



# **Expanding Possibilities For All**

Dear Friends and Supporters of JFCS,

As we reflect on the achievements and milestones of the past fiscal year, we are filled with gratitude for your unwavering support and dedication to our mission.

We made significant strides this past year in providing vital assistance to those in need in our community in each of our core areas of service.

Last year, we launched support groups for parents of transgender youth and those with childhood anxiety issues. We broadened our reach to provide essential services to older adults. The Lifeline





Mike Fine, Board Chair

Dr. David Finke, CEO

Community announcement and Shawnee Community Center outreach initiatives underscore our dedication to providing a safety net for families facing adversity.

Beyond these and other accomplishments last year, we were actively engaged in our community through events like the Republic Bank Players Challenge, Worldfest, and the Pride Festival. The MOSAIC Honorees Luncheon and MOSAIC Awards were memorable events, honoring individuals who are immigrants, refugees and first-generation Americans who have made significant contributions to the greater Louisville community. These activities allow us to connect with the broader community, forging bonds and fostering understanding.

Our journey over the past fiscal year has been marked by dedication to our four main program areas: Clinical Services, Family Stability, Career & Economic Opportunities, and Klein Older Adults. These achievements are a testament to the commitment of our staff, volunteers, and supporters like you.

As we embark on the new fiscal year, we are excited about the possibilities ahead. Our strategic planning process will help us chart a course for a brighter future. We are committed to expanding our impact, reaching more individuals and families in need.

Thank you for your trust in JFCS and for being part of our journey. Your support enables us to transform lives, and we look forward to the year ahead with optimism and determination.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Mike Fine Chairman of the Board of Directors Dr. David Finke

Chief Executive Officer

# Diversity, Equity Inclusion



JFCS marched in Pride Parade



2023 JFCS Community Chat - Supporting Transgender Youth

The vision of JFCS is that ALL in Greater Louisville live with dignity and purpose. This vision is not possible without prioritizing diversity, equity, inclusion, and a trauma-informed care approach. We believe it is central to our mission to not only meet the immediate needs of individuals, but also break down the systemic barriers that can prevent individuals from realizing their full potential.

The DEI+/TIC Committee, made up of staff and board members, has grown over the past year. We began the year with a comprehensive analysis of where JFCS is currently in regard to serving clients, and working with stakeholders and staff internally through the lens of diversity, equity, inclusion, and trauma-informed care. Through the analysis and monthly meetings, we were able to establish a clear, implementable plan that will focus on clients' experience, staff diversification and retention, and stakeholder engagement. A new voluntary role within the committee has been created, the DEI+/TIC Chair, which will sit on the JFCS Leadership Team and ensure a DEI+/TIC perspective is supporting the implementation of the plan.

We are committed to an environment in which all staff, board, volunteers, and clients can thrive.

Join us in building an accessible and inclusive environment for staff, clients, and Greater Louisville.

# Volunteer Programs Living Out Your Values

#### JFCS Marjorie & Robert Kohn Pledge 13 Program

**Seven** B'nai Mitzvah-aged students completed their Pledge 13 projects, beginning their lifelong commitment to service connected to shared Jewish Values.

#### **JFCS Sonny & Janet Meyer Food Pantry**

Volunteers stocked and organized the pantry, shopped with clients and made **611 deliveries** of food to households to battle food insecurity in Louisville. JFCS distributed over 67,000 lbs. of food marking a 35% increase over last year.

# 50 Volunteers 2,196 Service Hours

#### JFCS Telephone Reassurance Program

Staff & Volunteers made **2,524 calls** to isolated seniors whose days were brightened by a friendly voice.

# JFCS Doris L. & Theodore B. Meyers JFCS Shabbos Friends Program

Volunteers provide Sabbath services monthly to Jewish seniors living in local assisted-living facilities and nursing homes. In 2023, we expanded to serve four local facilities and local families had the opportunity to volunteer together.

# A Monumental Year:

**JFCS Fiscal Year in Review** 



JFCS Strategic Plan Process Began

Staff Long-Range Planning Retreat



First JFCS Community Chat: Fighting Food Insecurity



JFCS MOSAIC Awards at The Olmsted



Mauri Malka Receives Lifetime Achievement Award From National Jewish Human Service Alliance

May

February

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March

April June

Second Community Chat:
Supporting Transgender Youth



JFCS Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

JFCS MOSAIC Honorees Luncheon



Annual Meeting & Past Presidents Lunch

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Satellite Food Pantry at Shalom Towers Opens

# Changing Lives: Remarkable Stories of Resilience

\*client names have been changed for confidentiality.



# Family Stability Intensive Care Coordination Services

# 211 Individuals Served

The McCall\* family moved to Louisville after a natural disaster forced the family of six to start their life over. They found housing with a family relative, but it quickly became apparent that this situation was unsustainable. They needed to find other housing quickly.

Through the help of JFCS case managers, the McCalls were able to find stable housing just before the holidays and while this milestone was celebrated, they were experiencing financial instability with no safety net for an emergency. With the help and guidance of JFCS, they have since created and grown a small savings account and continue to work with JFCS.

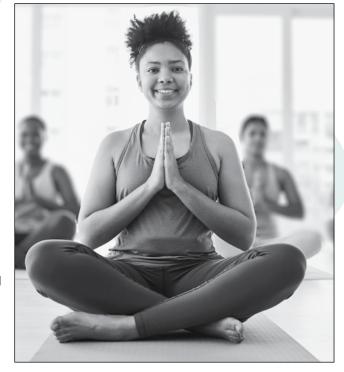
# Clinical Services

**Building Healthy Coping Strategies** 

# 397 Individuals Served

Janea\* came to JFCS seeking counseling support for debilitating anxiety. She had gone through a messy divorce, lost her job, and her physical health was declining, all in the span of a few months.

Through the help of JFCS therapists, Janea was able to take control of her life. She was soon able to find a job she loved with the help of JFCS career coaches who helped her revise her resume and search for a new career path. Today she reports she is happier than she's ever been, has begun a regular exercise regimen, and has more confidence in her ability to follow through with her goals. Janea is well on her way to finding joy in her life again.



# Jewish Life

In 2022, JFCS expanded and created programs to address the needs that were found in a study of the Louisville Jewish community, conducted by Brandeis University. In December, JFCS opened a satellite food pantry at Shalom Towers to meet the needs of residents so they have access to nutricious meal items without having to leave their building. JFCS also worked to expand the Shabbos Friends program from two sites to four sites with volunteer opportunities for Jewish families to host Shabbot services at local assisted living facilities. We also expanded our Family Mitzvah Program and worked to engage young adults and families to connect to their Jewish values through service projects.

# Klein Older Adults

**Aging in Place With Dignity** 

### **480 Older Adults Served**

Alice\* was a long-time client utilizing the JFCS PALs transportation service when she mentioned one day that she was considering the transition to a senior living facility, but was overwhelmed by the

She began working with a case manager in JFCS's Klein Older Adult program who helped her research her options and even went with her on tours of various independent/assisted living facilities in Louisville. JFCS served as an advocate so that she could find a facility that met her short- and long-term needs. She is now happy, making friends, engaging in social gatherings and outings, and living out her days in peace and safety.





# Career & Economic Opportunity

**Creating the Future of Your Dreams** 

# 814 Individuals Served

Anthony\* started his business in 2022 with big dreams. He knew his trade well, but needed help developing a business plan and strategies to be successful.

He turned to JFCS Navigate for help. Working with a JFCS business advisor, Anthony developed a business and marketing plan. With some solid financial projections, he was able to secure a micro-loan through JFCS of \$4,700 to truly make his dream a reality. During a recent follow-up, Anthony noted that his business is thriving and that he has never felt a more focused sense of purpose with his life.

# Expanding Possibilities For All 1,917 Individuals Served

JFCS saw a significant increase in requests for services over the past year. The graphic to the right shows the impact JFCS had last year in our four main program areas. JFCS also began several new programs including: The Launch Program, N648 waiver applications for older adults, and **Shawnee Community Center expansion.** 



# JFCS Strategic Plan

Fiscal Year 2024- Fiscal Year 2026

#### Theme 1

Develop internal capability to respond to changing client and community needs.

#### OBJECTIVE - Evaluate programs for need, fit, efficacy, and sustainability.

- · Use a decision matrix to analyze needs, fit, efficacy, and sustainability of existing programs to enable programming and
- Develop program evaluations for potential new programs across the Louisville region.

#### OBJECTIVE - Develop more relevant and efficient technology infrastructure.

- Acquire a new Electronic Medical Records system.
- Acquire a new billing system.
- Develop mobile technology platforms.

#### **OBJECTIVE - Maximize people power.**

- Address staff and agency training needs.
- Develop and implement new staff performance evaluations.



### Theme 2

### Strengthen awareness of JFCS in the Jewish and Greater Louisville community.

OBJECTIVE - Develop annual communication plan which addresses stakeholder engagement to increase awareness of the JFCS brand.

- Determine marketing, advertising, and PR priorities for each program.
- Increase our brand presence across media platforms.

#### OBJECTIVE - Increase our community impact to better represent our community.

- Increase our community outreach.
- Implement DEI Plan with ongoing evaluation.
- Improve our engagement on policy matters that affect our clients and stakeholders.



### Theme 3

### Expand and diversify resources to ensure JFCS sustainability.

#### OBJECTIVE - Expand and diversify human resources to improve capacity and sustainability.

- Prioritize hiring and retaining a diverse workforce.
- Build positional and institutional knowledge.
- Develop more innovative volunteer opportunities to expand capacity.

#### OBJECTIVE - Expand and diversify economic resources to minimize risk and improve sustainability.

- Increase individual giving and donor base.
- Increase unrestricted funding.
- Continue to diversify grant and funding resources.
- Expand fee-based services to be a greater percentage of revenue.

#### **OBJECTIVE - Maximize environmental and physical resources.**

- Evaluate and implement safety processes and initiatives for staff, clients, volunteers, and facilities.
- Evaluate and plan for long-term physical space needs.

# Looking Ahead

Mark Your Calendars for These Community Events

### **JFCS MOSAIC AWARDS 2024**

May 14th - Mellwood Arts Center

The JFCS MOSAIC Awards recognizes refugees, immigrants and first-generation Americans who have made an impact in their community. Join us as we celebrate these Leaders, Changemakers. and Humanitarians as they help build the City of Louisville into a brighter, more inclusive place.

#### **2024 Honorees**











GE APPLIANCES













# **20th Annual Republic Bank Players Challenge**

Summer 2024 - TBD

This is the 20th anniversary of this exciting event we do in partnership with the Trager Family JCC. For 19 years, the Republic Bank Players Challenge Golf Tournament has benefited JFCS and the Trager Family JCC. Through the work of both organizations, your participation will make a meaningful impact on the lives of thousands in Greater

# **Seligman Speaker Series**

Fall 2024 - Featuring Ariel Elias

The Lillian O. Seligman Contemporary Thought Forum is an annual event inviting guest speakers to offer their perspective on relevant topics while bringing awareness to the work and mission of JFCS. Named after the late Lillian O. Seligman (z"l), her family works alongside JFCS to select speakers that honor her memory and interests. We are thrilled to continue this exciting series.



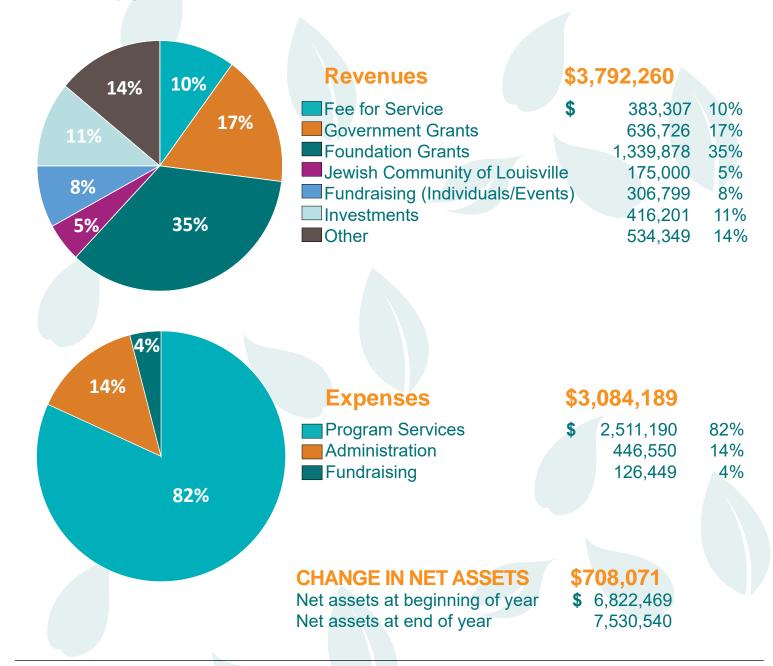


# **JFCS Community Chats 2024**

In 2023, JFCS launched a new initiative called the JFCS Community Chat which are quarterly panel discussions focusing on a pertinent need in the community. The goal is to highlight all of the programmatic expertise JFCS has to offer while also showing how critical we believe collaboration is to holistically serve the community. We will announce the topics of the 2024 JFCS Community Chats at the beginning of 2024!

# Statement of Activities

Fiscal Year 2023 Audited



# Who We Served

#### Race

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American Indian/Alaska Nativ	e 1.0%
Asian	3.8%
Black or African American	22.7%
Multi-Racial	5.6%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.2%
White	65.6%
Prefer not to answer	1.2%

### **Ethnicity**

Latinx/Hispanic	19.8%
Middle Eastern/North African	6.5%
None	56.9%
Other	10.3%
Prefer not to answer	6.6%

### Religion

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Buddhist	0.1%
Catholic	11.7%
Christian	30.2%
Hindu	0.2%
Jewish	22.2%
Muslim	7.1%
None	16.1%
Other Religion	3.9%
Unaffiliated	7.7%

# **JFCS Endowment & Program Funds**

Al Erlen Fund for Board Leadership
Bob Tiell/Dave Dobson Program Innovation Fund
The Bonnie L. Bizer Emergency Services Fund for
Jewish Individuals & Families
The Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund
The Doris L. & Theodore B. Meyers JFCS Shabboos

The Marjorie & Robert Kohn Pledge 13 Program

Friends Program

The Carole & Larry Goldberg Family Mitzvah Program
The Marilyn & Alan Bornstein Fund for Family Therapy
The Marjorie & Melvin Nadler Senior Homecare Fund
The Lillian O. Seligman Seminar Series Fund:
Contemporary Thought Forum
The Judy Freundlich Tiell Community Outreach Fund

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# **JFCS 1908 Legacy Society**

JFCS 1908 Legacy Society Members who have committed to leave a bequest, or those of blessed memory, who have already left their gift.

Anonymous (7) Billy Altman Arlene & Bruce Belman Lisa S Sobel-Berlow & Benjamin M. Berlow Leigh & Dr. Russell Bird Sarah & Christopher Brice **Beverly Bromley** Shannon & Marc B. Charnas Mary Cleary Paula & Michael Cohn Amy & Matthew Doctrow James L. Ensign **Courtney Evans** Judy Freundlich Tiell & Robert Tiell Debbie & Alan Friedman Deborah Frockt & Steve Alter Bruce S. Gale Amy & Lance Gilbert Jane Goldstein Nicole & Dr. David Goldstein Scott & Kristal Goodman

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Lillian Pinhas Suzanne K. Post (z"l) Betsy & Mark Prussian Stephanie Reese & Mark Silver Lisa & Peter Resnik Abigale Rhodes & Jordan Scott Green Susan Rudy Dafna Schurr & Edwin H. Cohen Linda T. Shapiro & Robert L. Taylor Karen & Keith Sherman Carole M. Snyder Robin & Stephen Stratton Elaine & Ron Weisberg Leonard Wexler (z"l) Carol Baker Wishnia & Jacob Wishnia Amy T. Wisotsky & Henry M. Burt Sara Yamin

LIFE & LEGAC 9.
Assuring JEWISH TOMORROWS
A program of the HAROLD GRINSPOON FOUNDATION

This listing reflects Legacy commitments and previously realized Legacy gifts through June 30, 2023

### **Lifeline Community**

The Lifeline Community is our newest giving society recognizing our most dedicated supporters and advocates.

**Defenders - \$10,000 and above** Helene & Andrew Trager-Kusman

Builders - \$5,000 - \$9,999

Dafna Schurr & Edwin Cohen
Sandra Frazier

Marilyn D. Schorin

Rae Shepherd-Shlechter

& Ted Shlechter

Champions - \$3,600 - \$4,999 Karen & Jay Klempner Robin & Stephen Stratton

Advocates - \$1,800-\$3,600 Madeline & Jerry Abramson Susan & Dr. Jeffrey Callen Mary Cleary Shannon & Marc Charnas Paula & Michael Cohn Theresa Marie Keeley & Mike N. Fine Dr. Helene & Dr. David Finke Debbie & Alan Friedman George Polur & Michael Gold Karen & Douglas S. Gordon Frankye Gordon Dr. Lisa & Robert Klein Marjorie & Robert Kohn Phyllis & David Leibson Judith F Shapira Tammy & Mark Switow Linda Shapiro & Robert Taylor

Volunteers - Over 65 Hours
Kathy & Mark Dibbens
Zina Dubrovensky
Mike Eldridge
Cynthia Ann Farmer
Margie Kommor
Tracey Nettles
Tami Penner
Inam Shalati



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# **Our Mission**

We expand possibilities for each person and every family to meet life's challenges with confidence.

# **Our Vision**

All in Greater Louisville live with dignity and purpose.

# **Our Values**

Guided by our Jewish values, we serve people of all backgrounds with:

Kavod (Respect):

Respect for the undeniable humanity of each person.

### **Chesed (Compassion):**

Actions rooted in compassion and empathy.

### Kehilah (Community):

Connections that strengthen individuals and build community.

### Tzedek (Justice):

Advocacy that fosters fairness and equity.

#### Avodah (Service):

Service to others that has the power to repair our world.

# JFCS Board of Directors

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