Another Community Dream . . . Soon A Reality
New JAFCO Respite & Family Resource Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities

Construction for the The Sam and Adele Borger Campus of the David Posnack Jewish Children’s Center is underway. The land for this state-of-the-art facility was generously donated by the Jewish Federation of Broward County and the Daniel Cantor Senior Center. The project was partially funded by the State of Florida, Agency for Persons with Disabilities. Grand Opening is expected in Fall/Winter of 2013.

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams,” Eleanor Roosevelt so eloquently stated. Four years ago, JAFCO along with some champions for the disabilities community had a dream of creating a welcoming and inviting place for families who are raising a child with a developmental disability. In that dream the center would bring together, in one beautiful place, all of the needed support, services, therapies and social and recreational activities. In addition, extended respite care of two weeks per year, would be offered to each family. The mission of this center is to offer parents the support they need to raise their children at home and avoid where possible, placement in a long term residential facility.

JAFCO is excited to announce that after four years of careful planning, permitting and fundraising, construction began in early October! Our estimated completion time is one year from now! Please drive by the site and you will be very proud to see the beginning of an amazing one of a kind center that you are creating. The address is 5100 Nob Hill Road in Sunrise (1/4 mile south of Commercial Blvd. on the east side of Nob Hill), just minutes from the Sawgrass Expressway, easily accessible to families from all three counties.

There is room for everyone in the community to be involved. Once the center is open we plan to use volunteers daily, ranging in age from 12 to 80 - entire families will be able to volunteer together. We also need your help to complete our capital campaign in order to complete construction of the entire campus. An additional $5m in capital donations is being sought. See page 9 for a complete list of naming opportunities and feel free to join together with friends or family members to make a capital pledge together. It is a beautiful way to share your love for one another by changing the world for families who need our love and support.
Meet JAFCO Staff Member Rebecca Salus

Rebecca Salus has dedicated the last decade of her life to her career at JAFCO. “I chose Social Work because I wanted to help children who have endured the trauma of abuse and neglect. I feel a special connection to JAFCO’s mission”, says Rebecca. She began her career as a young social worker in our Foster Care, Adoption and Family Preservation unit. Her job was to make and monitor placements of children, supervise and support the placement and the foster and adoptive parents and provide clinical case management services which included home visits, parent training, behavior management, supervising birth parent visits, providing 24 hour on-call emergency support, going to court and many more tasks. Rebecca demonstrated many talents and interests and her writing skills were excellent. Over the years Rebecca has taken on many new roles at the agency and currently she is the Licensing Specialist in charge of recruiting, training, evaluating and approving all of the JAFCO Foster and Adoptive Parents, making appropriate matches of children and families, providing monthly in-service training to the foster/adoptive parents and any support they need. In addition Rebecca assists with maintaining state licenses and contracts that allow JAFCO to provide foster care, adoption, emergency shelter and group home services. She also is the agency Grants Writer and is responsible for creating important relationships with foundations resulting in annual donations of over $300,000 to help JAFCO reach its $5m budget and allow us to take care of 700 children each year. “Rebecca is a dedicated and talented member of the JAFCO staff and we are so fortunate to have her as an advocate for our precious children”, said Sarah Franco, JAFCO Executive Director.

Kenneth Needs A Loving Forever Family

As JAFCO celebrates its 20th Anniversary, the initial mission of the non profit faith-based child welfare agency, Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Options, finding foster and adoptive families for older children and sibling groups is still in place. Over 400 children have been placed in loving JAFCO foster and adoptive homes since the agency opened its doors in 1992. JAFCO cares for children ages birth through 18 and receives children from the Department of Children and Families and also privately from family members who call for help. “Often the children are placed in the custody of their grandparents and as they get older, it sometimes becomes too much,” says Franco. “And if the grandparent calls for help, we will be there as in the case of Kenneth.”

Kenneth just celebrated his 12th birthday this September. Kenneth’s mother could not care for him and abandoned him. His father has been incarcerated for much of Kenneth’s life and recently the courts freed Kenneth for adoption. Kenneth is an adorable, bright and sweet child who looks young for his age. Kenneth does well in school and is curious about the world and loves to create things with his hands and his imagination. He enjoys building complex and interesting structures with Legos and can follow complex instructions from a manual. He also enjoys creating things using the art of origami. He has recently

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Kenneth is 12 years old and is in need of a loving family, a place where he can feel safe and can call home. He needs a family that can teach him to express his feelings related to the trauma he has experienced.

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Above: Godparents Nel & Jon Bloom graciously hosted and sponsored this lovely reception at their elegant home “Casa Bloom” in Boca. The Annual Godparent, Legacy and Founders Circle Reception is held every year in honor of all the wonderful donors that “spiritually” adopt, love and protect all the children of JAFCO.

All JAFCO Godparents, Founders and Legacy donors are invited to our next recognition reception on Sunday, April 1, 2013.
The Best Investment You Can Make is in the Life of a Child

(L-R) Receiving a beautiful hand crafted silver and gold menorah (created by Yaacov Heller) for their capital contributions to build the new JAFCO Respite and Family Resource Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities are (JAFCO Foundation Board member) Leslie & Kim Kaminoff from Boca Raton who have named a Butterfly Garden, JAFCO Trustee Mara & Dr. Mel Gober from Weston who have named the Director’s Office and Linda & Lee Hertz from Aventura who named a Butterfly Garden in loving memory of Linda’s Grandmother Mazie Golin.

The Marcus Foundation Joins the JAFCO Family

Marcus Foundation Supports the JAFCO Children’s Village and Joins the JAFCO Founders Circle

Bernie Marcus was born in 1930 and grew up in Newark, New Jersey. His parents were poor Russian immigrants who arrived in America to escape the Holocaust. Both parents had strong personality characteristics which appear to have been picked up by Bernie. His mother instilled in him such positive traits as a positive mental attitude, a desire to make a difference, learning from setbacks, and the importance of giving to others. His father demonstrated a tremendous work ethic. He was a cabinetmaker who worked seven days a week, fifteen hours a day.

Marcus’s hard work and motivation to succeed eventually began to pay off. After gaining much experience in the home improvement department, Marcus and co-worker, Arthur Blank decided to join forces, and in a short while a new concept appeared on the horizon: orange aprons were the fashion and tools were the gear. Marcus had given birth to what was to become one of the great stories in retail history: The Home Depot.

To Marcus, his employees are never just staff. To him, the employees of The Home Depot are family. This turned into a commitment for Marcus, a commitment to family, to employees, and with the increase in business, a commitment to philanthropy. Community service has become a hallmark of The Home Depot: “When The Home Depot went public we realized that we had the financial capacity and wherewithal to give back to the communities where we did business. There is a concept in Judaism called tzedakah which means ‘to give back.’ It is considered a mitzvah,

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Home Depot Owner
Bernie Marcus
Presenting the JAFCO Godparent Circle

To be asked to be the Godparent for a child is one of the greatest honors in life. The children of JAFCO are asking you to become their Godparent. JAFCO Godparents spiritually “adopt” an abused child to ensure that they have everything they need. As a Godparent you welcome the child to the beauty of the world and to Judaism. The JAFCO Godparent Circle has been created to ensure that each JAFCO child will have a wonderful life filled with every opportunity that our own children have.

JAFCO Godparents make a commitment to support the children of JAFCO for ten years with a gift of $1,800 a year, less than $5.00 a day. Two special 14k gold pins have been created featuring the JAFCO logo which symbolizes our mission - a child swinging joyously on the tree of life. The woman’s pin features a moveable swing with either a boy or a girl on the swing and can also be worn on a necklace. The man’s lapel pin is black onyx with gold inlay.

Becoming a Godparent - it is about saving the lives of an entire generation of children who need your protection. Since it is the perfect birthday or anniversary gift, you can become a Godparent at any time of the year and it would be our honor to pin you at one of our JAFCO events. Your name will join our wall of honor at the JAFCO Jewish Children’s Village.

Godparents for Life

At the 2010 JAFCO Gala, Gala Co-Chair Cindy Niad Hannah and her husband Steve Mutchnick announced that not only were they renewing their godparent pledge for a second ten year commitment, but that they were committing to remain JAFCO Godparents for the rest of their lives. Because of their generosity we are officially announcing the Godparents for Life option for our JAFCO Godparents. This commitment offers the children of JAFCO even greater security for their future. The following couples have committed to become JAFCO Godparents for Life.

Dorinne & Jeffrey Gerstin
Nanci & Stephen Beyer

Dr. Mel & Mara Gober
Cindy Niad Hannah & Steve Mutchnick

Dave & Ethel Sommer
Helene & Stephen Weicholz

Recommitted Godparents

In addition to their first 10 year godparent pledge, these loving and compassionate couples have recommitted to become Godparents to raise another generation of children at the JAFCO Children’s Village by making a second pledge of $18,000 over the next ten years.

Richard Allen
Martha & Melvin Aronson
Gloria & Herb Barker
Linda & Don Brodie
Fern & Alvin Davis
Minerva & David Davis*
Dale & Roger Gandall
Marlene & Stewart Greenbaum
Ellen & Gerald Greenspoon
Louise Jacowitz
Sylvia Kahana & Arie Taykan

Nancy & Alfred Katzin
Fran & David Krathen
Marsha & Alan Levy
Fern Lentini Manne & Stan Manne
Sandi & Robert Morris
June & Monte Nathanson
Karen & Gregory Ritter
Patti & Larry Share
Denise & Ronald Simon
Sandra & Charles Simon
Elsa & Peter Zoberg

The JAFCO Godparent Circle

Irene Abel
Margo & Richard Absher
Melissa & Brad Ackerman
Marjorie & Ira Albert
Margie & Ronald Alter
Dorit Arad & Avi Samuels
Donna & Dennis Arnold
Linda Aronson
Terry & Allen Auerbach
Noni & Alan Aufzien
Phyllis Axelrod
Cathy & Marc Backal
Susan & Craig Bagon
Amy Joy Barker
Muriel & Didier Baroukh
Patti & Edward Barrocas
Milicent & Ben Bauer
Heidi & Michael Baumann
Joan Baxt
Abbe & Steven Becker
Caryn & Michael Bedzow
Cindy & Alan Behar
Regina & Isaac Behar
Sherry & Michael Bell
Gilbert Benhamou
Dara & Alan Berger
Ilse Bergmann*
Doris Berkell
Lilian Berkowitz
Beverly & Phil Berman*
Melinda & Michael Berman
Cathy & Kenneth Bierman
Joyce Bloch
Nel & Jonathan Bloom
Mami Bloomster
FL State Senator Ellyn & Steven Bogdanoff
Sylvia Boklan*
Adle & Samuel Borger
Bruce Borger
Karen Borger
Ellen & Michael Braun
Amy & William Brennan
Brieanne & Harris Brodie
Repairing the World One Child at a Time

Bonnie & Norman Brooks
Nancy & Martin Brounstein
Nancy & Peter Brown
Judith Bukaitz
Renee & Douglas Burns
Anne & Malcolm & Butters
Marcie & Mark Butters
Phyllis & Samuel* Butters
Erha & Daniel* Cantor
Brenda & Kenneth Carmel
Carole & Alan Chase
Gila & Allen Chelminsky
Ruth Citrin
Becky & Louis Cohen
Evelyn & Jack Cohen
Gail & Bradley Cohen
Guy Cohen & Lee Moran
Hara & Michael Cohen
Marcia & Philip Cohen
Michelle & Seth Cohen
Myra & Barry Cohen
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Phyllis Cohen
Sandra & Brad Cohen
Lou Anne & Michael Colodny
Gail & Stuart Corenblum
Deborah & Michael Coslov
Rachel & Greg Danzig
Sheila & Bill Danzig
Debbie & John Daum
Annie & Abraham David
Norma & Mark David
Janice Davidson
Brian Distelburger
Cathy & Bert Distelburger
Marny Dixon
Judy & Daniel Dobin
Ruth & Bernard Drucker
Susie & Ariel Edelsburg
Joan & Jay Eichel
Diana & Edward Eisenberg
Janet & Donald Eisenstein
Lindsay & Henry Ellenbogen
Anne Ellman
Amy & Steven Erbaum
Vicki & Gary Erbaum
Joyce & Harold Escott
Anna Ezratti
Janet & Robert Fabricant
Jennifer & Peter Fain
Marcy & Art Falcone
Susan & Joel Fass
Steven Feder & Louis Trosclair
Minerva & Barry Feinberg
Wendy & Richard Fenton
Sondra Fether
Kim & Sean Fetterman
Laura Feuer
Jane Fina
Janet & Lawrence Fine
Jeanette & Ted Fine
Susan & Richard Finkelstein
Charlotte & Steven Finver
Linda & Leon Finver
Susan & Norman Fixler
Kenneth & Marge* Flanz
Joan Fletcher & Fred Hirsh
Fran & Alan Foont
Phyllis & Eli Footer
Marion & Jordan Fox
Vicki & Gary Freed
Abby & Alan Freedman
Gertrude & Israel Freedman
Shirley Freedman
Lane & Lee Friedel
Elaine & Harold Friedland
Holly & Daniel Friedman
Madeline Friedman
Pearl & Donald Friedman
Alexis & Tom Fritz
Noemee Furman*
Jill & Yori Gabel
Renee & Stephen Gans
Barbara & Lee Garfield
Marla & David Garfinkle
Terri & Benjamin Garfinkle
Beth & David Geduld
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Mortimer Geisler
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Rhea & Charlie Hallinan
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Joan & Paul Hauser
Eric Hecht
Flora & Jerome* Heilweil
Barbara & Neil Henschel
Joyce & Mark Herman
Lisa & Scott Herman
Minette & Frederich Herman
Maty & David Herschthal
Linda & Lee Hertz
Ursula & Leonard Hess
Ellen & Stuart Hirsch
Leona Hirschkorn & Marvin Silverman
Cheryl & Neal Hochberg
Bernard Hoffman
Lois Hollander & Steven Schlosser
family of Stephanie Hollander
Iris & Steven Horowitz
Gilda & Mitchell Howell
Barbara & Scot Hunter
Anne Hutner
Tami & Perry Isenberg
Jane & Douglas Jacobs
Jessica & Harvey* Jacobson
Ingrid & Robert Jaffe
Barbara & David Jay
Kimberly & Leslie Kaminoff
Abbey & Alyne Kaplan
Carol & Edward Kaplan
Ed Kaplan
Linda Kaplan
Gloria & Alan Kaufman
Lois & Stephen Kaufman
Diana & Steve Kauppinen
Jennifer & Matthew Kay
Sarah & Shlomo Khoudari
Julie & David Kirschner
Janice Klein
Sue & Jerry Kline
Sisel Klurman
Jean & Martin* Knobel
Helene & Marc Kovens
Kandy & Jeff Kramer
Linda & Gary Krat
Vanessa Krielstein
Lisa Krinsky
Glenda & Ronald Krongold
Richard Kronrad
Helen Kuriansky*
Stacey & Barry Labell
Elinore Lambert & Jerome Kelter
Marcia & Jeffrey Langley
Mildred Langsam & Barnett Wallitzer
John Lasry
Marilyn Lazar
Elisa Lebovich
Sonya Lederer
Jacielle & Martin Lederman
Carol Leeds
Patti* & Richard Leiner
Bets & EJ Leizerman
Bonita & Lewis Lepene
Lauren & Gregg Leslie
Josephine & Alvin* Levine
Laura Levine & Morry Rubin
Robin & Mark Levinson
Sandra & Sid Levy
Victoria & Alan Levy
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Rhonda Linet
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Charlotte & Eugene Milgram
Masha & Alexander Milman
Carol & Paul Miller
Elayne* & Sam Millman
Madelyn & Arthur Millman
Judy & Monroe Milstein
Lauren & Jeff Morris
Florence Moss
Deborah & Eric Nemiroff
JAFCO respectfully and sadly acknowledges the loss of the following members of the JAFCO Family. They will not be forgotten.


IN LOVING MEMORY

As of October 1, 2012

*of blessed memory
Construction Started on Exciting New JAFCO Center

JAFCO Respite and Family Resource Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities

Current Support Groups and Services
Currently the parents of over 100 children with developmental disabilities from all over South Florida are receiving supportive services in the form of therapy, case management and referral and on-call crisis support from Program Director Linda Sachs. Also weekly support groups are taking place in all three counties. Everyone is welcome.

*New* Monthly Parents Night Out *New*
The newest addition to our support groups is a night out to relax for couples (and single parents) at a local restaurant. Call JAFCO Developmental Disabilities Program Coordinator, Linda Sachs for dates and locations (in each county) and come and enjoy a well-deserved night out.
Palm Beach: 561.372.0103
Broward: 954.749.7230
Miami Dade: 305.403.7015

How you can help
♥ Share information about the center with families in need of help.
♥ Lend your support to a family you know who is raising a child with a disability, offer to baby-sit, invite them out with your family or invite the parents for an evening out.
♥ Attend our annual *In My Shoes Luncheon* on October 4, 2013 at Boca West Country Club, bring your friends too!
♥ Buy a sterling silver JAFCO Shoe Necklace to support the D.D. Center.
♥ Create a fundraising event in your community to benefit this wonderful program.
♥ Make an operational donation of any amount or a capital gift from the list provided (ranging from $36,000 to $1 million, payable over 5 years). One or more families can join together to make a capital gift as friends or as a family donation.
♥ Host a parlor meeting in your home for your friends and family in order to raise awareness about the JAFCO Disabilities Program.

What the Center will Bring to Our Community
As funding permits, these are the dreams that we have for this innovative center serving children birth through 21 with any developmental disability:
♥ An inviting safe haven for any child with a developmental disability and for any family in need of ongoing support and guidance and also crisis support.
♥ A comprehensive all-inclusive one-stop center for quality family support services, recreation, socialization, therapy, case management and referral, crisis support and respite care. There will be ongoing support groups every day for moms, dads, couples, grandparents, typical siblings and friends. Socialization activities will include art classes, drama classes, cooking, gardening, fitness, basketball, Lego building, birthday club, computer club, video game club and more. Activities will be offered during the week and on weekends for children with disabilities who will be mentored by typical children their own age.
♥ A supportive and loving environment where families can feel supported by each other and by their community without worrying about whether or not their child will have a “meltdown”. No child will be excluded because of their behavior.
♥ A home-like family environment where children can come for respite care for one night or up to two full weeks per year offering their parents an opportunity to take a well deserved break in order to relax and rejuvenate, maybe even a vacation!
♥ An innovative training and support center for family members to receive support from other families in the same situation, to learn about the latest research on developmental disabilities and learn how to manage difficult behaviors. Extended family members and friends can learn how they can support family members and friends who are raising a child with a developmental disability.
♥ A warm and compassionate place where families can make life plans for their child’s future with the guidance of competent professionals.

JAFCO Developmental Disabilities
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Above: The first ever JAFCO “Sibshop” series helped typical siblings cope with the stressors of having a sibling with a developmental disability. Attending three meaningful Sunday experiences allowed them to share their feelings with the loving support and encouragement of JAFCO Developmental Disabilities Program Coordinator, Linda Sachs and many Sibshop volunteers from our community.
Thank you - Capital Campaign Update - Thank you

JAFCO Respite and Family Resource Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities

Our Capital Campaign now stands at $9.3 million including cash, land and bequests. Another six million in cash pledges is needed to complete construction and the list of naming opportunities is located below. We are asking for everyone’s support. If you know of any foundations who support children with developmental disabilities that might wish to donate to the capital campaign, please tell them about this exciting project, which will truly be a first in our nation. We need the support of the entire community to make this project a reality.

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Supporting Children with Developmental Disabilities

2nd Annual In My Shoes Luncheon

Left: Our fabulous luncheon committee creates another meaningful and successful event for over 450 guests raising $120,000! (L–R) Lisa Pawliger, Leslie Greene, Kim Rochelle, JAFCO Development Director Gail Marlow, Jenn Betesh, Maria Stevens, JAFCO Trustee Dorinne Gerstin, Stacey Austein, JAFCO Developmental Disabilities Program Coordinator Linda Sachs, Susan Hyman, Sandy Rizzo-Weiner, Amy Bergman & Kim Fetterman. Front Row: Co-chairs Randi Winter & Lori Konsker

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Above: Donors Phyllis Butters (second from right) and her beloved late husband Sam, of blessed memory, made a capital donation of $36,000 to name the Sam & Phyllis Butters Organic Vegetable Garden for the NEW JAFCO Respite and Family Resource Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities. The Center is currently under construction and an additional $5m is needed to complete this state of art facility in the fall of 2013.

2nd Annual In My Shoes Luncheon

Left: Alman Brothers music legend Warren Haynes performed a benefit outdoor concert at the home of Jon and Nel Bloom to benefit children with developmental disabilities served by both JAFCO and One World Adoption Services. The concert raised over $67,000 allowing JAFCO to provide therapy, support groups, case management and on-call crisis support to over 100 families who are raising a child with a developmental disability.

Right: Attorney Jeff Kasky from One World Adoption showing off his talented auctioneering skills, raising $11,000 from the sale of this beautiful Les Paul Guitar. OWAS graciously shared the proceeds from the benefit concert with JAFCO to fund our services to children with developmental disabilities. Thank you Jeff and One World for your great work in our community and for your partnership.

Warren Haynes Benefit Concert Raises $67,000
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Meet Davie/Plantation/Cooper City

Chapter President Sharon Wender

Sharon Wender first became involved with JAFCO over 10 years ago when she first learned about the organization. She immediately became an active “hands-on” chapter member ready to help with anything that was needed. She and her friends had a weekly “date” for lunch followed by a stop at the JAFCO Children’s Village to help organize the JAFCO donation closet so that clothing would be readily available and sized when children arrived for placement in the middle of the night with nothing but the clothes they were wearing. Sharon remained active within the Davie/Plantation/Cooper City Chapter until she was asked to become the Chapter President in 2011, taking over for her friend and past president Vicki Stolberg. “Finding someone who could fill Vicki’s shoes was not easy, but Sharon’s personality and love for the organization made her the perfect choice. We were thrilled when she accepted”, says Sarah Franco, JAFCO Executive Director.

The chapter has grown rapidly under Sharon’s leadership, she has formed an active and hardworking board that meets regularly to plan events to raise awareness and much-needed funds for JAFCO. “I am so proud of the chapter board members who are all varying ages. It’s such a pleasure to see everyone enjoying getting together to do things for JAFCO, it’s been a great experience”, says Sharon.

As a mother of three beautiful children - Alison, age 25, Matthew, age 23, and Jaime, age 19, Sharon felt immediately connected to children who were all alone in this world. “My children are very blessed, however as a mother it’s painful to watch other children that aren’t as lucky”, says Sharon. She states “My most meaningful experiences as a JAFCO volunteer have been hearing the success stories of children graduating from high school and going off to begin a college career with every resource they need to be successful; or hearing about the younger children that have been successfully placed in a safe and loving foster or adoptive home after going through some of the most unbelievable and abusive childhood experiences.”

Professionally Sharon worked as a travel agent for over 30 years and after retiring became a full time “consummate volunteer”. In addition to JAFCO, Sharon has given her time and love for over 20 years to support other agencies in the community including the David Posnack JCC and Temple Kol Ami Emanu-El and is serving her third year as Volunteer Coordinator for Purple Stride 2012 benefitting the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

Sharon’s loving husband of 28 years, Stephen, has always been supportive of her efforts to help others and in 2007 he surprised Sharon by making her a JAFCO Godparent. She proudly wears her Godparent pin representing the generous ten year commitment of $18,000 to provide the children of JAFCO with every opportunity their own children have. Thank you Sharon for sharing your heart with the children and your leadership skills with your chapter.

Left: The 3rd Annual Spring Luncheon hosted by the Davie/Plantation/Cooper City Chapter was a fabulous afternoon of friends, food, and fun at Grande Oaks Golf Club, raising over $11,000 and nearly doubling the proceeds from the previous year. Honored at the luncheon was Melissa Ackerman who along with her husband Brad have been generous supporters of JAFCO for 10 years. (L-R) Stephanie Hollander, Marnie (Hollander) Feinberg, Honoree Melissa (Hollander) Ackerman, and Chapter President Sharon Wender.
“Girls Just Wanna Have Fun” Raises $100,000

Above: The amazing Annual Luncheon Committee adds another successful event to their list. (L-R) Luncheon Chair Ellen Greenspoon, Fran Krathen, Miami Beach/South Miami-Dade Chapter President Glenda Krongold, Janet Fabricant, JAFCO Vice-President Mara Gober, Carol Sirota, Mickey Bluerock and Gail Marlow, JAFCO Director of Development.

Above: Taking a moment after the emotional Godparent pinning ceremony, the newest members of the JAFCO Godparent Circle have made a ten year financial commitment (of $1,800 per year) to spiritually “adopt”, protect and care for all the JAFCO children. (L-R) Minette Herman, Marilyn Mandel, Lori Zinn, Alyn Kaplan, Susan Glaser, Godparent Circle Chair Helene Weicholz, Frani Rothman, Barbara Zimmerman and Eileen Kramer.

Always a touching moment in our program, Luncheon Chair Ellen Greenspoon, Bernice Wenger, Linda Kaplan, Carolyn Cohen, Julie Paresky and Emcee & Foundation Board member Stewart Greenberg light The Candle of Hope in honor and in memory of the four children who die senselessly each day in our country at the hands of abuse and neglect.

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It’s been said that “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun” and the nearly 500 women who attended the 14th Annual JAFCO luncheon at Jungle Island are living proof. More than $100,000 was raised to benefit the abused and neglected children that JAFCO serves in the tri-county area.

Guests of the luncheon shopped 25 different boutiques of jewelry, make-up, handbags, clothing and much more while Cyndi Lauper’s “Girls Just Want to Have Fun” was blasting through the speakers. There were also over 100 raffle and auction items, including Romero Britto artwork, tickets to the Miami Heat and Florida Panthers games, fine jewelry, a Royal Caribbean cruise, and glorious vacations to New York City, Las Vegas, Paris and Napa Valley.

The event hosts, Jungle Island, brought out their exotic animals for the ladies to meet and they posed for photos holding Rambo the Gator and tried to take photos of the very shy white-faced capuchin who insisted on hiding from the camera. JAFCO supporters Ronnie Krongold, co-owner of Jungle Island, and his wife Glenda, were also there to support this important charity as they are every year. While enjoying their lunch, attendees reveled in a breathtaking tableside couture fashion show by Coral Gables designer Mayda Cisneros. Models dressed in cocktail dresses and formal wear toured the ballroom, stopping at every table for guests to admire the exquisite designs.

The annual luncheon, chaired by Ellen Greenspoon, featured a heartwarming video presentation entitled “Life” that showed how JAFCO changed the lives of three children. After the video luncheon guests were invited by JAFCO Board Member and Emcee Stewart Greenberg to help change the life of a child with a charitable gift to JAFCO, and eight guests were pinned as JAFCO Godparents. The Godparent Circle is an exclusive group of donors who make a ten year commitment of $1,800 per year that allows them to spiritually adopt all of the JAFCO children and provide for their needs. The afternoon ended with a hilarious comedy routine.

“JAFCO has the kindest and most compassionate donors imaginable,” said Sarah Franco, Executive Director of JAFCO. “It is so touching to see the love in our community for children who have been abused and neglected and would be all alone in this world – if not for their JAFCO family.” We are so thankful to the Krongold and the entire Jungle Island family for hosting our event every year at their amazing venue.”
Shopping, lunch at The Polo Club of Boca Raton, and why not buy a chance for a diamond necklace? What could be more Boca than the annual JAFCO Mother’s Day luncheon? This was the 10th year for this annual pre-Mother’s Day ritual on May 3 that raised nearly $100,000. JAFCO honored Marcie Butters as “Woman of the Year” not only for her membership in the Godparent Circle but for being chairwoman of a string of successful fundraisers that included “The Housewives of Palm Beach County” with celebrity reality show housewife Jeana Keough. Women came out in force for the luncheon-fashion show and the boutiques, a mix of 14 Worth Avenue-worthy vendors offering handbags, pashminas by Shawls Extraordinaire and other accessories. The diamond necklace by Gregory’s Fine Jewelry in Delray Beach was modeled by Bonnie Judson, who was on the luncheon committee.

This was the second year for the chairwomen team of Marcia Langley and Chris Miller. “JAFCO supporters want to come and shop. It’s a mix, and we try to bring in new things every year,” Langley said, adding that they stay on top of trends for a fashion-conscious audience. “We also had Art Institute students design five handbags and we auctioned them off.” She introduced her mother, Shirley Weisman, a major benefactor, as is Judy Levis Markhoff, the 2010 Woman of the Year and this year’s honorary chairwoman. Mindi Schifrin was the fashion show’s chairwoman. Sarah Franco, JAFCO’s Executive Director said, “20 percent of the abused and neglected children we serve are from Palm Beach County. This luncheon is so important, it allows us to offer the children of JAFCO the love and care they so desperately need.”

Left: Under the leadership of Mother’s Day Luncheon Co-Chairs Marcia Langley and Chris Miller, our fabulous MDL Luncheon Committee members celebrate the success of the luncheon which raised nearly $100,000 for the precious children of JAFCO. (Front L-R) Janet Fabricant, South Palm Beach/North Broward Chapter President Kim Kaminoff, Vice President and Co-Chair Chris Miller, Marcie Butters, Co-Chair Marcia Langley, Gail Cohen & Bette Kimmel. (Back L-R) Nel Bloom, Shari Cohen, Bonnie Judson, Eileen Davis, Mindi Schifrin, Karen Cohen, JAFCO Trustee Dorinne Gerst, Karen Schwartz, May Millman, Doris Weilheimer, Flora Aranson-Zadoff & Ingrid Jaffe

Above: Sarah Franco, Executive Director leads the moving Candle of Hope ceremony in memory of the 4 children that die each day in our country at the hands of abuse or neglect. Honored with the lighting of this candle were JAFCO donors Roz Prevor (in loving memory of her husband Michael), Caryn Marsh and Luncheon Grand Benefactors Judy Levis Markhoff and Shirley Weisman.

Right: An emotional moment as our new godparents spiritually “adopt” all of the children of JAFCO and are pinned by their friends during the beautiful Godparent pinning ceremony. (L-R) Roberta Unger, Rita Raiffe, Arlene Zilker, Pearl Friedman, Gayle Lichtman, Godparent Circle Chair Helene Weicholz, Marilyn Simon Weinberg, Co-Chair Marcia Langley, Kim Fetterman, and Mother’s Day Luncheon Woman of the Year Marcie Butters.
Florida Chapter Events and Happenings

**Mystical Masquerade**

Below: The Young Families Group of the Weston/West Broward Chapter offered an amazing night out at the Mystical Masquerade Evening where guests enjoyed frolic, food, and fun at Club Slice in Weston. Event Committee (Front L-R) Esther Comite, Jen Beer, Linda Kaner (Back L-R) Weston Chapter President Jennifer Alman, Event Chair Aliza Novie, Lara Baker, and Chavi Lustig.

Below: Local vendors in the community assisted the Weston Young Families Group in raising over $5,000 to support the children of JAFCO. (L-R) Jeff Gold (Zazz Events by Platinum Gold), Ken Edelman (Club Slice), Event Chair Aliza Novie, Scott Kushner (Palm Caterers of Weston), and Zeev Fragachan (Alfa Security).

**Everything begins with Love**

Above: The 3rd Annual Tennis Tournament hosted by the Aventura/North Miami-Dade Chapter proved to be their largest tennis tournament yet raising over $8,000 with over 60 players in different divisions including kids, adults, and even parent/child double’s teams. (L-R) Winner of the parent/child tournament (Jonathan), Daniel, and Dr. Beny Rub!

Above: Proving everything really does begin with “Love,” Co-Chairs Gayle Egozi and Bari Schanerman organized a dynamic tournament at the Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa including special guest tennis pro Brenda Schultz McCarthy who lent her professional expertise to help raise additional funds for the JAFCO Children’s Village.

**Wine & Dine Under the Stars**

Left: Bringing the community together to raise awareness about child abuse, the South Palm Beach County/North Broward Chapter hosted a fabulous evening, “Wine & Dine Under the Stars” at the charming Bottega Wine Bar. The fabulous evening featured wine tasting, food pairing, live music, exciting raffle prizes, and a fashion show by Vivian Auld Boutique. (L-R) Co-Chair Symara Feldman, JAFCO Adoptive Parents Bruce & Michelle Ross, and Co-Chair Sylvia Kahana of Parkland.

Above: Luncheon Committee members Jeff Gerstin, JAFCO Trustee Dorinne Gerstin, Derek Repath, South Palm Beach Chapter Past President Elise Repath, Michael Zadoff and Luncheon Chair Flora Aranson-Zadoff take a minute to enjoy the success of the day as 235 guests came to shop at the great boutiques, enjoy lunch with friends and hear the fascinating and often scandalous stories about Palm Beach society as told by renowned author Laurence Leamer. The event raised over $30,000 and added 4 new godparents to the JAFCO Godparent Circle who commit to raising an entire generation of abused and neglected children.

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**Madness Under the Royal Palms**

*Luncheon with fabulous author Laurence Leamer attracts 230 guests!*

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Broward Chapter Events & Happenings

Above: The event committee of the 10th Annual Michelle Herman Goldstein Spirit of Life Luncheon poses for a photo at the beautiful event which raised over $30,000 to support the children of JAFCO. (L-R) Michelle’s mother Ingrid Jaffe, Joy Werman, Miriam Bedells, Beth Salamone, Chapter President Jennifer Alman, Evelyn Beddow, Chapter Vice President Debbie Grossman, Sandy Rizzo Weiner, Lori Meyers, Lyssa Flayman, Past President Mara Gober.

Above: (L-R) Weston/West Broward Chapter Director of Programming Dr. Sandy Rizzo Weiner happily welcomes friend Doris Berkell to the JAFCO Godparent Circle along with JAFCO Executive Director Sarah Franco.

Above: Dental surgeon Dr. Michael (not pictured) and Michelle (L) Ramer are expecting their next baby very soon and the thought of a child being abused, neglected or abandoned brought Michelle to tears and to the stage to become a JAFCO Godparent. Michael has offered his pro-bono dental services to the children and has recently recruited other surgeons and orthodontists to do the same!

The Weston 10th Annual Spirit of Life Luncheon raised over $30,000 to support the children of JAFCO, plus $54,000 in Godparent Pledges

Fort Lauderdale Shakes It Up

Below: Hosted at the stunning Allied Kitchen & Bath showroom, the East Fort Lauderdale Chapter brought guests together to “shake it up” at a spirited Martini Party. Surrounded by some of the most beautiful and luxurious kitchen and bath displays, guests showed their support of the JAFCO mission including welcoming new members of the JAFCO Godparent Circle, Dr. Denis & Linda Trupkin. (L-R) Chapter Co-President Laurelle Waldman, Allied Kitchen VP of Business Development Pam Moskowitz, Chapter Co-President Joan Kaplan, Allied Kitchen & Bath CEO/President Bill Feinberg, Chapter Co-President Marsha Levy and Iris Robbins.

Kings Point Tamarac

Below: The Kings Point Tamarac chapter joined together for the Annual Chapter Installation Luncheon, a beautiful tradition that recognizes the leadership committed to helping raise awareness and much-needed funds for the children of JAFCO (L-R) Seated: Judy Becher Ilene Licht. Standing: Marilyn Shreiar, Claire Weiner, Charlotte Friedman, Phyllis Schnitzer-Lewis, Elaine Cohen, Mark Misonznick, Helen Kravetzky, Chapter President Sandy Richman and Marcia Weinstein.
Florida Chapter Events and Happenings

Tuesday, January 8, 2013
Davie/Plantation/Cooper City Chapter

Broadway Costume World Tour
Where: Broadway Costume World, Pompano
Time: 1:00 pm - Cost: $50 pp
Abby Smiley: 954.755.8050

Thursday, January 10, 2013
Weston/West Broward Chapter

Weston Game Day
Where: Temple Dor Dorim, Weston
Time: 11:00 am - Cost: $36 pp
Beth Salamon: 954.766.4462

Sunday, January 13, 2013
South Palm Beach/North Broward Chapter

Valencia Dinner and Music
Where: Valencia Isles Social Hall, Boynton
Time: 6:30 pm - Cost: $30.00 pp
David Epstein 561.752.0467

Thursday, January 17, 2013
South Palm Beach/North Broward Chapter

Annual Author Luncheon
Where: St. Andrews Cntry Club, Boca Raton
Time: 10:00 am - Cost: $100 pp
Contact: Flora Zadoff: 561.826.8401

Thursday, February 7, 2013
South Palm Beach/North Broward Chapter

Men’s Night Out
Where: Boca Raton
Kim Kaminoff: 561.393.3794

Saturday, February 9, 2013
Weston Chapter/West Broward Chapter

White Hot Midtown Party
Where: Midtown, Weston
Dr. Sandy Rizzo Weiner: 954.805.8306

Thursday, February 14, 2013
Kings Point Tamarac Chapter

Membership & Installation Lunch
Where: Diamante’s Event Center, Tamarac
Time: Noon - Cost: $11.30 am
Marilyn: 954.720.0372

Sunday, February 17, 2013
Davie/Plantation/Cooper City Chapter

Andy Schultz Golf Classic
Where: Woodlands Country Club, Tamarac
Rebecca Solomon: 954.749.7230 ext. 144

Thursday, February 28, 2013
South Palm Beach/North Broward Chapter

Annual Card Party
Where: Valencia Isles Social Hall, Boynton Beach
Time: Evening
Maxine Persons 561-731-5838

Monday, March 4, 2013
Davie/Plantation/Cooper City Chapter

Plantation Game Day

Where: Emerald Hills Country Club, Hollywood
Time: 11:30 am - Cost: $36 pp
Gayle Pifer: 954.431.5017

Thursday, March 14, 2013

Annual Luncheon
Where: Jungle Island, Miami
Time: 10:00 am - Cost: $118 pp
Rebecca Solomon: 954.749.7230 ext 144

Sunday, March 17, 2013
South Palm Beach/North Broward Chapter

11th Annual Valencia Isles 5K Charity Walk
Where: Valencia Isles, Boynton Beach
Time: 8:00 am - Cost: $18 pp
Dave Epstein: 561.752.0467

Thursday, May 2, 2013
South Palm Beach/North Broward Chapter

Mother’s Day Luncheon
Where: The Polo Club, Boca Raton
Time: 10:00 am
Kim Kaminoff: 561.393.3794

Above: The community came together once again to support the children of JAFCO at the 4th Annual Day of Beauty hosted at the Heaven & Earth Salon in Plantation. Co-Chairs Fern Schneider, Salon owner Larissa Kline, and Lisa Simon enjoy their spa day knowing that the event raised more funds and awareness than last year, nearly $11,000!

Above: The loving and generous staff of Heaven & Earth Salon gather to light the Candle of Hope, a JAFCO tradition that honors the four children that die senselessly each day in our country at the hands of abuse. The philanthropic staff volunteered their stylish services for the entire day and donated 100% of their earnings back to JAFCO for the 4th year in a row!

Above: The Weston/West Broward Chapter hosted a sold-out Love of Literature Annual Spring Book Luncheon at The Palms of Weston featuring guest speaker Marcia Fine. Author of “Paper Children,” Marcia discussed the challenges that face families through a multi-generational perspective. (R-L) Luncheon Chair Julie Kitzner and Committee Member Ibby Shulman.

Paper Children

Above: The Weston/West Broward Chapter

The philanthropic staff volunteered their stylish services and raised $11,000

Century Village

Left: The dedicated board of the Century Village/Pembroke Pines Chapter gathers to share their passion for ensuring the children of JAFCO have every opportunity our own children have. (L-R) Sheila Gruber, Elaine Berman, Selma Goldberg, Chapter President Lois Marmelstein, Ceil Katz, Frieda Meltzer, and Marilyn Singer. Not Pictured: Flo Altfield and Phylis Weisbrot.

Everyone is invited to all JAFCO events. Please visit www.jafco.org/events to RSVP
2nd Spring Into Summer Luncheon

Above: The Philadelphia Chapter Hosts its 2nd Annual Spring Into Summer Luncheon—A celebration of the special women in our lives at Green Valley Country Club with over 225 ladies and raising almost $50,000 from a fabulous day of philanthropy that included an incredible shopping boutique, silent auction & emotional candle lighting ceremony. Some of the committee members join together for a quick photo: Marna Delfiner, Jennifer Grunfeld, Jodi Cohen, Beverly Victor, Stacey Gerwitz, Andi Azoff, Liz Schneider, Lily Rothman, Alyson Bell, Chairperson Jill Lapensohn, Amy Chipetz, Amanda Reibstein.

Above: It was a heartfelt presentation when The Woman of Valor Award was presented to Kris Gross and Michelle Skalsky Simon for their ongoing generosity and support in helping to build the Philadelphia Chapter of JAFCO.

Above: Reminding all of the “ladies who lunch” that child abuse is prevalent in our community and 4 children die from abuse and neglect every day, Director of Northeast Development Rana Bell & Philadelphia Chapter Board members including, Co-President Stacey Gerwitz, Membership Chairperson Jill Lapensohn, Co-President Liz Schneider and Secretary/Treasurer Beverly Victor join together for the JAFCO traditional lighting of the Candle of Hope.

Below: After being pinned as a JAFCO Godparent, Marcia Cohen hugs her daughter-in-law Ruthi Cohen as they are both so emotionally connected to the children and their needs and thrilled to be a part of this special day.

Below: Guests entering the Green Valley Ballroom were definitely in awe of the beautiful bright decor; thanks to Exceptional Events who donated their time, flowers and labor to make sure this luncheon was memorable. Jodi Cohen (R) of Exceptional Events joins Andi Azoff (L) of Chocolate Seal, who also donated adorable JAFCO Chocolates for every table.

Above: Flying in from Palm Beach to support one of her favorite charities in her hometown, Flora Heilweil expressed her amazement to Executive Director Sarah Franco of the incredible response to JAFCO’s mission from the Greater Philadelphia community.

Above: Leading her committee to make the day a huge success Spring into Summer Chairperson, Jill Lapensohn joins her husband Howard as they enjoy the day’s festivities.
4th Annual Northeast Golf Classic

Above: Honored with the emotional JAFCO tradition, the lighting of the Candle of Hope is the Golf Committee to thank them for their efforts and hard work in making this day a huge success by raising over $17,000 and one new godparent pledge totaling $35,000. L-R Barry Chasen, Jordan Bell, Barry Toren, Chairman Scott Slobotkin, Jill Gilman, Jaime Hersh, Mark Solomon. Not Pictured Carole Chasen

Above: The 4th Annual NE Golf Classic Winners: Robert Mogell, Sy Mogell, Corporate Sponsor Victor Mogell and Robert Petcove have been generously supporting this golf outing since its inception.

Above: Foursome Kevin Mednick, Michael Leonard, Corporate Sponsor Jason Hersh and Richard Klein of Klein Hersh stop for a quick photo opportunity as they enjoy the beautiful day of food, golf and fun at Blue Bell Country.

3rd Fun in the Sun Luncheon

Above: (L-R) Director of Northeast Development Rana Bell joins for the motzi with committee members Dorine Wulwick, Amy Levy, Alexis Fritz, Pearl Halegua, Ronna Neiderman, Rose Schecter, Linda Moskowitz, Stacey Spitalnick, Susan Taslik and Susan Lipper.

Don’t miss the fun! Please join us for the 4th Annual Fun in the Sun Luncheon in August 2013. Date and location to be announced

Right: JAFCO Godparents, Bernice Wenger, Kim Kaminoff, Alexis Fritz and Long Island/NY Chapter President Pearl Halegua joined to light the Candle of Hope in honor and remembrance of the four children that die in this country every day at the hands of abuse and neglect. They deserved more. This fabulous group of ladies enjoy the success of their hard work by raising over $15,000 which doubled the proceeds (over last year) of this annual game day and shopping boutique at Glen Head Country Club.

Left: Barry & Jen Toren and Jaime & Jason Hersh graciously hosted a beautiful thank you party for individuals in their community who participated in JAFCO’s annual Chanukah wish list drive which helped to make the wishes of over 50 children come true. Thank you to the Torens and Hersh for taking the lead in organizing this drive, keeping the Miracle of Chanukah alive.

Below: Yane Rosenbaum, Gypsy Saloon Happy Hour Chairperson, joins JAFCO Philadelphia Chapter co-presidents Liz Schneider and Stacey Gerwitz and Board Member Susan Green as they welcomed over 60 guests who “happily” raised over $1,500 to help support the children of JAFCO.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 8, 2013
Philadelphia Chapter
3rd Annual Spring into Summer Luncheon
Where: Ace Conference Center, PA
Rana Bell 610.397.8688

Monday, July 15, 2013
Philadelphia Chapter
5th Annual Northeast Golf Classic
Where: Philmont Country Club, PA
Scott Slobotkin: scott@davidjayjewelers.com

Thursday, August 9, 2013
Philadelphia/New Jersey Chapter
4th Annual Cocktails for a Cause
Where: NJ Shore
Stacey Gerwitz: 610.960.4099
Liz Schneider: 610.761.3607
Above: Three new families joined the JAFCO Godparent Circle at the event. A special thank you to new Godparent Terry Auerbach and Recommitted Godparent Linda Brodie who surprised her daughter and daughter-in-law by making them JAFCO Godparents at this beautiful event. (L-R) Brie Anne Brodie, Terry Auerbach, Director of Northeast Development Rana Bell, Linda Brodie and her daughter Rachel Schwartz.

Above: The 3rd Annual Cocktails for a Cause Committee proudly raised over $16,000, plus 4 New Godparent pledges totally in $72,000 and many gift cards to provide back to school supplies for the children of JAFCO. This group of devoted NJ & PA ladies all come together every year in their summer homes to help raise awareness and funds for the precious children JAFCO serves. Committee members include: Sally Feldman, Fay Zelenko, Wendy Oldstein, Randi Breslier, Elaine Friedland, Michelle Simon, Carol Sussman, Beverly Victor, Marlene Goss, Elaine Silverstein, Yelane Rosenbaum, Susan Green, Geni Spells, Stacey Gerwitz, Liz Schneider, (Front) Jodi Cohen, Cathy Backal, Andi Azoff and not in photo-photographer/ PR, Bonnie Squires.

Left: The annual shore event is a culinary feast featuring a Taste of the NJ Shore made possible through the generosity of over 20 shore restaurants and vendors who donated the food for 125 guests at the beautiful home of Cathy Backal (center) who is joined by food co-chairs Carol Sussman and Donna Greenberg.

City Lights on a Saturday Night

Right: The Co-Chairs for "City Lights on a Saturday Night" all gather together as they are presented with a special recognition award for making this first annual couples night in Philadelphia a huge success. With over 90 attendees, they proudly raised $14,000 with fabulous silent & live auction items and a very special appeal to support the children. Joining together Dayna and Andrew Benn Director of Northeast Development Rana Bell, Terry and Allen Auerbach, Celeste and Burt Rose, Michelle and Michael Simon

Above: New JAFCO godparents are each pinned with a special 14kt gold pin that has been created featuring the JAFCO Logo which symbolizes our mission- a child swinging on the tree of life. Director of NE Development Rana Bell pins and thanks (L-R): Allen and Terry Auerbach, Alex and Masha Milman & Cathy and Marc Backal for their commitment of $1800 per year for 10 years.

For information regarding any of the Northeast events, please contact Rana Bell, Director of Northeast Development at 610.397.8688
Congratulations to the young adults who have been admitted to the JAFCO Bar and Bat Mitzvah Circle and to our other Mitzvah Children!

Michael & Jonathan Blyer wanted to include the children of JAFCO in their B’nai Mitzvah and decided to create a collection drive for brand new sports equipment. Understanding what an important role sports and recreation plays in their own lives Michael and Jonathan were happy to be able to provide other children with the same opportunities. (Below)

Jeremy Lapayowker
Above: Jeremy Lapayowker poses with some of the supplies he collected for his Bar Mitzvah project including hundreds of diapers, baby wipes, formula, shampoo, and more for the JAFCO Children’s Emergency Shelter which provides emergency placement for a child (ages birth to 12) in crisis and is open to accept children 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Giuliana Blanca
Below: For her Bat Mitzvah project Giuliana Blanca wanted to provide the children of JAFCO with something every child deserves, summer fun! Giuliana collected summer supplies including towels, sunscreen, pool toys, bathing suits and much more for the children of JAFCO so they could enjoy a carefree summer vacation. Thank you Giuliana for your compassion!

Yosef Chaim Eisenstein
Above: Yosef Chaim Eisenstein gave an amazing cantorial level performance at his Bar Mitzvah surrounded by the love of family and friends. He gave his first donation to charity with a $180 check to JAFCO, an organization he holds dear to his heart.

More Mitzvah Children

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All gifts directly benefit the children of JAFCO. All “Mitzvah Kids” and their families are invited for a private meeting at the JAFCO Village where they are presented with a beautiful framed certificate honoring them for helping save the life of an abused child.

To plan your JAFCO Mitzvah project contact JAFCO Assistant Director of Development, Rebecca Solomon at Rsolomon@jafco.org.

This page is dedicated to the late Madelyn Weil a wonderful human being and JAFCO Board Member who dedicated herself to helping the children of JAFCO. The thought of children helping other children touched her heart.

as of October 15, 2012
Samantha Lieberman, Simone D’Antuono and Rochelle Lieberman
(L-R) Below: When Rochelle Lieberman began preparing for her special simcha she knew she wanted to do something to help children in need. After learning about JAFCO, Rochelle decided to help these precious children that may otherwise have been all alone in the world. Rochelle was able to collect toys, books, and $1,500 to support the full continuum of child care JAFCO offers the community. Rochelle was an inspiration to her friend Simone D’Antuono who also did a collection drive and was able to donate a DVD player, movies, and much more.

Hutzler Piano Recital
Above: The apples did not fall far from the giving tree in the Hutzler Family when Aidan and Ilana Hutzler followed in the footsteps of their philanthropic parents Sheri & Albert and grandmother Linda Stewart, JAFCO Godparent and longtime member of the East Fort Lauderdale Chapter. Wanting to raise money to help at-risk children in their community, Aidan, Ilana, and their friend Sydney Spector organized and produced a piano recital which they hosted in their home. Mazel Tov to the Hutzler, Stewart, and Spector Families on their adorable menschs!

Sam Bauer
Below: Sam Bauer must have learned the importance of giving back from his family, including his loving grandmother Marcia Gelband, an active JAFCO chapter member and Village volunteer. Sam was so touched by his grandmother’s dedication to the children of JAFCO and her weekly visits to lend a helping hand in the 24-hour Emergency Shelter that he wanted to help too. Sam donated money from this Bar Mitzvah to purchase a shade structure for the toddler playground that his grandmother helped to conceptualize so that the children living in the shelter can enjoy more outdoor play time. Mazel Tov to Sam and his wonderful family!

Faces and Places

Above: Marilyn & David Zinn celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and asked friends and family to make donations to JAFCO in lieu of gifts. In honor of their diamond jubilee over $8,000 was donated to support the needs of the children of JAFCO.

Above: Taking a break from volunteering at the JAFCO Children’s Village, Barbara Allen, Sharon Gensler, and Susan Rudnick enjoy each other’s company along with many other volunteers that are honored for their dedication to the children of JAFCO at the Annual JAFCO Community Recognition Brunch.
Faces and Places

Above: Boca West Foundation President Arthur Adler presents JAFCO Executive Director Sarah Franco with a most generous donation of $17,500 to sponsor two Bar/Bat Mitzvah’s and the annual Passover Seder for the children who live at the Children’s Village. Thank you to the foundation and to the residents of Boca West!

Below: As recipients of NAPO’s annual GO (Get Organized) Month project JAFCO benefitted from the skill and expertise of professional organizers who volunteered their time to organize and streamline the donation closet and other storage spaces throughout the JAFCO Village. Thank you to this “neat” group.

Above: Enjoying a cotton candy treat, Miles Ehrlich celebrates the Annual JAFCO Back to School Picnic. Bringing together hundreds of adoptive families that have been created by JAFCO, the picnic kicks off the school year with an inflatable water slide, pony rides, barbecue, games, and even motorcycle rides thanks to the sponsorship of the King David Bikers. Most importantly families can “shop” for their school supplies that the community donates on their behalf to make sure the children have everything they need to be successful in their education.

Above: As a result of a collaborative effort between JAFCO and Nova Southeastern University, the Quality of Life Faculty Community-Based Applied Research Grant was awarded to JAFCO to train staff prepare for the increase in referrals and placement of children with autism. (L-R) JAFCO Grant Writer Rebecca Salus, Grant Sponsor Sue Kabot with Nova President Dr. George L. Hanbury II (C), Dr. Ronnie Lederman and other Nova Faculty.

Above: Each year volunteers from Temple Beth Ahm Israel, Davie, make a special trip to JAFCO to build the sukkah for the Children’s Village. The children look forward to decorating the sukkah each year and enjoying meals in the beautiful and sacred space.

Above: On behalf of BJ’s Charitable Foundation Frank Quendo presented JAFCO’s Development Associate Jodi Farbish with a $15,000 check to help support JAFCO’s Emergency Shelter located at the Children’s Village in Sunrise, Florida.

Above: JAFCO Foster/Adoptive Parents Sandy and Reina Simon, daughter Becky (center) and daughter-in-law Elisea Fenster co-hosted a parlor meeting (with Adela Katz not pictured) introducing the Bal Harbour and Colombian Jewish community to the lifesaving work of JAFCO. Sandi and Reina were JAFCO’s first foster parents in 1992, fostering dozens of children before adopting a beautiful baby girl.

Above: The Alan & Noni Aufzien College Graduation Gift Fund was created to recognize each JAFCO child for the enormous accomplishment of completing their college degree with a graduation gift of $1,000 to help them begin their journey as adults. Thank you!
Honoring the JAFCO Legacy Circle

Honoring those members of the JAFCO family who have included the precious children of JAFCO in their will or estate plan

Estate of Ann Jacobs

Annie Adler Estate
Julia Atkins Estate
Charles & Ruth Barbash Estate
Stanley & Amy Baumwald
Phil & Beverly Berman Estate
Theodore & Vivian Black Estate
Eugene Blond Estate
Robin Bordewick
Herbert* & Helen Borger
Samuel & Adele Borger
Celia Bradburg
Selma Brenner Estate
Daniel* & Erhla Cantor
Edward Carr Yale Estate
Ruth E. Cohan Estate
Philip & Marcia Cohen
Lillian Dash Estate
Abraham & Annie David
David & Minerva Davis Estate
Daniel & Judy Dobin
Anita Dritell
Robert & Janet Fabricant
David & Sandra Feldman
Dorothy Franklin Estate
Edna Fried Estate
Diane Friedman
Phyllis Fure
Nomee Furman Estate
Mortimer & Enid* Geisler
Charlotte Glassberg Estate
Ruth Goldberg
Irving & Vivian Golden
Beatrice Goldfarb Estate
Stewart Greenberg
Stewart & Marlene Greenebaum
Maurice & Sylvia Gruber Estate
Gulden Private Foundation
Eli & Mona Habib
Louis, Julia & Sheldon Haffner Est.

Tillie Hamelstein Estate
Samuel & Helen Holzer Estate
Alexander Janow Estate
Lori Janow
Beatrice Josephson Estate
Wallace Katz Estate
Iris Klein Estate
Gary & Linda Krat
Judith Kravitz
Helen Kuriansky Estate
Louis J. Kuriansky Foundation
Elinore Lambert & Jerome Kelter
Frank Levine Estate
Josephine Levine
Joseph & Arlene Makler
Jerry & Claire Manowitz
Ray & Kathe Mark
Alan Markowitz
Rita Messner
Anna Miller Estate
Lakie Miller Estate
Roslyn Moinester
Bob & Marcia Neiman
Arnold & Sylvia Nestel Estate
Abraham Samuel Obstbaum
Stephanie Oritz
Sheldon Pittleman
Maurice D. & Marjorie Plough, Jr.
Ruth K. Price Estate
Edward Rickmann Estate
Samuel & Rose Riemer
William Rosenberg Estate
Sandra & Stanley Rosenow
Lenore Rothman Estate
Rabbi Solomon & Gloria Rothstein
Evelin & Harold Rubin Estate
Martin & Sara Sager
Simon Sapirstein Estate
George & Marjorie Schachter

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Eileen Schary
Benjamin* & Fannie Schatz
Lester & Susan Scher
Eugene Scheck
John & Fran Schultz
Robert & Miriam* Shapiro
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Leonard* & Sandi Solomon
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Dr. John Train
Gale Goldstein Tucker
Mollie Waldman Estate
Norton & Anita Waltuch
Randall & Kim Waltuch
Stephen & Helene Weicholz
Robin Wein-Bordewick, Lillian
Wein Trust
Enid Weinberg
Robert & Pamela Weinroth
Laura Weinsoff Estate
Armin Weiss Estate
Joseph Weiss
Lucille Wiedman Estate
Abraham & Fay* Zalcberg

*of blessed memory

If you have named JAFCO in your estate, please contact Gail Marlow, Director of Development, so that we may honor you as part of the JAFCO Legacy Circle at 954.749.7230 ext. 137 or Gail@jafco.org

We apologize for the following omissions in our 2011 Annual Report and thank the following donors and volunteers

Beyond Bedding - JoJo Designs - Dick Goldwasser
Morris Kaufman - Cathy & Bert Distelburger
Honoring the JAFCO Founders Circle

Lifetime Commitment of $100,000 or More to JAFCO

$2,000,000 and up
Stephen & Helene Weicholz
The David Posnack Foundation

$1,000,000 - $1,999,999
Paul & Sandra Goldner
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JAFCO welcomes Dr. Mel & Mara Gober, The Hahn Family Foundation, Fern Lentin Manne & Stan Manne and The Bernie Marcus Foundation to the Founders Circle

The Marcus Foundation Joins the JAFCO Family

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a good deed, to give to someone who doesn’t have, and we believe strongly in giving back to the community.”

In 2011, Marcus Foundation Director Jay Kaiman arrived at the JAFCO Children’s Village for a tour along with JAFCO donor Louise Jacowitz. “Halfway through our meeting I asked Jay what he did for a living. He responded that he worked for a foundation. When I asked which one and he mentioned the Marcus Foundation, I first had to take a deep breath (not to faint) and then immediately felt so honored that an organization of that caliber would be interested in funding JAFCO,” said JAFCO Executive Director Sarah Franco. “Having the support of someone like Bernie Marcus is a huge endorsement in the work that we do here at JAFCO.” The foundation has made an annual gift of $50,000 per year for the past two years to fund the group home program at the JAFCO Children’s Village. We welcome the Marcus Foundation to the JAFCO Founders Circle and thank them for all they have done to repair this world not only for the children of JAFCO but for people in need everywhere.
Rita Messner was born in Brooklyn, New York and worked in the accounting business. She moved to North Miami Beach in 1988. In 1995, Rita moved to Tamarac where she immediately joined the King’s Point Chapter of JAFCO as a life member. This was the beginning of her journey with JAFCO…

Rita was raised by wonderful loving parents as an only child and she has no children of her own. Inspired by hearing many friends over the years bragging about their grandchildren’s Bar Mitzvah’s, Rita decided that she would anonymously sponsor a Bar Mitzvah for one of the JAFCO children. The little boy who was having his Bar Mitzvah had been born to a Jewish woman who had an addiction to heroin and he had watched her overdose many times, never knowing each time if his mother was going to live. He was then adopted by a lovely couple and then his new adoptive mother tragically died of cancer. Rita felt so much compassion for this child; not only did it make her happy to know she had helped him in some small way, but when she attended the Bar Mitzvah she was thrilled to see how happy all of the other children who lived at the JAFCO Village were. This was the second part of Rita’s journey with JAFCO….

Like so many of us, Rita’s most treasured childhood memories are the carefree, fun-filled summers she spent at sleep-away camp. She recalls fondly that her parents would save “all of their pennies” so she could have this experience every year. When Rita learned that JAFCO also tries to give the children the same type of experience, she decided to create an endowment in her estate that will offer the opportunity for every child to go to summer camp where they can be active, be outdoors, and make new friends. Rita has always been athletic and even now she enjoys bowling and playing table tennis and feels that she is attending “senior camp”.

In order to help JAFCO during her lifetime, Rita became a JAFCO Godparent, making a ten year commitment of $1800 a year and to spiritually adopt all of the 350 children currently being served by JAFCO. “When I met with JAFCO Executive Director Sarah Franco she told me that I can also come play with the children, love them and be loved by them,” says Rita. “I thought that was a good idea and so I made a decision that would change my life forever, I decided to volunteer in the JAFCO Children’s Emergency Shelter.” This is the final and most meaningful part of Rita’s journey with JAFCO as she now volunteers every week and looks forward to coming in to take care of “her babies” – feeding them, holding them, playing with them and loving them. “The feelings of love that I have for the children are enormous and it has truly been one of the most meaningful experiences in my life” says Rita.

Rita Messner’s journey with JAFCO is a wonderful reminder to all of us that it is never too late to make an important difference in this world as she has done in recent months sharing her heart with the babies and toddlers in the emergency shelter. Rita hopes that her journey with JAFCO will inspire others to become involved, to donate what they can and to leave a legacy gift of any size to ensure the future of these precious children.

Kenneth Needs A Loving Forever Family

shown interest in music and is very excited about the electric guitar he received for his birthday. Kenneth is athletic, loves to play outside and especially likes soccer, basketball, riding his bicycle and of course his favorite activity…playing video games. Kenneth can be very friendly and outgoing and enjoys socializing with his peers. Kenneth verbalizes that he plans to go to college to become an engineer, due to his love for building. Kenneth can show affection and enjoys the positive attention of adults.

Due to all of the many losses he has suffered, Kenneth sometimes has difficulty expressing his emotions appropriately and sometimes has difficulty accepting the word “no” and can on occasion use aggressive behavior to express his frustration. This behavior is diminishing over time with behavioral interventions. We are looking for a two parent patient and loving adoptive family who can learn to manage all of Kenneth’s many needs, where Kenneth will be the only or youngest child, where he can know that he has a safe home…forever. We need other families as well who are willing to be ready and waiting for older children who need a loving home.

For information on becoming a foster or adoptive parent through JAFCO please call Rebecca Salus at 954 749-7230 ext. 129 or email Rebecca@jafco.org

The choices we make about the lives we live determine the kind of legacies we leave.
Meet JAFCO Children’s Foundation Board Member

Marcia Langley

Marcia Langley is the newest member of the JAFCO Children’s Foundation Board of Trustees. Recognized as one of the *The Best Lawyers in America* by the Real Estate Law, 2010-2013 Marci has worked for Greenburg Traurig Real Estate Practice Group since 1998. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Marci received her law degree in 1985 from University of Miami. She has been married to her husband Jeff for 21 years and together they have two beautiful daughters, Robyn, age 18 and Alyson age 16.

Marci was first introduced to JAFCO five years ago through her dear friend Chris Miller, current Vice President of the South Palm Beach/North Broward Chapter of JAFCO and she immediately felt connected to JAFCO’s mission. Their friendship would lead them to work together on many JAFCO events. She immediately took on the role of co-chair with Chris for the Neiman’s Day of Beauty event for several years. This led to a larger venture as Marci is now planning her third year as co-chair of the fabulously successful and sold out annual Mother’s Day Luncheon (on May 2, 2013) at The Polo Club in Boca Raton. This event has grown to over 400 guests and has truly become a family affair with Marci’s husband Jeffrey assisting at registration, their two beautiful daughters selling raffles and her mother Shirley proudly supporting Marci’s efforts and success by sponsoring the event as one of the Grand Benefactors.

Philanthropy and giving back to the community are an important part of Marci’s life, a special gift she has received from her parents, Shirley and Bart Weisman. The Weisman family name is synonymous with compassion and generosity and their charitable giving touches those in need through dozens of charities within the Jewish community locally and in Israel including Jewish Federation, ADL and Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service where they recently helped build the Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center which provides many wonderful programs and services for seniors in Delray Beach. Both the Weisman’s and the Langley’s are generous donors to JAFCO and are members of the JAFCO Godparent Circle helping to save the precious lives of the JAFCO children.

This past year, Marci was asked to join the Board of Trustees of the JAFCO’s Children’s Foundation whose role it is to oversee the financial needs of JAFCO for today and for the future. “I feel so fortunate and truly honored to be working with this group of dedicated individuals,” says Marci. “I also feel that my particular expertise as a real estate attorney with a background in the review and negotiation of construction contracts has been helpful to the building of the new JAFCO Respite and Family Resource Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities.” “In the short time that she has been on the Board of Trustees, Marci has already donated thousands of dollars worth of pro-bono legal advice and expertise related to our new construction project. We could not have found a more competent attorney”, said Steve Weicholz, Board President.

We are very grateful to Marci for sharing with us her many talents as a member of the Foundation Board and as the co-chair for the annual JAFCO Mother’s Day Luncheon. But Marci’s biggest gift to JAFCO is her heart and how deeply she cares about the children. We are honored to have Marci Langley as part of the JAFCO Family and welcome Marcia Langley as a Trustee of the JAFCO Children’s Foundation.
Help Make JAFCO’s Wishes Come True!

- New Kitchen items for group homes on Target Gift Registry (Target List under the name JAFCO/JAFCO available on www.target.com)
- New Kitchen items for group homes on Bed Bath & Beyond Registry (under the name JAFCO/JAFCO available on www.bedbathandbeyond.com)
- 15 Tickets to Cirque du Soleil
- Gift Cards to Target, Publix, Gas Stations, ToysRUs, Best Buy, Walmart Home Depot, Office Depot or any mall or store
- Gift Certificates for restaurants, kids play zones (the Boomers, Chuck E. Cheese’s, Bowling Alleys, etc)
- Gift Certificates or tickets for movies, concerts, live theater, sporting events, Disney, Bush Gardens
- New Camping Equipment (sleeping bags, etc.)
- New Desktop Computers
- New Laptop Computers
- Ipads, Ipods, Digital Cameras
- Golf Umbrellas to keep the children dry at the village during the rainy months
- Mezuzahs for the group homes
- Used cars for children in our independent living program
- Airplane miles to get our college kids home for school break
- Ironing boards and irons for the shelter and group homes
- New 7 or 8 passenger mini van or SUV for children in the shelter or group homes
- New or very gently used appliances (washer, dryer, stove, side by refrigerator, freezer, dishwasher)
- Diapers, Pull-Ups and Wipes
- Large Duffle Bags for Overnight Camp
- Summer Camp Supplies: Sunscreen, Bathing Suits and Towels
- Backpacks and School Supplies
- New hoodies or winter jackets (all sizes)
- Gift certificates for sporting goods stores for our children who are involved in school sports and need new shoes, helmets and other protective gear

For any questions regarding this wish list, please contact Rebecca Solomon, Assistant Director of Development at rsolomon@jafco.org