



FAMILY MATTERS

JEWISH FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Winter 2010



Here, There and Everywhere

by Iris Young, Executive Director



Even though the offices of Jewish Family & Community Services are located on the Southside of Jacksonville, it feels like JFCS is everywhere. Our counselors and therapists are providing groups and educational events in schools, senior facilities, synagogues and churches. Our staff brings support and hope to struggling families, children in foster care, frail seniors in nursing homes. Programs that lift the spirit during holidays and birthdays are touching expressions of the caring heart of our agency.

Beyond our staff are volunteers, young and old. Over the past year, team building projects organized by local businesses provided diapers and baby clothes for our adoption program and hygiene items for teens learning to live independently. Local schools helped us provide food for our pantry by organizing food drives. Volunteers throughout Jacksonville donated and collected toys so no child would be without a gift for Christmas or Chanukah. These simple acts of kindness strengthen our community.

We invite you to join us in the work we do . . . as a donor, a volunteer, an advocate as a friend. Thank you and Happy New Year.

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Jacksonville Country Day School students are collecting food for the Winn-Dixie Food Pantry throughout the year!



Sara and Anchetta get ready to deliver gifts to Achievers For Life program participants



Celebrating the holidays at Augustine Landing



The much awaited JFCS Fundraiser will debut Saturday, March 6th • 7:30 – 11:00 p.m.



Kicking off the month of March will be a marvelous fundraiser for JFCS, an outstanding social service agency. Step back in time to Hollywood's Golden Age of movies, music, glitz and glamour and help raise money for a great cause.

Sponsor ships are still available.

Event sponsors will receive a star on the walk of fame. Platinum and Gold Benefactors will have limo service to and from the event. The red carpet awaits as the excitement continues to build.

Join the all-star line up as an event sponsor by calling 394-5721.

Catered by Liz Grenamyre, Bella Sera • 919 King Street • Riverside

JFCS Programs & Events

HOOHAY FOR HOLLYWOOD

★ **Saturday Evening** ★
March 6th

Step onto the red carpet and back in time to the golden age of Hollywood. Become a FIVE STAR Event Sponsor and enjoy door to door limo service and a star on our Walk of Fame.
Call Renie at 394-5721 for more information.

Join us for Glitz and Glamour
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Bereavement Support Group

Tuesdays, January 5, 19 • February 9, 16 • 4:00 p.m.

Grief is a universal human experience that is unique for all individuals. Sharing one's grief in a group setting can be both comforting and cathartic. The JFCS Bereavement Support Group offers warmth, understanding and guidance in a Jewish setting to those experiencing the loss of a loved one. RSVP: 224-2048 Location: Jacksonville Jewish Center, 3662 Crown Point Rd.

The Back to Work Club • 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 14, 28 • February 11, 25

A workshop series for those who have been impacted by the current economic crisis. Location: JFCS Dupont Bldg. RSVP: Helen Hill 394-5737

Adoptive Parents Support Group • Thursday, January 21, 7-9 p.m.

First Coast Adoption Professionals, a division of JFCS, and *Plan to Adopt* have begun a support group for parents who either want to adopt or who have already adopted. This group will meet the third Thursday of the month from 7-9 p.m. Call 394-5763 for additional information. Location: JFCS Dupont Bldg.

Karaoke fundraiser for JFCS counseling program

Saturday, January 16 • 8 p.m.

Location: Dick's Wings • 1610 University Blvd.

Proceeds from this event will go toward JFCS counseling programs, benefiting the children, families and individuals we serve within our community.



JFCS and ARC Jacksonville will co-sponsor KoleinuJax

MEET & GREET

Thursday, February 11 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Parker - Wilf Boardroom

Kolieinu-Our voices: Information sharing support group and web-site for parents of Jewish children with special needs. Call Naomi for additional information 394-5777



Special Thanks to JFCS Premium Members

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224-6287

Counseling Help for the Military

Thanks to a recent award by The Florida BRAIVE Fund of The Community Foundation in Jacksonville, Jewish Family & Community Services (JFCS) is proud to announce a new initiative which will provide outpatient counseling, support groups and emergency financial assistance to military personnel and their families.

Through *Project Homefront*, Jewish Family & Community Services will provide individual, couples, family and group counseling to help active-duty, post-deployment, retired military and military families involved in or personally affected by the Operation Iraqi Freedom and/or Operation Enduring Freedom conflicts.

The goal of the project is to provide supportive services that will assist military personnel and their families with re-integration, strengthening family relationships and enhancing their abilities to cope with war trauma.

With access to services and professionals specializing in the treatment of the emotional and behavioral implications of combat-related issues, soldiers will learn how to positively cope with the aftereffects of war. Families will also learn ways to help their loved one more smoothly re-enter civilian life.

For additional information, contact: Rachel Weinstein 394- 5761.



JFCS SIX PROGRAM AREAS

Achievers For Life (AFL)

Partnering with United Way, the program targets middle school students at risk of dropping out with comprehensive services to help move them successfully into 7th grade and increase their capacity for completing high school on time.

Adoption

JFCS places babies into loving homes. Through First Coast Adoption Professionals (FCAP), adoptive parents and birthparents are matched to create a loving placement that fits the best interest of the child.

Child Safety

JFCS provides supervision and support to children and families involved in the **Dependency Court System** (for abused and neglected children). The **JFCS Prevention Program** works with at-risk families to help them make the changes to keep their children safe and out of the court system.

Counseling

The Counseling Department at JFCS is staffed with licensed and license-eligible Clinical Social Workers and Mental Health Counselors offering varied specialties and backgrounds. JFCS provides individual, couple and family counseling.

Department of Jewish Services

The Mission of the Department of Jewish Services is to seek out and serve the members of the Jewish community by providing programs and services that address their physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs.

Financial Assistance

JFCS distributes federal and state funds to individuals who are having difficulty paying rent or utility bills and to individuals who do not have the resources to pay security, rental or utility deposits.

FANN-Feed A Needy Neighbor

Thanks to donations of cash and non-perishable food, JFCS provides groceries to families and individuals experiencing hunger through the Winn-Dixie Emergency Food Pantry.

Jewish Healing Network - We need you!

Help us match volunteers with residents



We are looking to match volunteers with senior residential facilities. If you know of a Jewish senior, living in a non-sectarian nursing home or assisted living facility, who would benefit by a visit from a trained volunteer, or if you would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer, call Helen at 394-5737.

How do I Create My Jewish Legacy?

Bequest gifts allow anyone to become a Philanthropist.

What is a bequest? A bequest is a charitable gift of a percentage or dollar amount distributed from your estate after the end of life.

A bequest is a simple way to include the Jewish causes you care about in your will. After you have taken care of your family, you can designate a percentage or dollar amount to JFCS or any of the JFCS programs you hold dear. Your gift will make a difference for generations to come. **To learn more, please call The Jacksonville Jewish Foundation at 394-0720 or JFCS at 394-5727.**





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The mission of Jewish Family & Community Services is to strengthen the entire community by providing individual and family social services in the Jewish tradition of helping people help themselves.



FANN FOODS OF THE MONTH

January

Beef Stew, Baked Beans, Soups

February

Tuna, Chili, Tomato Sauce, Fruit

March

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers,

April

Beef Ravioli, Baked Beans, Cereal

May

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pasta, Fruit

Dated Material: January 15, 2010

Winn-Dixie Jacksonville OPEN

Tickets Fore Charity



Join Winn-Dixie in support of area non-profits and JFCS.

Mark your calendar

The week of October 18th- 24th at TPC Sawgrass-Dye's Valley Course!

Mark your charity

100% of your ticket purchase goes to your designated charity.

Just log onto:

www.winn-dixiejacksonvilleopen.com

Make your purchase and select Jewish Family & Community Services from the list of charities on the site. It's that easy.

Any additional questions please call Robin at 394-5727

We're here for you!

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Did you know you can make an advance purchase of vouchers to be used for meals or transportation?

Anytime of year, this is a great gift to give a senior so they can arrange their own transportation through the CALL2GO program or order home-delivered meals through Kosher Kart. Gift coupons are in \$5 denominations. Call 224-6287 for more information.



JFCS is proud to announce reaccreditation from the Council on Accreditation (COA). This designation identifies providers that have set high performance standards for themselves and have made a commitment to deliver the highest quality services.



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