,741



Adults with Disabilities and Residential Services	\$	15,050,935
Home Care and Older Adults	\$	6,946,965
College Financial Aid Program	\$	1,195,738
Strengthening Families	\$	989,734
Total Direct Services	\$	24,183,392
(plus) General Administration	\$	4,460,402
TOTAL	\$	28,643,794

2021 net revenue numbers were impacted by one-time funds provided by State BWC rebate dollars associated with pandemic related activities and annual valuation adjustments of the pension.

1,027

NIGHTS OF
EMERGENCY SHELTER
WERE PROVIDED
THROUGH THE HEBREW
SHELTER HOME.

2,286

RIDES WERE
PROVIDED IN
CLEVELAND AND
AKRON TO OLDER
ADULTS WITH NO
TRANSPORTATION
OF THEIR OWN.

655

HOLOCAUST
SURVIVORS, RANGING
IN AGE FROM 77 TO
103 YEARS, RECEIVED
ASSISTANCE WITH
REPARATIONS,
PERSONAL CARE AND
CASE MANAGEMENT,
AND HELP OBTAINING
FOOD, CLOTHING AND
MEDICAL CARE.

2,300

VACCINES HAVE BEEN
PROVIDED SINCE
DECEMBER 2020.

66

RESIDENTIAL SITES THROUGHOUT NORTHEAST OHIO
PROVIDED HOUSING FOR ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES AND ADULTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.

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INDIVIDUALS WITH
SERIOUS MENTAL
ILLNESS RECEIVED
MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES.

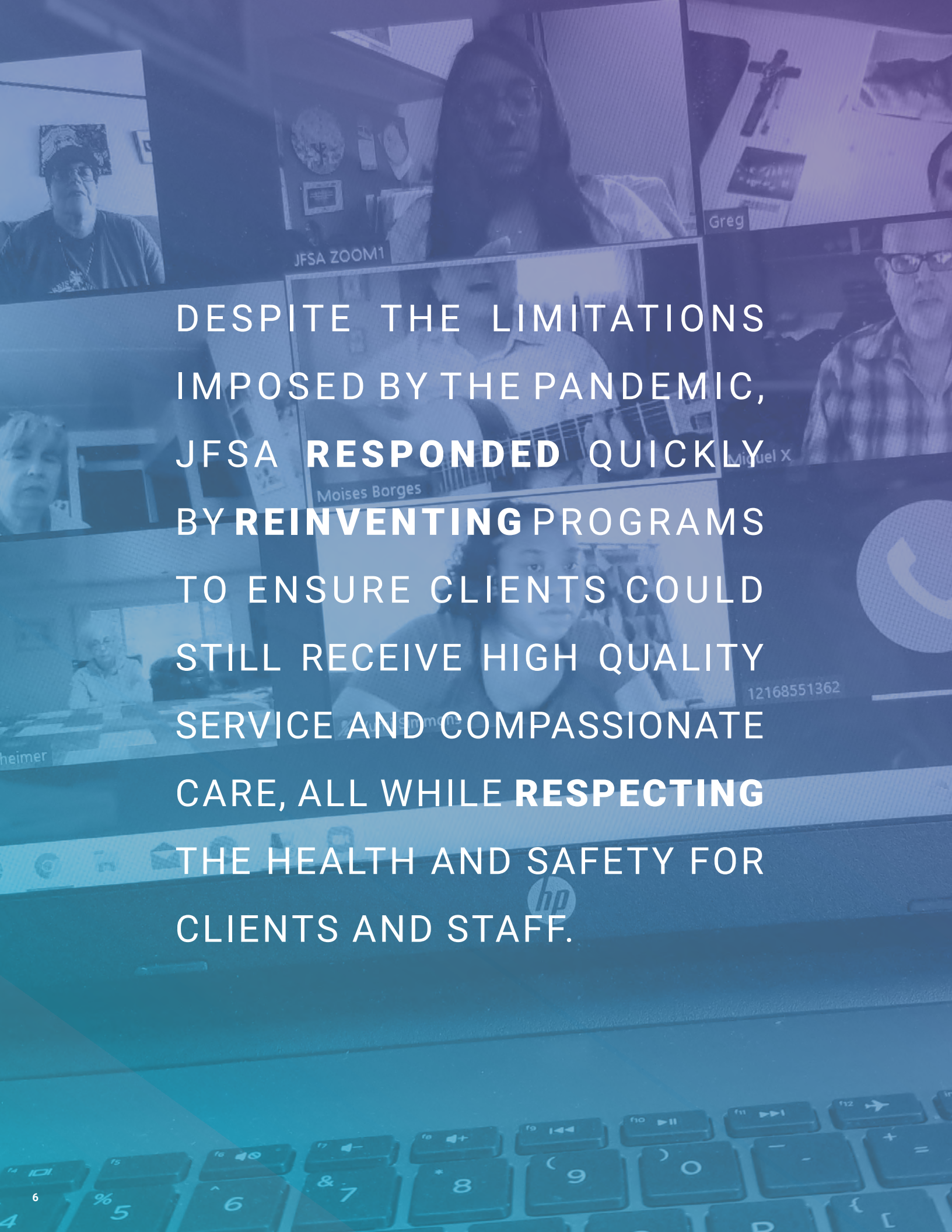
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INDIVIDUALS WITH
DISABILITIES
ACCESSED SERVICES
TO HELP THEM
OBTAIN MEANINGFUL
EMPLOYMENT.

\$32

MILLION
OPERATING
BUDGET WITH
600+
EMPLOYEES

RESULTS



DESPITE THE LIMITATIONS
IMPOSED BY THE PANDEMIC,
JFSA **RESPONDED** QUICKLY
BY **REINVENTING** PROGRAMS
TO ENSURE CLIENTS COULD
STILL RECEIVE HIGH QUALITY
SERVICE AND COMPASSIONATE
CARE, ALL WHILE **RESPECTING**
THE HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR
CLIENTS AND STAFF.

JFSA VACCINATION CLINICS BOOST COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO PANDEMIC

JFSA's Alyson's Place Medical Clinic has been responding to the pandemic with a vaccination program since December 2020. "We vaccinated 200 people at that first clinic," recalls Nata Mendlovic, Alyson's Place chief operating officer, noting that the first clinic was launched in response to a last minute emergency request from MetroHealth to use thawed vaccines that were originally intended for a local nursing home which had to back out due to short staffing and illness. "We had 24 hours to get shots in arms, or the vaccines would be thrown out," she says. "Plus, the clinic had to be held on Christmas Day during a huge snow storm."

For older adults and parents with special needs adult children, at-home vaccinations have been an effective and invaluable option. Jeanne Sydenstricker, a parent of two young adult sons with Fragile X syndrome, was especially challenged with obtaining the vaccine for her sons. "The only way to keep them safe was to keep them at home. I will be forever grateful," she says.

Today, JFSA staff and more than 40 volunteers are on the front line at Alyson's Place and at local synagogues and schools every week, providing vaccines and boosters to all who

request one. Local physicians and nurses volunteer their personal time to administer the vaccine shots, while community volunteers help register people and make sure the process is easy and efficient for everyone.

"The response from our volunteers has been amazing," says Nata. Jon Wise, a JFSA Board member and clinic volunteer, is glad to help in the effort. "Vaccinations are the key to defeating the pandemic. To be a part of this response makes me feel like I am part of the battle. If we're going to win this thing, we have to join together and work at it," he says.

To date, JFSA has delivered more than 2,300 vaccines in the community, including 870 children.

Dr. David Rosenberg, a JFSA Board member and chair of Alyson's Place advisory committee, recognizes the leadership role that JFSA has taken in the community's response to the pandemic. "The vaccine clinics are a typical response by JFSA to what's going on in the community. It was badly needed, it was needed for our clients in particular, and it's how we serve our clients. I'm very proud to be a member of this organization," he says.



Volunteer Jacob Seiger, right, checks in a JFSA client for her COVID-19 vaccination.



JFSA CEO Susie Bichsel checks over client registration forms at a vaccination clinic.

ON-LINE PROGRAMS REINVENT HOW SENIORS CONNECT



Valerie Becker (right) learns how to join on-line programs with help from Mike Malott, a JFS Akron volunteer computer coach.

Some of the hardest challenges triggered by the pandemic are isolation and the lack of socialization opportunities faced by many older adults. JFS Akron and JFS Cleveland responded to this important need by creating a series of free monthly on-line programs covering a range of topics and interests. In May, working with Beth-El Congregation in Akron, JFS and JFS Cleveland sponsored a live on-line musical concert performed in Russian for clients and friends. Attendees logged on from all over Ohio, as well as 11 other states, Israel and even Finland. Over the year, new monthly programs were added to the roster, including Celebrations Club, World Tour, Holiday Happenings, Tuning in Together musical performances, Movie Club, and guest speakers on a variety of topics.

"I like to think that this has brought us all together at a time when the pandemic has left most of us feeling lonely and disconnected," says Buffy Ramos, director of Older Adult Services at JFS Akron. "Sharing resources and creating on-line programming for the Jewish communities throughout the state is a silver lining."

For clients with little or no computer knowledge, JFS Akron provides at-home individual support with volunteer computer coaches who teach clients how to log on to a virtual program, along with other basic computer skills. "It's made a huge difference for me," says Valerie Becker, a client who now participates in most JFS and JFS Cleveland on-line programs. "I need a social secretary because I can't keep track of all the programs I want to participate in! I am so grateful."

According to Mike Malott, a JFS Akron volunteer computer coach, "I'm really blown away with how much this has helped our clients. Once this pandemic is over, our clients will be able to take everything they've learned and use it in the future. It makes me feel even better that I personally can give back."

Buffy agrees. "Once you get seniors connected," she says, "you can help them tune into other programs, such as YouTube, music, movies, and even how to grocery shop."

CLEVELAND CHESED CENTER DELIVERS RESPECT AND BASIC NECESSITIES TO FAMILIES

Six years ago the Cleveland Chesed Center was established to address the growing number of Jewish families facing financial distress by providing free food, clothing and household items in a store front located in Cleveland Heights. Now, as part of JFSA's Strengthening Families division, it continues its meaningful work and offers expanded access to solutions such as employment, public benefits, financial literacy, and temporary housing. Social workers, case managers, and job specialists work together to guide families to sustainability.

Over the course of a year, the Chesed Center gives away over 200,000 pounds of food. Last year, 700 families representing close to 3,500 individuals across 33 zip codes benefitted at a time when the pandemic challenged the resources of many families. Drive-thru and home delivery food distributions helped ease

health and safety concerns, while maintaining basic operations.

"In addition to the food pantry work, we try to respond to times in people's lives when they might feel a financial crunch," says Meira Friedman, Cleveland Chesed Center director of operations. Each year, the Center conducts a Passover food distribution and a back-to-school distribution of backpacks filled with school supplies for children and teens.

"Anyone who comes to us is welcomed and feels respected. They're able to shop with pride and dignity," says Rabbi Avrohom Adler, executive director of Strengthening Families. Meira agrees, saying, "People are willing to come in and shop like it's their local grocery store and not care that they might meet their neighbor or child's teacher here."



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ENDOWMENT FUNDS

These funds include permanently restricted and Board designated endowment funds. List represents funds as of 9/1/2021. Gifts to these funds are recognized in the general donor listings beginning on page 22.

ACHIEVING POTENTIAL DISABILITY SERVICES *(formerly Ascentia)*

Ascentia Endowment

Supports Ascentia programming and services for people with intellectual disabilities and/or mental illness. *Funded in large part with gifts from the Aron and Dorothy Drost Centennial Initiative Ascentia Endowment Fund and from Marvin and Carol Lader via the Marvin Lader JFSA Centennial Initiative Ascentia Endowment Fund.*

Immerman Jewish Community Housing Centennial Initiative Endowment Fund*

Supports affordable supportive housing for individuals with disabilities and other at-risk populations. *Gift of Robert Immerman.*

Irene and Eugene Brudno Fund to Serve Persons with Severe Mental Illness

Supports services for persons with severe mental illness and to fund Ascentia management and infrastructure costs. *Gift of the Irene and Eugene Brudno Charitable Trust.*

Sara Wagner Fund to Serve People with Mental Illness

Supports Achieving Potential programs and services for people with mental illness. *Gift of the Sara Wagner Trust.*

MRDD Endowment

Supports programming and residential services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Anne Wortzman Fund for Work, Social and Recreation Skill Building for Persons with Mental Disabilities

Supports programming for individuals with intellectual disabilities and/or mental illness. *Gift of William Wortzman.*

Sarah and Josephine Rosin Fund Supports programming for individuals with mental disabilities. *Gift of the Trustees of the Sarah Rosin Trust.*

Cary and Barbara Root Fund for Fostering Ascentia Communications through Technology

Supports funding for communications to Ascentia families. *Gift of William Wortzman.*

Deborah Ann Baker Memorial Fund

Supports clients with few financial resources to enjoy quality of life activities. *Gift of Fannie** and Ed** Baker.*

PLAN Endowment

Supports PLAN's quality of life programs and holistic recovery services that help those challenged by mental illness and/or cognitive disabilities progress in their recovery. *Funded in large part with a gift from the Maltz Family Foundation.*

CARING AT HOME

Fund to Support Older Adult Services and Dementia Programming

Supports programming and services for older adults and individuals living with dementia. *Established by the JFSA Board of Directors.*

Berns Newborn Thomas Endowment Fund to Support Older Adults in Need

Provides subsidies for services and purchases for needy older adults who strive to remain safely, securely and comfortably in their homes. *Gift of Karen and Norton Newborn. Funded in part with a matching gift from Robert Immerman.*

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

(formerly Families at Risk)

Strengthening Families Endowment Supports the Hebrew Shelter Home, Family Violence Services, Chesed Center and Forward Focus for individuals experiencing homelessness, domestic violence and/or financial hardships and supports **KNOW Abuse™** teen outreach and prevention. *Funded in part with matching gift from Robert Immerman.*

Hebrew Shelter Home Endowment

Supports Hebrew Shelter Home capital improvements and programming for "at-risk" families. *Gift of Lois J. Davis and Larry Davis Family Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland**

Harvey Kotler and Norma Kotler Endowment Fund

Supports Families at Risk Endowment Fund. Gift of Norma and Harvey Kotler. *Funded in part with a matching gift from Robert Immerman.*

EMPOWERING YOUTH

Richard Horvitz and Erica Hartman-Horvitz YouthAbility Program Endowment Fund*

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Lynne and Philip Cohen Family Fund for Youth Programming

Supports programming for youth. *Gift of Lynne Marcus Cohen and Philip Cohen. Funded in part with a matching gift from Robert Immerman.*

Helene M. and Samuel S. Kaufman Scholarship Fund

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GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS

JFSA Permanently Restricted General Endowment Fund

Supports long-term sustainability of the Agency. *Funded in part with matching gifts from Robert Immerman.*

JFSA Volunteer Activities and Education Endowment Fund

Supports JFSA volunteer activities and educational enrichment for JFSA staff supporting volunteer activities. *Gift of Anonymous Donor. Funded in part with a matching gift from Robert Immerman.*

Stanley and Betty Blum Endowment Fund

Provides JFSA with annual support in perpetuity for any of JFSA's highest priority needs as determined by JFSA President and CEO and/or by any member of the JFSA Executive Team. *Gift of Stanley Blum.***

Lois and Arthur Leb Education and Book Endowment Fund

Supports JFSA staff educational needs as well as learning activities and educational programming for JFSA clients. *Gift of Robert Leb and Judith Leb in memory of their parents, Lois and Arthur Leb.*

The Wirtshafter Family Fund

Provides unrestricted endowment support to JFSA. *Gift of John and Linda Wirtshafter. Funded in part with a matching gift from Robert Immerman.*

The Wortzman and Levine Family Endowment Fund in Honor of Susan Bichsel

Provides unrestricted endowment support to JFSA in honor of Susan Bichsel. *Gift of the Wortzman and Levine families. Funded in part with a matching gift from Robert Immerman.*

The Irving B. Fine Trust Fund

Provides unrestricted general support and support for the Gloria and Irving Fine Family Advocacy and Support Services Program. *Gift of the Irving B. Fine Trust.*

*Operated under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland. **Of blessed memory.

Many thanks to the following Jewish Federation of Cleveland Centennial Initiative Funds which support JFSA's Ascentia Endowment:

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ACHIEVING POTENTIAL DISABILITY SERVICES *(formerly Ascentia)*

Marilyn and Marshall Bedol Fund for Social and Recreational Programming for the Special Needs Community

Supports social and recreational outings for adults with mental illness and/or mental disabilities. *Gift of Marilyn and Marshall** Bedol.*

Peter Hoke Memorial Fund to Support Ascentia Mental Health Services

Supports activities, outings, events and unfunded needs of Ascentia clients. *Gift of contributors in memory of Peter Hoke.*

Fran and Jules Belkin Creative Arts Fund

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Spira Ascentia Fund

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Irving and Gloria Fine Fund for Quality of Life Enhancements

Supports quality of life funding for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. *Gift of Irving** and Gloria Fine.*

Kravitz Family Fund

Supports JFSA clients owning pets with expenses associated with caring for a pet(s) at home. *Gift of Brian Kravitz.*

Seth Loeb Lettowsky Memorial Fund for Social and Recreational Programming

Supports social outings and recreational activities for adults with mental illness. *Gift of Rabbi Alan and Jean Lettowsky.*

Anne Wortzman Fund for Work, Social and Recreation Skill Building for persons with Mental Disabilities

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STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

(formerly Families at Risk)

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The HBSU Fund Supporting the JFSA Communal Fellowship

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Eleanor Steigman Fund for Older Adult Services

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Martin and Leah Bliman Jewish Family Service of Akron Quality of Life Fund for Older Adults

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Dianne and Herb Newman Fund for the Future of JFS Akron

Supports the continued presence of JFS in the Akron community. *Gift of Dianne and Herb Newman.*

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Supports the purchase of books and reference materials. *Gift of Roslyn Wolf** and Judy Sherman** in memory of their parents, Irene and Sidney Zehman.*

Susan Bichsel Discretionary Fund

Supports client needs and staff recognition. *Gift of the JFSA Board of Directors in honor of President and CEO Susan Bichsel.*

Workforce Sustainability Fund

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Donald and Diane Kravitz Emergency Financial Assistance Fund

Provides emergency financial assistance for JFSA clients. *Gift of Brian Kravitz.*

Katherine A. and Noah D. Rusnak Fund for Individual and Family Needs

Supports funding to improve the health and functioning of individuals and families. *Gift of Susan Bichsel and Stephen Rusnak.*

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***Of blessed memory.*



Leah Bliman of Akron (pictured above with JFS Akron's Buffy Ramos) established the Martin and Leah Bliman Jewish Family Service of Akron Quality of Life Fund for Older Adults, in honor of her husband of 68 years, Martin Bliman, *of blessed memory*. Leah has come to deeply appreciate JFS Akron transportation services and arts and culture programming, which have greatly enhanced the quality of her life. Leah hopes that the establishment of this fund will ensure that other older adults in the Akron community benefit, for many years to come.

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PLAN member Eden S. stands in front of a special exhibit at Parade the Circle at the Cleveland Museum of Art Community Art Center.



REMEMBERING PEGGY NATHAN EINSTEIN

Peggy Einstein (*of blessed memory*) was a wonderful, spirited woman who passed away just short of her 99th birthday last year. As an early advocate for creating housing for people with intellectual disabilities, “Peggy was a strong, articulate independent women in a generation that did not always encourage women to speak up. Unlike some advocates, Peggy always made the room better even if she was confronting uncomfortable truths,” according to Chuck Mintz, a JFSA Life Director.

Peggy’s son, Nicky Nathan (*of blessed memory*), lived with Downs Syndrome. Thanks to JFSA, he was able to live independently with a roommate in an apartment in University Heights. He was a joy to Peggy who often shared how grateful she was to JFSA for helping Nicky lead a full life.

Peggy established a charitable gift annuity with JFSA that provided Peggy with a stream of fixed payments during her life with the remaining value benefiting JFSA. Fortunately for JFSA, Peggy’s generosity did not stop there. She named JFSA as a beneficiary in her trust with the direction that trust funds be distributed to JFSA’s MRDD Endowment Fund to support programming and residential services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



REMEMBERING HOWARD KLINE

Howard Kline (*of blessed memory*) believed in JFSA’s important mission to help individuals and families with solutions to face life’s challenges with confidence, especially for older adults. So much so, he arranged to have JFSA named as a beneficiary of several planned gifts in his estate to honor the memory of his father, Dr. Emil Kline, a long-time JFSA board member and officer, as well as his mother, Gertrude and his brother, Douglas.

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WE THANK ALL THE INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND ORGANIZATIONS that volunteered their time to keep our clients safe. We are especially grateful to all the medical professionals and community volunteers who generously donated personal time at JFSA vaccination clinics.

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Board Chair Dan Zelman volunteers his time at JFSA's 2021 Karen Newborn Mitzvah Day, an annual event held each fall at which JFSA board members deliver friendly greetings and Rosh Hashanah gift bags filled with holiday foods to isolated clients who would otherwise be alone during the holidays.

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JFSA board member Michelle Hirsch (far right) makes volunteering at a vaccination clinic a family affair with her sisters (left to right) Jodi Meredieth, Abby Diamond, and Rachel Weinberg.

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Awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student seeking a degree in Special Education, Psychology, Social Work or a related field.



JORDYN is getting her Master's degree in Education from Boston College. She describes herself as "non-verbal autistic." She communicates solely using an electronic device.

"I continue to be so honored to be a recipient of the Horvitz YouthAbility Scholarship! These funds will help me help so many people as I work to make our educational system and society, as a whole, more inclusive," says Jordan.



GRACE is a recent high school graduate who has overcome significant personal challenges with positivity, grit and valor. She is currently working two jobs to save money to attend Lorain Community College. She plans to major in psychology and work in a career which helps the community.

"I am so grateful for this opportunity. I appreciate all the scholarship has done for me. I look forward to working with you in the future and I'll make sure to keep you updated on my achievements in my coming college years," says Grace.

A man with grey hair, wearing a black face mask and a white apron over a dark shirt, is seated at a wooden table. He is focused on a craft project, which appears to be a sunflower made of paper petals and a central disk of small, dark, oval-shaped objects. He is holding a small tube of glue in his right hand. On the table, there are various craft supplies, including a small bowl of white paper scraps, a small bowl of white liquid, and some scattered small objects. In the background, a metal walker is visible, suggesting a supportive environment. The entire image has a blue tint.

RECOGNIZE

Isaac M. works on
handmade crafts
at JFSA's Adult Day
Support program.

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Each year PLAN members look forward to attending local community events together. With face masks in tow, members enjoyed Cleveland's Parade the Circle indoor exhibit and the Asian Lantern Festival.



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Top: Dylan M., a resident of Forever Children home, uses pool noodles as weights during a weekly Zuumba class. Bottom: Residential client Chris C. and PLAN member Mike K. feed the giraffes during an outing at the Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo.

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