Children Change the World

Gaze gently into the eyes of a child, 
And you sentimentally see the past. 
Clasp closely the hand of a child, 
And you assuredly hold the present.

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And you enthusiastically hear the future. 
Touch tenderly the heart of a child, and you emphatically change the world.

By Tammy Linn Wetherill

Children are suffering from a hidden epidemic of child abuse and neglect. Every year 3.3 million reports of child abuse are made in the United States involving nearly 6 million children (a report can include multiple children). The United States has the worst record in the industrialized world – losing five children every day due to abuse-related deaths.

At JAFCO, our mission for the past 20 years has been to bring safety to the children in our community through our quality programs and the support of the entire community…because every child deserves a safe and loving home.

Andrew is a child who could easily have been part of these statistics. He was lucky enough to be adopted by a loving JAFCO family and escape the violence and severe danger that threatened his safety every day for the first five years of his life. As Andrew recently prepared to move across the world to accept a management position with an international company, he had these emotions to share...

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Child Abuse Statistics* 

- A report of child abuse is made every ten seconds.
- More than five children die every day as a result of child abuse.
- Approximately 80% of children that die from abuse are under the age of 4.
- It is estimated that between 50-60% of child fatalities due to maltreatment are not recorded as such on death certificates, so the numbers may be even higher than we think.
- More than 90% of child sexual abuse victims know their perpetrator in some way.
- Child abuse occurs at every socioeconomic level, across ethnic and cultural lines, within all religions and at all levels of education.
- The estimated annual cost of child abuse and neglect in the United States for 2008 is $124 billion.

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Types of Child Abuse* 

- 78.3% Neglect
- 17.6% Physical Abuse
- 10.3% Sexual Abuse
- 9.2% Psychological Maltreatment
- 8.1% Medical Neglect
- 2.4% Other

These percentages sum to more than 100 percent because a child may have suffered more than one type of maltreatment

* Information provided by www.childhelp.org

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Thank you for giving me a future

To my JAFCO family,

As I begin a new chapter in my life I wanted to express my gratitude to all of you. I was only five on the day my mother dropped me off at Jackson Memorial Hospital. She couldn't take care of me anymore, she said. She was very sorry. I can still see her walking away from us quickly as she left my two year old brother and me behind. In my recurring dream, I can still hear his soul piercing scream as he called for her over and over, but she did not turn around. I learned later that she was facing a prison sentence for drug trafficking and was trying to secure a safe place for me and my brother. I had already witnessed hundreds of drug deals in my home and had actually been trained to weigh the drugs and help with some of the transactions, my father's loaded gun always close by in case we needed it. And, in case you are wondering yes, my birth mother was Jewish.

The next thing I can remember is waking up in a beautiful home in Weston with two amazing teachers whom I would quickly and happily learn to call "mommy" and "daddy". I was enrolled in a Jewish preschool for Kindergarten along with my brother and my childhood began that day, thanks to my parents who were found by JAFCO. I was safe, I was loved, there were no more drugs and no more guns. I actually wasn't the easiest child to raise and JAFCO was always right there helping with therapy and support for me and my family. I had an amazing, very typical Jewish childhood. I went to summer camp, had a very meaningful Bar Mitzvah, went to Disney World and family cruises every year, graduated high school and finally went to college, worked all the way through, went on Birthright and graduated two years ago with a degree in Hospitality Management from Florida International University.

Since college graduation, I have worked my way up to the management team of a major international restaurant chain and at this very moment I am packing my bags, having been selected out of dozens of applicants, to go overseas to open their next restaurant. I am so excited about this opportunity to see the world. I am now 25 and while I am looking for a nice Jewish girl to marry, I have my whole life ahead of me with endless possibilities. I will really miss my parents and my JAFCO family, but I know that they are always just a text or phone call away. I have never been someone who cries easily, but I feel overwhelmed with emotion as I search for the right words to say goodbye, at least for now. How do you thank thousands of people, most of whom you have never even met, for saving your life? As soon as I am able I plan to give back and join you as a donor to JAFCO, to ensure that other children in my situation also have the same amazing opportunities that I had for safety, love and a bright future. While I am gone please take care of them and keep JAFCO strong with your love and support. I am forever grateful.

With much love,
Andrew Osborn

In 2012, with the love and support of the community JAFCO filled the role of the “second mom” for 798 children within one of the following programs.

The JAFCO Family Preservation Program...

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“I never in my wildest dreams could think that anyone could care as much as the staff at JAFCO. You truly give me hope when I feel there is none.”
Robin S, parent

“When JAFCO came to us, our family was turned upside down. We are not perfect, but life looks a lot better now.”
Maureen K, parent

“We had three therapists try to help us before our JAFCO therapist. Previously no one could help us and she was the only one who had any results with my son and our family. She empowered me to be a stronger and more consistent parent. I learned how to enforce the house rules and to stay calm when my son tried to push my buttons. That’s all it took.”
Linda W, parent
**EXPENSES**

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85 cents of every dollar you donate goes directly to the children.

**REVENUE**

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Net Expenses over Revenue................................$ (77,000)

Where does our funding come from?

**2012 Service Performance**

Children from all over South Florida as well as other parts of the country benefited from JAFCO Services.

798 (unduplicated) children in our community are safer because their lives were touched in 2012 by one of the nine JAFCO programs.

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Since the Children’s Village opened in 2003, 122 children have lived in the Group Home program - some have been with us for as long as 8 years; children ages 6 to 21, children for whom there is currently no available or appropriate family member or foster or adoptive family. All are living in one of six beautiful single family homes on the JAFCO campus, each with their own bedroom and bathroom for the privacy they need while struggling to heal from the trauma they have suffered - the abuse, the neglect, the abandonment.

100% of the children are given the opportunity to experience Shabbat dinner, services, Hebrew school, the beautiful rituals of the Passover Seder, Rosh Hashanah dinner and eight “present-filled” nights of Chanukah. Those who turn 12 or 13 have joined previous generations before them in the ritual of Bar and Bat Mitzvah followed by the most fabulous party imaginable!

100% of the children are exposed to the arts and sports at their first concert, theater performance, and professional baseball, hockey or basketball game.

100% of the children receive educational support, tutoring and those over age 13 are learning independent living skills. The children who continue to reside at the JAFCO Village are engaged in school or college and working part time (if they are old enough to do so) and are looking forward to a bright future.

100% of the children who were of age graduated high school and went on to 4 year universities, community or vocational college; planning careers that include medicine, finance, law enforcement, hospitality, music, social work, law, and education. They drove up to their college dorm accompanied by their JAFCO family with a van filled with brand new dorm supplies; a computer, printer and everything they needed to be successful at college including a meal plan, all of their books, room and board and tuition covered either by scholarships or by their JAFCO family.

100% of the high school seniors have attended their high school prom complete with tux or gown and limo.

90% of the children have been matched with an adult mentor.

30% have been reunified with a parent or family member.

10% have been adopted.

10% have visited the land of Israel, on the March of the Living or on Birthright.

10% are currently enrolled in college and are on track to graduate.

5% have graduated college.

5% are married with their own children.

100% are loved.
In 2012, 83 children (ages birth to 12) were removed from their homes in the middle of the night, often by the police due to physical, sexual or emotional abuse, or neglect - often paired with the disappearance or arrest of their parents. They were brought to the safety, warmth and love of the beautiful Marsh Children’s Center, JAFCO’s Emergency Shelter.

The two year old toddler who was beaten by his mother’s boyfriend for having a toileting accident.

The three siblings ages 4, 5 and 6 who were removed due to deplorable conditions; no lights, no running water, no food, no clean bed to sleep in and sometimes no bed at all. No shoes or clean clothes to go to school and so they missed the first three months of school. Within 24 hours of arriving at JAFCO, all of that changed, and the smiles and the laughter returned.

100% of the children go to sleep each night with clean pajamas and sheets, with a full tummy from a great dinner topped off with a bedtime snack, and with a loving JAFCO staff member awake and right outside their bedroom door all night, to keep the nightmares away.

100% of the children receive excellent medical care, sometimes for the first time in their lives. Since the shelter opened in 2003, JAFCO has cared for 786 children, sometimes for only one night, and sometimes for up to six months. It is our pleasure to care for each child until a permanent family can be found for them.

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Thank you for helping create these wonderful outcomes for the children of JAFCO in 2012!
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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 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 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 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.

Gloria & Herb Barker
Nanci & Stephen Beyer
Dorinne & Jeffrey Gerstin

Dr. Mel & Mara Gober
Claire & Jerry Manowitz
Cindy Niad Hannah & Steve Mutchnick

Sandra & Charles Simon
Dave & Ethel Sommer
Helene & Stephen Weicholz

Recommitted Godparents

As of March 1, 2013

In addition to their first 10 year godparent pledge, these loving and compassionate individuals 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
Terry & Allen Auerbach
Noni & Alan Aufzien
Phyllis Axelrod
Amy Joy Barker
Gloria & Herb Barker
Norman Barofsky
Muriel & Didier Baroukh
Patti & Edward Barrocas
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Abbe & Steven Becker
Caryn & Michael Bedzow
Cindy & Alan Behar
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Sherry & Michael Bell
Gilbert Benhamou
Dara & Alan Berger
Alexandra & James Bergman
Ilse Bergmann*

Nancy & Alfred Katzin
Fran & David Krathen
Jacqueline & Martin Lederman
Maasha & Alan Levy
Fern Lentini Manne & Stan Manne
Sandi & Robert Morris
June & Monte Nathanson
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Karen & Gregory Ritter
Patti & Larry Share
Denise & Ronald Simon
Carol & Steve Winig
Elsa & Peter Zoberg

The JAFCO Godparent Circle

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Margo & Richard Absher
Melissa & Brad Ackerman
Marjorie & Iris Albert
Richard Allen
Margie & Ronald Alter
Martine & Gabri Amiel
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Doris Berkell
Lilyan Berkowitz
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Joan & Leslie Berman
Melinda & Michael Berman
Nanci & Stephen Beyer
Cathy & Kenneth Berman
Joyce Bloch
Net & Jonathan Bloom
Marni Bloomster
Senator Ellyn & Steven Bogdanoff
Repairing the World One Child at a Time

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Adèle & Samuel* Borger
Bruce Borger
Karen Borger
Nancy Brandi
Ellen & Michael Braun
Jacqueline & Robert Brauser
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Brieanne & Harris Brodie
Linda & Don Brodie
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Ellen & Donald Brounstein
Nancy & Martin Brounstein
Nancy & Peter Brown
Judith Bukalz
Renee & Douglas Burns
Anne & Malcolm Butters
Marcie & Mark Butters
Phyllis & Samuel* Butters
Erha & Daniel* Cantor
Brenda & Kenneth Carmel
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Carole & Alan Chase
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Myra & Barry Cohen
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Deborah & Michael Coslov
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Kim & Sean Fetteman
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Jane Fina
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As of March 1, 2013
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The Best Investment You Can Make is in the Life of a Child

Endowments

Please help JAFCO secure the future of our children – saving the life of a child is the best investment you can make. You may place your family name on one of the following endowments needed to secure the future of JAFCO. All endowments are restricted to the purpose for which they were created and only the earned interest is used, allowing the endowment and your family name to continue saving the lives of children in perpetuity. To discuss naming one of the following endowments and payment terms, please call Director of Development, Gail Marlow at 954.749.7230, ext 137.

Endowment Opportunities

**JAFCO Endowment Name** .......................................................... $25,000,000
**Developmental Disabilities Endowment** .................................. $10,000,000
**JAFCO Children’s Village Endowment** ................................. $10,000,000
**JAFCO Emergency Shelter Endowment** ......................... $5,000,000
**College Endowment** ............................................................... $3,000,000
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**Summer Camp Endowment** ................................................ $2,000,000
**Therapy Endowment** .............................................................. $2,000,000
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**Forever Friends Mentoring Endowment** ......................... $100,000
**Endowed Godparent** ............................................................... $72,000

Existing Named Endowments

The Paul & Sandra Goldner MENSCH Endowment - $1,000,000
created to ensure that every JAFCO child has the same opportunity as their children and grandchildren to receive an excellent education and mentoring that will help them become a “Mensch”.

The Vicki & Steven Stolberg College Scholarship Award-$125,000
created to provide college or vocational school experiences to the children of JAFCO who are working hard to succeed in life, beginning in their senior year of high school and following them to college graduation.

The Barry & Myra Cohen Cultural Arts & Music Endowment - $100,000
created to enhance the cultural and musical experiences of the children of JAFCO who might not otherwise have the opportunities to experience these life enriching opportunities.

The Clare & Richard Lesser Children of JAFCO Endowment - $50,000
created to provide for the ongoing needs of the children of JAFCO.

The Brenda Wallach Forever Friends Endowment - $50,000
created by Arthur Adler in loving memory of his sister Brenda who was a dedicated mentor in the Forever Friends Program for many years, sharing her generous heart and warm smile with the children of JAFCO.

The Marge Flanz* Alumni Circle Endowment - $25,000
Created in loving memory of JAFCO Trustee Marge Flanz, to support the activities and ongoing development of the JAFCO Alumni Circle and to provide assistance to deserving JAFCO alumni as they make the difficult transition from foster care to young adulthood.

Special Purpose Funds

With a minimum gift of $25,000 (payable over five years) you can establish your own family fund or you can contribute to an existing fund with a gift of any amount. As the fund creator you can decide how the funds are to be used, either for current operations or as an endowment for the future where only earned interest is used.

**Norman & Stephanie Altman Cultural Arts Fund**
created to provide cultural arts experiences for the children of JAFCO that will lift their spirits and touch their soul in a meaningful way by providing music lessons, tickets to concerts, and theater performances.

**Alan & Noni Aufzien College Graduation Gift Fund**
created to recognize each JAFCO child for the enormous accomplishment of completing their college degree with a gift of $1000 to help them begin their journey as adults.

**Chelminsky Family Hebrew School Fund**
created to enrich the lives of the children of JAFCO by exposing them to the beauty of Judaism through holiday celebrations, Hebrew school and Bar and Bat Mitzvahs for the children of JAFCO.

**Jesse Diner & Adele Stone New Beginnings Educational Fund**
created in honor of Ellyn & Steve Bogdanoff and Anita & Ralph Byer who have both opened their homes as JAFCO foster parents, this fund will enhance the lives of JAFCO’s college age children by providing them with higher educational opportunities in order to break the cycle of abuse and neglect.

**Michelle Herman Goldstein* Emergency Fund**
created by her family in loving memory of Michelle who was senselessly killed on 9-11, provides emergency funds for our JAFCO Shelter: food, clothing, medical attention, and therapy for the most vulnerable infants and children who come to us in the middle of the night.

**Jeffrey Gruber Recreational Fund**
created by Sheila and Richard Gruber in loving memory of their son Jeffrey. This fund provides fun filled experiences for the children in keeping with Jeffrey’s beautiful smile and spirit.

**Perry & Tami Isenberg Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fund**
created to ensure that every JAFCO child has the opportunity to have a beautiful Bar/Bat Mitzvah by being called to the Torah for the most special and holy ritual of our Jewish heritage followed by a wonderful celebration.

**Lawrence S. & Helene Price Family Fund**
created by their children in their honor to provide ongoing support throughout the years for all of the children of JAFCO.

**Dr. Abraham & Dorothy Shapiro Family Fund**
created to provide emergency medical care for the children at the JAFCO Jewish Children’s Village through an annual Yom Kippur Book of Remembrance created by the Boca Lago Congregation.

*Michelle Goldstein passed away in September 2001.*
Construction in Full Swing for 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. Weekly support groups are taking place in all three counties. Everyone is welcome.

Monthly Parents Night Out
The newest addition to our support groups is a night out for parents to relax 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 babysit, 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!
♥ Purchase 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.
♥ Create a team and participate in the In My Sneakers 5K Run/Walk on October 20, 2013 at the BB&T Center in Sunrise, Florida.

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, guidance, and crisis support.
♥ A comprehensive 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 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 take 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 also be trained and learn how they can support those 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.
Thank You - Capital Campaign Update - Thank You

JAFCO Respite and Family Resource Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities

Our Capital Campaign currently stands at $9.75 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.

SOLD

Samuel* & Adele Borger Campus ....................................... $1,000,000
David Posnack Jewish Children’s Center .......................... $1,000,000
Stephen & Helene Weicholz Children’s Lodge ................ $1,000,000
Sandi & Leonard* Solomon Grand Ballroom .................. $1,000,000
Sandi & Bob Morris Guest House .................................. $750,000
Maurice D. & Margie Plough Main Gate Entry Circle ....... $750,000
Irving & Cherna Moskowitz Holy Ark ............................ $198,000
Hahn Family Foundation Computer Wiz Lab .................. $180,000
Edward & Bernice Wenger Professional Wing ................. $180,000
Ron & Deni Simon Marketing & Development Center ....... $154,000
Lilyan Berkowitz Lodge Care Office ............................... $125,000
Dave & Ethel Sommer Intergenerational Bridge ............. $108,000
Levitetz Family Foundation Picnic & BBQ Area .............. $108,000
Ralph & Anita Byer Music & Drama Studio .................... $72,000
Daniel & Judy Dobin Pediatrician’s Office ..................... $72,000
Judy Levis Markhoff Bio Feedback Environment .............. $72,000
Perry & Tami Isenberg Play Therapy Environment .......... $72,000
Frances Davis Classroom .............................................. $72,000
Al & Jo Levine Vegetable Garden Gazebo ....................... $72,000
Ed & Wendy Stemlieb Basketball Court ......................... $72,000
Abe & Annie David Program Director Office ................. $36,000
Richard & Susan Finkelstein Pet Therapy Environment ...... $36,000
Arthur* & Shirley Siegel Guest House Bedroom .............. $36,000
Stuart & Shelly Sherman Guest House Bedroom.............. $36,000
Joseph & Frances Russo* Guest House Kitchen ............. $36,000
Richard Allen & Louise Jacowitz Allen
Guest House Kitchen .................................................... $36,000
The Krass & Ellenbogen Guest House Kitchen ................. $36,000
David & Ethel Sommer Guest House Laundry Room ......... $36,000
Philip & Lee Schwartz Family Fdn Guest House Living Room ........... $36,000
Wolfe & Rywka Taykan Staff Relaxation Environment ...... $36,000
Mel & Mara Gober Clinical Director’s Office ................. $36,000
Sam* & Phyllis Butters Vegetable Garden ..................... $36,000
Butterfly & Hummingbird Gardens ................................. $36,000
Mazie Collin Ford Butterfly Garden ............................... $36,000
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Lenore Rothman* Hummingbird Garden ......................... $36,000
Charles & Sandi Simon Hummingbird Garden ................. $36,000
David & Ethel Sommer Hummingbird Garden .................. $36,000

AVAILABLE

Boys Guest House ............................................................ $750,000
Girls Guest House .......................................................... $750,000
Conference Center ......................................................... $750,000
Bubbie’s Kosher Kitchen ................................................. $720,000
Entry Sculpture Garden ................................................ $720,000
Parents Café ................................................................. $720,000
Children’s Treatment Wing ............................................ $540,000
Conference Center Lobby .............................................. $540,000
Creative Arts Studio ...................................................... $540,000
DD Research & Training Wing ..................................... $540,000
Fitness & Fun Gym ...................................................... $540,000
Main Reception Lobby .................................................. $540,000
Reception Courtyard .................................................... $540,000
Conference Center Meeting Room (3) ......................... $360,000
Hurricane Generator Zone .......................................... $360,000
Multi Media Tech Zone ................................................ $360,000
Performance Stage ....................................................... $360,000
Splash-Zone Playground ............................................... $360,000
Welcome Fountain ....................................................... $360,000
Conference Center Sound & Lighting Zone ................. $252,000
Daily Living Skills Environment ................................. $252,000
Family Resource Library ............................................. $252,000
Precious Pets Petting Zoo .............................................. $252,000
Therapy Waiting Zone ................................................ $252,000
Welcome Gate House ................................................... $252,000
Donation Center ......................................................... $180,000
Elevator ......................................................................... $180,000
Family Consultation Suite ............................................. $180,000
Lodge General Store ................................................... $180,000
Lodge Reception Desk .................................................. $180,000
Lodge Vista Drive ......................................................... $180,000
Parent Observation Overlook (3) ................................ $180,000
Physical Therapy Environment ................................... $108,000
Backstage Dressing Room ............................................ $72,000
Occupational Therapy Environment ........................... $72,000
Speech Therapy Environment ....................................... $72,000
Butterfly & Hummingbird Gardens ............................... $36,000
Guest House Bedroom (16) ........................................... $36,000
Guest House Laundry Room (3) ..................................... $36,000
Guest House Living Room (2) ........................................ $36,000
Guest House Screened Patio (3) .................................. $36,000
Guided Relaxation Room (6) ....................................... $36,000
Lodge Laundry Room .................................................... $36,000
Staff Office (10) .......................................................... $36,000
1st Annual

In My SNEAKERS 5K Run/Walk
Benefiting current JAFCO Developmental Disabilities Program and the new JAFCO Respite and Family Resource Center

Sunday, October 20, 2013

BB&T Center
1 Panther Parkway, Sunrise, FL 33323

Event Co-Chairs
Sharon Wender
Craig Konhauzer

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3rd Annual

In My SHOES Luncheon
Benefiting current JAFCO Developmental Disabilities Program and the new JAFCO Respite and Family Resource Center

Friday, October 4, 2013

Boca West Country Club
20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton, FL 33434
9:30 - 11:30 Boutique
11:30 - 1:30 Luncheon & Program

$75 per person

Event Co-Chairs
Jenn Betesh | Stacey Austein
Lori Konsker | Randi Winter

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Above: Our esteemed 2012 Jacob’s Ladder Honorees receiving their beautiful stained glass awards (L-R) Stan Manne & Fern Lentini Manne, Glenda & Ronnie Krongold, Corporate Recipients Eris Sandler and Mandi Freidman from BankUnited, and Jessica Jacobson with daughter in law Claudia Nemitoff.


Above: (L-R) Gala Honoree Jessica Jacobson is joined by Stephen and Helene Weicholz as they dance the night away to the Motown Classics performed by The Platters.

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JAFCO Motown Memories Gala Raises $250,000

Left: (L-R) Gala Co-Chairs Becky Cohen and Board Trustee Allen Chelminsky enjoy a moment with emcee Jimmy Pomerance.

Right: Wayne Sommer, the lucky raffle winner of a fabulous Royal Caribbean cruise, with Board Trustee and Senior VP of RCCL Vicki Freed (L) and donor Bernice Wenger (R) who drew the lucky winning ticket!

Above: JAFCO Founders Charlie & Sandi Simon receive the first ever JAFCO Lifetime Achievement Award for their love and commitment to the children of JAFCO.

Above: Our fabulous JAFCO Gala Committee did an outstanding job raising 1/4 million dollars to support the JAFCO children: (L-R) Sheila Guilder, Martine Zinn, Martine Amiel, Katy Bitton, Honoree Eris Sandler, Robin Reiff, Co-Chair Becky Cohen, Board Trustee Mara Gober, Board Trustee and Gala Co-Chair Allen Chelminsky.

Above: It was a memorable evening as 12 new godparents lovingly joined the Godparent Circle to spiritually adopt all the JAFCO children to ensure that they are safe and well cared for. New godparents: (L-R Front) Leslie & Joan Berman, Susan & Larry Freshman, Joelle & Meir Elfassy, Meryl Rome & Andrew Rader, Sharon Manne. (Back) Honoree and Recommitted Godparent Jessica Jacobson, Claudia Jacobson Nemitoff, Joshua & Farryl Silver, Marlene & Martin Silver, Martine & Gabi Amiel, Maggie & Stewart Greenberg, Eris & Ken Sandler and Honoree Stan Manne.
“Chicken Soup For the Soul” Raises $100,000

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Above: The fabulous Annual Luncheon Committee, after months of planning, enjoyed the beautiful and successful event. (L-R) Lynne Landsberg, Diane Birdman, Luncheon Chair Ellen Greenspoon, Keynote Speaker Marci Shimoff, Mickey Bluerock, Janet Fabricant, Sharon Wender, Carol Sirota, Glenda Krongold, Ronda Finkelstein. Missing from picture: Heidi Baumann, Erica Grossman, Lauren Kaplan, and Fran Krathen.

Above: (L-R) New members of the JAFCO Godparent Circle Lois Hildebrandt, Linda Trupkin, Becky Zyman, and Arlene Nudel can’t help smiling about the wonderful commitment to spiritually adopt all of the children of JAFCO, making a 10-year commitment of $1,800 per year.

Above: Luncheon Chair Ellen Greenspoon (L) and JAFCO Board of Trustee and Pediatrician Dr. Lisa Sirota Weiner (R) presented Carol Sirota (C) with a beautiful and well deserved Woman of Valor award to honor her for nearly two decades of service and commitment to JAFCO. Carol was part of the first JAFCO chapter in Woodmont founded by the beautiful Claire Manowitz.

Above: Following an emotional announcement that the National Center for Child Abuse has increased the number of children that die each day in the US at the hands of abuse to five, a fifth candle was added to the JAFCO tradition of lighting the candle of hope. Honored with the lighting of the Candle of Hope are (L-R) Sherry Bell, Jennifer Diemar, Liz Weiser, Dr. Barbara Martin, Martha Aronson, and Rachel Sapoznik.
More than 350 guests attended the 15th Annual JAFCO Luncheon held at Jungle Island. This year’s theme “Chicken Soup for the Soul...Love Beyond Measure” was certainly realized throughout the day by all of the love and support for the children of JAFCO that created a warm and caring atmosphere in the Treetop Ballroom. Over $100,000 was raised to benefit the abused, neglected, and special needs children that JAFCO serves in the tri-county area.

Guests of the luncheon shopped at 25 different boutiques featuring jewelry, make-up, handbags, clothing, and much more and had the opportunity to have their makeup touched up by Laura Mercier makeup artists. The fabulous silent auction included Romero Britto artwork, tickets to Miami Heat and Florida Panthers games, fine jewelry, a Royal Caribbean cruise, and vacations to New York City, Las Vegas, and Napa Valley just to name a few.

During the boutique guests were introduced to some of the exotic Jungle Island residents. Luncheon guests posed for photos carrying Rambo the Gator and tried to snap a photo of the camera shy white-faced capuchin. The event, chaired by Ellen Greenspoon, featured a heartwarming presentation from JAFCO Adoptive Mother, Jaime Gross, who shared her family’s journey of adopting two children. The Luncheon also featured Keynote Speaker Marci Shimoff, NY Times bestselling author and the woman’s face of the biggest self-help book phenomenon in history, “Chicken Soup for the Soul.” Marci’s literary accomplishments also include penning the runaway best-sellers “Love for No Reason” and “Happy for No Reason,” which offer revolutionary approaches to experiencing deep and lasting love and happiness. The dynamic and interactive presentation took guests on an insightful journey into happiness, success, and unconditional love.

Four new families were welcomed to the JAFCO Godparent Circle during the emotional pinning ceremony in which they received the 14k gold pin representing JAFCO’s mission, a child swinging on the tree of life. The Godparent Circle is a special group of donors who spiritually adopt all of the children of JAFCO. Their financial gift of $18,000 over ten years ensures that the children will continue to have all of their needs met.

“Since they are so far-reaching it’s rare for all of the JAFCO Chapters to do something together but the Annual Luncheon provides an opportunity for all of us to join together and show our shared passion and support for these precious children” said Greenspoon. “JAFCO has grown so much in the past couple of years,” said Sarah Franco, Executive Director of JAFCO.

“It’s humbling to see the amount of people that do so much for the organization and the children.”

Above: (L-R) JAFCO Executive Director Sarah Franco thanks adoptive mother Jaime Gross for sharing her family’s emotional adoption journey.
Chapter Events and Community Happenings

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Above: Outgoing North Palm Beach Chapter Presidents Janis Lax and Margery Greenspan and Incoming Chapter Presidents and Card Party Co-Chairs Rhonda Levin and Dara Berger have a lot to smile about. They had their first ever sell out event with 200 women and raised well over $30,000 for the children of JAFCO. (L-R) Janis Lax, Rhonda Levin, Dara Berger, and Margery Greenspan.

Above: The South Palm Beach/North Broward Chapter hosted the 3rd Annual Valencia Author Luncheon featuring keynote speaker and renowned Sex Therapist, Iris Bettan. Along with the room temperature, over $6,000 was raised to support the children of JAFCO. (L-R Front) Jan Lieberman, Anita Silverman, Susan Ross, Helene Stronger, Judy Fersko. (Back) Marion Bennett, Chapter President Kim Kaminoff, Event Chair Nadine Ehrlich, Elise Repath, Phyllis Katz, and Karen Cohen.

Above: The Davie/Plantation/Cooper City Chapter held the 3rd Annual Chanukah Party at Hawks Landing, collecting over $2,500 in gift cards to fulfill the holiday wishes of the children of JAFCO. (L-R) Gilda Howell, Chapter President Sharon Wender, Leah Koppel, Jill Coleman, Fern Schneider, and Ronda Finkelstein.

Above: Have a great idea for an event that you would like to chair? Please contact the JAFCO Chapter President in your area or JAFCO Associate Director of Development Rebecca Solomon at 954.749.7230 x144

Above: Event Committee Ingrid Jaffe, Fran Schultz, Shellie Bergman, and Joann Lipsky brought together fabulous fashions, delicious food, an exciting boutique, and amazing raffles making this year’s Villaggio Annual Luncheon & Fashion Show the most successful yet with 200 guests, raising over $8,000 to support the children of JAFCO, and welcoming a new member to the JAFCO Godparent Circle.

Above: The Annual Weston Game Day brought 100 women together for a fun day playing their favorite games with proceeds going directly to support the children of JAFCO. (L-R) Ibby Schulman, Sue Willis, Sheryl Wultz, and Jodi Steinlauf.

Above: Have a great idea for an event that you would like to chair? Please contact the JAFCO Chapter President in your area or JAFCO Associate Director of Development Rebecca Solomon at 954.749.7230 x144

Above: (L-R) Harriet Dinari, Event Chair Abby Smiley, Ruth Drucker, and Arlene Pomerantz of the Davie/Plantation/Cooper City Chapter dressed the part at a luncheon and tour of the Broadway Collection, an astounding exhibit of the finest costumes ever brought to the Broadway stage.

Everyone is invited to all JAFCO events. Please visit www.jafco.org/events to RSVP
South Palm Beach/North Broward Chapter President Kim Kaminoff believes strongly that giving back to the community and to those in need is one of the most important things a person can do. Kim has served as Chapter President since 2012 but began her involvement with JAFCO over ten years ago as a committee member of the Annual Mother’s Day Luncheon. She immediately felt a connection to the JAFCO mission and has held several different roles within the chapter since then, co-chairing many events to raise much-needed funds to support the children of JAFCO, hosting showers to collect supplies needed in the JAFCO Emergency Shelter, and in 2013, along with her husband Leslie, hosted the first ever Men’s Night Out and the 2013 Annual Godparent Reception at their lovely home.

Kim’s professional background includes working in Real Estate but she considers herself fortunate to have been able to be a full time mom to her children. It is also her belief that the only way to teach your children the meaning of giving is through example and it is through this principle that supporting JAFCO has become a family affair for the Kaminoff’s. Kim’s loving and supportive husband Leslie sits on the Board of the JAFCO Children’s Foundation, and together they are part of both the JAFCO Godparent and Founders Circles. Their daughter Alexis and her husband Tom became JAFCO Godparents in 2011 while pregnant with their daughter Ella, who is the first and much adored grandchild in the family. Alexis recently accepted the leadership role of Vice-President of the Long Island Chapter of JAFCO. Kim’s younger children Ashley and Justin Kaminoff have volunteered their time at dozens of JAFCO events and when getting ready to go to college in 2011, Ashley and Justin (along with Corey Davidson) hosted their own JAFCO dorm shower to ensure the children of JAFCO would be headed to college with everything they needed.

Kim and Leslie support many charities but have always felt that JAFCO holds a special place in their heart. One of Kim’s most meaningful experiences was arranging for the children of JAFCO to spend a fun day on their boat. Kim believes “my commitment to fundraising for JAFCO is critical to ensuring the success of the JAFCO mission, but spending time with the children made every single thing I do make sense.” Thank you for your love and support!

Chapter Vice President Chris Miller

Chris Miller first learned about JAFCO 15 years ago when her children were in pre-school at the Zale JCC and participated in the annual JAFCO Chanukah Wish Drive by filling the holiday wishes for some of the children. Shortly after that Chris was invited by a friend to learn more about JAFCO and she was hooked! Chris is currently the co-chair of the Annual Mother’s Day Luncheon for the third year in a row with her friend JAFCO Children’s Foundation Trustee Marcia Langley, and often speaks for JAFCO at community events and invites her friends to all become part of the JAFCO family.

Throughout her 15 years of supporting JAFCO, Chris recalls that her most meaningful experience was the first time she visited the JAFCO Children’s Village. Seeing firsthand how lovingly the children were being cared for and subsequently how safe and happy the children were made her feel proud to be a member of the JAFCO Family. In 2008 the chapter honored Chris as the Woman of the Year at the Annual Mother’s Day Luncheon, a moment she cherishes to this day.

Professionally Chris has a unique background including dental assistant and hygienist, office manager, and partner in a custom designed clothing business in New York. Along with her husband of 29 years, Alex, they have supported many organizations including the ADL, the Adolph Levis JCC, and the FAU Holocaust & Human Rights Center to name just a few. Chris is also a competitive tennis player and plans an Annual Member Guest event at St. Andrews Country Club. Her varied professional background, hobbies, and passion for philanthropy make Chris a well-rounded and experienced leader within the South Palm Beach/North Broward Chapter of JAFCO.

Chris feels blessed to be the mother of five beautiful children (Kristin, Josh, Alyssa, Zack, and Jesse) who are always willing to assist her in her JAFCO endeavors. While she believes it is important that everyone can make a difference in the life of someone in need and considers it an honor to give back to the community she feels “especially passionate about making sure that every JAFCO child has a safe and loving home.”
Florida Chapter Events and Community Happenings

The Andy Schultz Golf Classic

Below: On behalf of the Annual Tournament Sponsor, The Helping Hand Foundation, Jon Weiner and his son Sam, light the candle of hope; a special JAFCO tradition in honor of the children who die senselessly each day in our country at the hands of abuse.

Left: NFL athletes and special guests Chad Henne (Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback formerly with the Miami Dolphins) and Tyrone Culver (Miami Dolphins defensive back formerly with the Green Bay Packers) joined the tournament to help support children in need. (L-R) Committee Member Randi Burger, Tyrone Culver, JAFCO Clinical Director Wendy Jenkins, Chad Henne.

Below: (L-R) Tournament Co-Chairs Sheldon Pittelman and Delsie Lipton lead an amazing committee that put together this year’s incredible sold-out tournament. Over 160 golfers participated in the Andy Schultz Golf Classic which raised over $48,000 to support the children of JAFCO. The Tournament was a fun-filled day including brunch, putting contest, hole in one contest sponsored by Prestige Audi, on-course poker tournament, silent auction, cocktails and dinner.

A special thank you to the incredible golf committee: Randi Burger, Leona Hirschkorn, Mel Kantor, Barbara Hollanger MacKenzie, Cindy Niad Hannah, Iris Raderman, Dale Redlich, Frani Rothman, Carol Sirota and Jackie Sparer.

Below: (L-R) JAFCO Godparents Alan & Fran Foont and Leona Hirschkorn & Marvin Silverman enjoy a beautiful day on the course at Woodlands Country Club.

An intimate evening with Alan Dershowitz

Above: Joined by his wife Dr. Carolyn Cohen, Professor Alan Dershowitz shared an intimate evening with JAFCO donors who were enlightened by the intelligent and moving discussion on today’s most pressing political issues and were also delighted to hear about his meetings with leaders from all over the world. JAFCO Vice President Mara Gober and JAFCO Trustee Jeremy Schneider (not pictured) were the co-chairs of this Inaugural Event for the JAFCO Children’s Foundation. (L-R) Mara Gober, Dr. Carolyn Cohen, Dr. Alan Dershowitz, and Dr. Mel Gober.

Above: Susan and Norman Fixel welcome Dr. Alan Dershowitz and JAFCO guests to their exquisite Fort Lauderdale oceanfront home at the Ritz Carton Residences hosting an unforgettable evening all benefitting the children of JAFCO.

Above: Dr. Alan Dershowitz captivated his guests while answering all of their many questions about Israel and other topics.
Everything begins with Love in Aventura

Above: Everything began with “love” at the 4th Annual Tennis Tournament held at the Sans Souci Tennis Center in North Miami. This year’s tournament was held in partnership with Temple Beth Sholom’s Mitzvah Day, raising over $4,000 and giving more people the opportunity to support the JAFCO mission of caring for abused, neglected, and special needs children in our community. (L-R) Laura Mendelson, Debbie Gomberg, Event Chair Bari Schanerman, Aventura/North Miami Dade Chapter President Miri Mazor, Barbara Amoils, Karen Geller and Stacey Wald.

Men’s Night Out with Sports Legends

Below: Co-Chairs Nel & Jonathan Bloom and Kim & Leslie Kaminoff hosted the 1st Annual Men’s Night Out, raising over $30,000 for the children of JAFCO. Hosted by Excell Auto Group in Boca Raton, the event featuring Sports Legends NY Yankee great Lou Piniella, NY Knicks Anthony Mason and former MLB players Cliff Floyd and Tanyon Sturtze was a home run! (L-R) Cliff Floyd, Jonathan & Nel Bloom, South Palm Beach/North Broward Chapter President Kim Kaminoff, Lou Piniella, Anthony Mason, JAFCO Children’s Foundation Trustee Leslie Kaminoff, Event Sponsor Bobby Hotaling.

Black & White Benefit Party

Above: Co-Chairs Dr. Sandy Rizzo Weiner & Lori Meyers and the Weston/West Broward Chapter hosted an elegant Black & White Party at the M Café at Midtown Athletic Club to benefit the JAFCO Respite & Family Resource Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities. Over 75 guests attended this fun night out which included a silent auction and video presentation, raising nearly $5,000 for this very important program. (L-R) Event Committee: Elsa Zoberg, Lori Meyers, Mariann Marinberg, Dr. Sandy Rizzo Weiner, Caroline Brooks, Louise Jacowitz, Evelyn Beddow. Not pictured: Rachel Ireland.

Miami Beach/South Miami Dade

Left: The Miami Beach/South Dade Chapter decorated the JAFCO Children’s Village and helped wrap gifts to create a fun and festive holiday atmosphere for the children residing in all six Group Homes.

Right: Collecting supplies for the JAFCO Emergency Shelter, Loren Kaiserman and Lori Spodak of the Miami Beach/South Miami Dade Chapter, hosted a beautiful baby shower in Brickell Key to raise awareness for infants in need of crisis placement.

Left: The Miami Beach/South Miami Dade Chapter introduced JAFCO to a whole new community wanting to support the JAFCO Emergency Shelter. The Baby Shower hosted by Jennifer Diemar & Julie Paresky at Temple Beth Am (Miami) collected much-needed supplies to care for the newborns placed at the 24 hour JAFCO Emergency Shelter. (L-R) Beth Lang, Jen Levin, Robin Saks, Hostesses Jennifer Diemar and Julie Paresky.

Above: The round robin style doubles tournament had the whole family getting involved including divisions for kids, adults, and parent/child double’s teams. Playing together as a family, the Cohen’s not only enjoyed the tournament but also taught their children the importance of doing a mitzvah and helping children in need.

Above: Players and future tennis hopefuls enjoy a funfilled day watching the tournament.
Florida Chapter Events and Community Happenings

Aventura Chanukah Miracles Luncheon Raises Over $90,000 including 11 New Godparents

Below: (L-R) New Godparents Eva Herman and her father Jeff Herman, Gayle Yagman, Alexandra Bergman, Elise Udelson, and Rachel Sapoznik are welcomed to the JAFCO Godparent Circle and are presented with their 14k gold pin representing JAFCO’s mission, a child swinging on the tree of life, by Aventura Chapter President Miri Mazor.

Above: The 3rd Annual Chanukah Miracles Luncheon Committee poses at an Appreciation Luncheon and Fashion Show hosted by Neiman Marcus (Bal Harbour) to thank all event sponsors, underwriters, and table captains for their generous support. Luncheon Chairs Monica Egozi and Gayle Yagman, along with the incredible event committee, hosted over 350 guests at the Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa. (L-R Seated) Hayley Sloman, Chapter President Miri Mazor, Co-Chairs Gayle Yagman and Monica Egozi, Susan Postal. (Standing) Hilary Kates, Cindy Orlinsky, Melissa Grosfeld, Debbie Gomberg, Joanne Bornstein, Lauren Lerner, Darrah Gilderman, Marla Garfinkle, Nicole Groll, Niti Yanovich, Cathie Kessler. Not shown: Barbara Amoils, Lyndsey Cooper, Gayle Egozi, Lauren Faith, Jodi Most, Stephanie Oshinsky, Bari Schanerman, Elise Udelson.

The Kennedy Women Author Luncheon

Above: (L-R) Bernice Wenger and Helene Weicholz join the Simon family as they are honored with the Motzi for their commitment and generosity to the children of JAFCO.

Left: Event Committee gathers for a picture before the 4th Annual Author Luncheon at St. Andrews Country Club. Renowned author Laurence Leamer discussed his endeavors and years’ worth of research that went into his best-selling book “The Kennedy Women,” an incredible portrait of the women in America’s “Royal Family.” The most successful Author Luncheon yet, raised over $60,000 including 5 new godparents who committed to raising an entire generation of abused and neglected children. (L-R Back) Nadine Ehrlich, Karen Schwartz, Karen Cohen, Susan Lyman, Judy Canter, Nancy Singer, Nanette Fisher, Judi Bukaitz, Symara Feldman, South Palm Beach/ North Broward Chapter Vice President Chris Miller. (Front) Janet Fabricant, Event Chair Flora Aranson Zadoff, JAFCO Board of Trustee Dorinne Gerstin, Chapter Past President Elise Repath.

Luncheon with renowned author Laurence Leamer raises $60,000!
Below: Four new couples from the North Palm Beach Chapter of JAFCO were so moved after touring the Children’s Village that they proudly joined the Godparent circle in honor of their tour host and Godparent Alan Berger. (L-R) Bruce & Susan Arbeiter, Howard & Rhonda Levin, Alan Berger, Barbara & Barry Glaser. Not pictured: Joan & Harold Kutner.

Above: Currently a free agent for the NFL, linebacker Abdul Hodge (drafted by the Green Bay Packers in 2006) made time to visit the children of JAFCO and facilitate a football “training camp”. Emphasizing the value children receive from playing sports- confidence, teamwork, physical and mental health, and having fun! Thank you to Abdul and his wonderful mom Violet Hodge who keeps our JAFCO Village looking beautiful.

“A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child.”

Left: Mazie Golin Ford, surrounded by 4 generations of her loving family, was overjoyed when her family decided to name a Butterfly Garden in her honor at the new JAFCO Respite & Family Resource Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities. Her love for children and family has certainly been instilled in the hearts and souls of all that know her and will forever touch the lives of children that visit her garden.

Above: Every year the Weston/West Broward Chapter never ceases to amaze with their passion and dedication to fulfilling the Chanukah wishes of the children of JAFCO. Chanukah Miracle Workers Linda Kaner (L) and Aliza Novie (R) drop off hundreds of gifts with the help of JAFCO Godparent Michelle Ramer (C) to ensure the children of JAFCO will celebrate a bright and joyous holiday.

Above: The Delta Iota Chapter of Sigma Delta Tau Sorority show their commitment to philanthropy by volunteering at the JAFCO Children’s Village. The Nova Southeastern University students came to volunteer with a smile, supporting their sisterhood’s commitment to enriching the lives of abused and neglected children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 2, 2013
South Palm Beach/ North Broward Chapter
11th Annual Mother’s Day Luncheon
Where: Polo Club, Boca Raton
Time: 10:00 am - Cost: $118
Jodi Farbish: 954.749.7230 ext. 108

Thursday, May 16, 2013
Century Village/ Pembroke Pines Chapter
Camp Supplies Meeting
Time: 1:00 pm
Frieda Meltzer: 954.437.7578

Thursday, June 6, 2013
South Palm Beach/ North Broward Chapter
Addison Reserve Luncheon
Where: Addison Reserve, Boca Raton
Time: 12:00 pm - Cost: $50
Flora Aronson: 561.826.8401

Thursday, July 18, 2013
Century Village School Supplies Luncheon
Where: Century Village Country Club
Time: 12:00 pm
Frieda Meltzer: 954.437.7578

Wednesday, September 18, 2013
Weston Chapter
Spirit of Life Luncheon
Where: Weston Hills Country Club
Jennifer Alman: jen@organizeandsystemize.com

Friday, October 4, 2013
Benefiting the JAFCO Respite Center
3rd Annual In My Shoes Luncheon
Where: Boca West Country Club, Boca Raton
Time: 10:00 am - Cost: $75
Jodi Farbish: 954.749.7230 ext. 108

Sunday, October 20, 2013
Benefiting the JAFCO Respite Center
In My Sneakers 5k Run/Walk
Where: BB&T Center, Sunrise
Jodi Farbish: 954.749.7230 ext. 108

Saturday, December 7, 2013
JAFCO Heroes Ball Gala
Where: The Polo Club, Boca Raton
Time: 7:00 pm - Cost: $300 pp
Black Tie
Gail Marlow: 954.749.7230 ext. 137
To our JAFCO Northeast family,

It’s hard to believe that this June will mark six years since I had the honor of helping JAFCO open the first office outside of Florida in Philadelphia. Our goal was to spread the word about JAFCO amongst our “snowbirds”, family and friends. There were concerns about how a new community would respond to a new organization. Starting slow and cautiously, we began to build a foundation of support and to raise awareness about child abuse within the Northeast Jewish communities. Thanks to Pearl Halegua, our Chapter President in Long Island/NY, our JAFCO members from NY were introduced to our mission and then immediately began to support the precious children we serve. Pearl along with many of her chapter members, hosted baby showers, parlor meetings and other events to raise awareness and funds to support existing JAFCO programs. In the very first years, Pearl and her members accomplished much more than we could have ever imagined. The outpouring of love and support to the children was heartwarming and a real tribute to the respect that Pearl had earned within her community.

In Philadelphia and NJ, I have had the incredible honor of watching people come together, one by one. As they learned about the important work being done by JAFCO and the uniqueness of our programs, people wanted to help as much as possible. The initial response was one of disbelief - “it can't be...Jewish abused and neglected children, that just doesn't happen”. But as people were touched by the emotional stories and learned more, they continued to step forward and offer their support. Some began to share stories of families they had known from the NE whose children and grandchildren had suffered abuse or neglect and could have used one or more of JAFCO’s services if they had existed in the NE - foster care, adoption, emergency shelter or group home placement.

It is amazing to think that 6 years ago our Northeast community, PA, NJ and NY had never really heard of the children of JAFCO and now our chapters have grown to a place that they are raising over $100,000 from special events, we have over 20 Godparent, and have held over 100 events ranging from baby showers and cocktail parties to our larger events including the Spring Into Summer Luncheon, Golf Tournaments in Philadelphia, Cocktail Parties on the NJ Shore and in Manhattan, and Fun in the Sun in NY. There are too many people to list who have made donations, opened their homes, worked tirelessly on planning events, provided goods and pro bono services and who reached out to their communities to ask for support of our children. Each and everyone of you should know that this would not have happened without you.

Wanting to plant the seed of bringing JAFCO to the NE one day, a special couple from Philadelphia, Marcia and Philip Cohen, who believed in the need to bring JAFCO to Philadelphia from the start, generously plan to leave $2 million in their will to JAFCO with $1 million going to the expansion efforts in Philadelphia.

While all of these seeds were being planted within our Chapters, an incredible partnership was also being created between JAFCO and Golden Slipper, a Jewish overnight camp with a mission of caring for underprivileged Jewish children. A special thank you to Michelle Simon who learned about JAFCO while attending an event in Jupiter, Florida during one of her trips to her winter home. Michelle immediately thought about making the connection between JAFCO and the wonderful Members of Golden Slipper. Words cannot even adequately begin to express our gratitude for providing so many children with a real summer camp experience in the Pocono Mountains free of charge. Our JAFCO children have been spending their summers in Pennsylvania for the past three years all thanks to Michelle and the Board of Directors of the Camp! A few of them also spend a week at the shore in between sessions with Michelle and some of her “summer sisters”.

A special thank you to our Philadelphia Chapter Board Officers: Co-Presidents Stacey Gerwitz and Liz Schneider, VP of Donor Relations Jill Lapensohn, Treasurer/Secretary Beverly Victor, Director of Northeast Development Rana Bell, CO-President Liz Schneider join Spring Into Summer Honoree Linda Brodie (Middle) to share the excitement of the opening of the new JAFCO Social Service office in Philadelphia. Not pictured: VP of Communications Bonnie Squires.

The Board of Trustees of the JAFCO Children’s Foundation, the entity who is empowered to oversee and plan the future of JAFCO, has watched the outpouring of community support in the NE and has decided that we are now ready to move...
forward with our dream, our vision, of opening an official social service office, starting in the Greater Philadelphia community where we have our greatest number of supporters. This gradual expansion will also take place in NJ and in NY as the support in those communities continues to grows.

By the end of 2013 we will have incorporated JAFCO as a 501(c)3 in PA and qualified in N.J. with the plan to work in collaboration with existing services to fill social service gaps within the Jewish community. We will continue with our expansion plans by hiring a local Social worker who is acquainted with the child welfare system and will help take on referrals and initial intakes. We are searching for donated or affordable start-up office space accessible to many suburbs and the city, ideally in Conshohocken.

Once all of these pieces are in place, we will obtain any necessary licenses to be able to move forward and grow into a fully functioning local entity. To help move this process along we are seeking one or more donors to commit to funding the seed dollars for the first five years of operations. Please contact me if you wish to be part of this exciting grass roots effort that will change our community and our world forever by making it a safer place for our children. I owe each and everyone of you so many thanks for believing in our mission and our message and helping us get to this place, where people feel connected to the work we do and the children we are helping. I feel blessed to have such a group of dedicated people who have chosen to make the children of JAFCO a part of their very own family.

with gratitude,
Rana Bell,
Director of Northeast Development

NJ Godparents and committed JAFCO supporters, Marc and Cathy Backal have given the first significant restricted cash gift towards our eventual expansion efforts in NJ.

NY/Long Island Chapter President Pearl Halegua, Vice President Alexis Kaminoff, Donor Relations/Membership Dorine Wulwick, Treasurer Linda Moskowitz, Secretary Amy Levy, Programming Chair Susan Tashlik, Photographer Stacey Spitalnick, and Members at Large Amy Rose Schecter and Susan Lipper.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 8, 2013
Philadelphia Chapter
3rd Annual Spring into Summer Luncheon
Where: Hilton City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA
Time: 10: am - Cost: $85 pp
Rana Bell: 610.397.8688

Thursday, June 20, 2013
Philadelphia Chapter
Happy Hour at SUPPER
Where: Supper, Philadelphia, PA
Time: 6:00-8:00 pm
Dayna Benn at daynabenn@gmail.com

Thursday, June 27, 2013
JAFCO/Golden Slipper
Name Your Game
Where: Linwood Country Club, Linwood, NJ
Time: 10:30 am - Cost: $54
Stacey Gerwitz at adwyn1@verizon.net

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

Saturday July 27, 2013
New Jersey Chapter
Progressive Dinner
Where: NJ Shore
Liz Schneider: 610.761.3607
Stacey Gerwitz: 610.960.4099

Thursday, August 1, 2013
Philadelphia Chapter
4th Annual Fun in the Sun
Where: Glenhead Country Club, Glen Head, NY
Time: 10:30 am
Pearl Halegua at phalegua@gmail.com

Thursday, August 8, 2013
Philadelphia/New Jersey Chapter
4th Annual Cocktails for a Cause
Where: Private Residence, Longport, NJ
Time: 6:00-9:00 pm - Cost: $75 pp
Carol Sussman: 215.208.4609
Donna Greenberg: 561.271.1831

For information regarding any of the Northeast events, please contact Rana Bell, Director of Northeast Development at 610.397.8688
Naomi Litwak
Naomi knows how important new school supplies are; she put together 15 baskets with all of the items she collected. Naomi also asked her family and friends to send a tribute to JAFCO as her Bat Mitzvah gift, raising over $800!

Hayden Norris
For his Bar Mitzvah project, Hayden created a website and wrote a beautiful letter to his friends and family with the successful goal of raising $5,000 so that a child at JAFCO could enjoy the same experience and become a Bar Mitzvah which included donating 20% of his own gifts. Thank you Hayden for your compassion!

Jordana Gruber
When celebrating her Bat Mitzvah, Jordana Gruber, was surely influenced by the philanthropic spirit of her family including her grandparents, active Pembroke Pines / Century Village Chapter Members and JAFCO Godparents Sheila & Richard Gruber. In addition to collecting school supplies for the children of JAFCO, Jordana raised $1,200 to benefit the Jeffrey Gruber Recreational Fund which was created to provide fun filled experiences for the children of JAFCO.

MORE MITZVAH CHILDREN
$300 - $999
Myra Baker - Jake Kallen
$100 - $299
Brendan Epstein - Eliezer Menda
Other Mitzvah Kids
Ethan Chase, Ariana Clarke, Ryan Clarke, Noah Cohen, Jonathan Folic, Joel Hein, Madi Leon, Adam Marcus, Eliza Morton, Stephanie Morton, Hayley Princz, Brett Scherr
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 Development Associate Jodi Farbish at jodi@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 April 1, 2013
What do Jordan’s Furniture, the Broadway Show “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” and NYC’s experience known as The Ride all have in common? One very special person by the name of Barry Tatelman, who in addition to his hugely successful and innovative past and present businesses, has always made time to lend his expertise and talents to agencies caring for children in foster care. After years of helping and advising the child welfare system in Massachusetts as a true community partner, in 2010 Barry came for a tour of the JAFCO Children’s Village with JAFCO Foundation President Steve Weicholz and JAFCO Trustee and friend Jeremy Schneider.

“I didn’t have to ask Barry for a donation, he already knew from years of experience that running a quality residential facility like JAFCO requires recurring operational gifts from committed donors. Barry asked a few questions, took a tour of the Village and made a generous donation of $100,000 to fund the group home program which accounts for nearly one-third of our annual expenses,” says Sarah Franco, JAFCO Executive Director.

Last year, Barry and his wife Susan came to the Village and Barry spoke to the children about the importance of loving the work that you do and using your creativity and your intelligence to become successful and happy. The children loved hearing Barry’s ideas and enthusiasm and came away from the meeting dreaming about the plans for their future businesses and careers. Barry is not only a motivational speaker but is a true advocate for children in foster care understanding that they are totally alone in this great big world unless we as a community step up to guide them and care for them until they can care for themselves. This is JAFCO’s mission and we are honored to have Barry and Susan Tatelman as part of our JAFCO Family with gratitude to them for their love and generosity.

Meet JAFCO Associate Director of Development Rebecca Solomon

Four years ago JAFCO had the fortune of adding Rebecca Solomon to our Development Team. A graduate of the University of Central Florida, Rebecca began her work in the Jewish community as Director of the Young Leadership Division of the Jewish Federation of Broward County. Being part of the South Florida Jewish Community has always been important to Rebecca and at JAFCO she is now in a position to offer that same opportunity to children who need that connection with their community in order to survive.

“Rebecca’s grandmother Estelle Slomovitz, was one of the first people who was there to provide emotional support when JAFCO first started and there were only two of us in the agency. She believed in us and our mission”, recalls Sarah Franco, JAFCO Executive Director. The importance of philanthropy and community is clearly something Rebecca learned from her grandmother, her parents, Harold and Mary Ann Solomon and loving family.

Rebecca’s four year anniversary with the agency comes with a well deserved promotion from Assistant Director to Associate Director of Development, responsible for over 75 fundraising events each year! Rebecca is also the liaison with all of our South Florida Chapters in addition to so many other development responsibilities. “Our events take us from The Ritz to the Trump Mansion in Palm Beach but Rebecca’s favorite event to plan is a Bar/Bat Mitzvah for one of the children who live at the JAFCO Village. Connecting a child to their Jewish heritage and giving them that memorable day in their life, is what is most important to her,” says Gail Marlow, JAFCO Director of Development. “Everything we do at JAFCO is for the children and we are so fortunate to have Rebecca as part of our team.”
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
Richard Allen
Julia Atkins Estate
Charles & Ruth Barbash Estate
Stanley & Amy Baumwald
Allen Bender
Phil & Beverly Berman Estate
David & Constance Blacher
Theodore & Vivian Black Estate
Eugene Blond Estate
Robin Bordewick
Herbert & Helen Borger Estate
Samuel* & Adele Borger
Celia Bradburg
Selma Brenner Estate
William & Rosalind Burd
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 Drittel
Robert & Janet Fabricant
David & Sandra Feldman
Dorothy Frankel Estate
Edna Fried Estate
Diane Friedman
Phyllis Fure
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Mortimer & Enid* Geisler
Charlotte Glassberg Estate
Ruth Goldberg
Irving & Vivian Golden
Beatrice Goldfarb Estate
Stewart Greenberg
Stewart & Marlene Greenbaum
Maurice & Sylvia Gruber Estate
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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
Jerome Kelter & Elinore Lambert
Frank Levine Estate
Josephine Levine
Joseph & Arlene Makler
Jerry & Claire Manowitz
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Bob & Marcia Neiman
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Abraham Samuel Obstbaum
Stephanie Owitz
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Maurice D. & Marjorie Plough, Jr.
Ruth K. Price Estate
Edward Rickmann Estate
Samuel & Rose Riemer
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Sandra Rosenow
Lenore Rothman Estate
Rabbi Solomon & Gloria Rothstein
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Martin & Sara* Sager

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Katie & Harry Sugarman
Arie A. Taykan
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
Left: JAFCO Trustee and Founders Circle donor Dave Sommer, along with his wife Ethel, have offered long-standing and enthusiastic support for the children of JAFCO. In celebration of his 95th birthday, Dave asked his friends and family to make a donation to JAFCO in lieu of gifts resulting in over $3,000 that will go directly to the needs of the children he cares so deeply for. Mazel Tov on reaching this wonderful milestone Dave, and wishing you many, many more!
Stewart Greenberg

A loving member of the JAFCO family since 1995, Stewart Greenberg knew immediately that he had to become involved when he attended a small parlor meeting and learned that Jewish children in our community were being abused and neglected. He and his entire family immediately became involved in JAFCO’s efforts to create a solution to this issue and Stuart was instrumental in setting up the $6 million capital campaign structure to build the JAFCO Children’s Village in 2002. With his inspiration and leadership the campaign surpassed that goal and actually raised $7 million, allowing us to pay for the Village construction in cash. When we decided to begin our second capital campaign for the construction of the JAFCO Respite and Family Resource Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities, we knew that our first meeting had to be with Stewart. He feels that asking someone to give to charity is both a privilege and a gift and lives by the philosophy that we should "give until it feels good."

Stewart has dedicated his philanthropic giving to those who are the most vulnerable in our community - children who need a home, love and a feeling that they matter to someone. He is so proud of his own three children; Melissa, age 33, Jennifer, age 31 and Michael age 25 (and two grandsons Logan, 5 and Brian, 2) who have followed in his footsteps by giving back to their community with donations of tzedakah and more importantly giving of themselves by becoming JAFCO volunteers and mentors in the Forever Friends program – each giving of their time to form a special bond with a JAFCO child who was in need of a friend and positive role model.

Stewart shares that being involved with JAFCO has been an emotional and rewarding experience that has given him a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction in his journey to make the world a better place. Recently when updating his estate, it was only natural for Stewart to include JAFCO as a beneficiary in his will, ensuring that his legacy lives on forever. Stewart is married to his beautiful wife Maggie who also has three children and a 3 year old grandson. Grateful to have healthy children and grandchildren, Stewart and Maggie are both members of the JAFCO Godparent Circle and with their annual financial support they have spiritually adopted all of the 400 children whom JAFCO is honored to serve. JAFCO is forever grateful to Stewart Greenberg for sharing his heart and his soul with the children of JAFCO for the past 18 years as well as his commitment to the wellbeing of future generations of JAFCO children as a legacy donor. On behalf of the children and the entire JAFCO Family, we wish him continued strength, good health and happiness.

IN LOVING MEMORY

JAFCO respectfully and sadly acknowledges the loss of the following members of the JAFCO Family. They will not be forgotten.

Remembering JAFCO Children’s Foundation Board Member

Samuel Borger*

JAFCO Held a Special Place in His Heart

JAFCO Children’s Foundation Board Member Sam Borger created a legacy that included the secret to a happy life: a marriage of 66 years to his beautiful wife Adele, a wonderful family consisting of his three loving children Bruce, Karen, Hara (and Michael), his two grandchildren, and countless acts of philanthropy – all of which brought him great joy.

Sam was a self-made man who was proud of the fact that he was born to a poor family and after a successful career in the steel industry in PA, his greatest thrill in life was to be able to donate money to whatever charity touched his heart and occasionally sit on their Board of Trustees. We are so honored that JAFCO was one of those fortunate charities that Sam chose. When we built the JAFCO Children’s Village, a home for abused and neglected children, he and Adele stepped forward with a generous capital gift. They also support the daily operations of the Village as JAFCO Godparents. Four years ago, when JAFCO decided to reach out to the thousands of families who are raising a child with a developmental disability by creating a new Respite and Family Resource Center….this really hit home. “After all the years that I had known Sam, he had never shared with me that he had a sister who had a developmental disability. He told me that his mother cared for her day and night, that the family didn’t go out much nor did they have many visitors to the home and that the lives of his other “typical” siblings as well as his own were greatly affected. Having support, services and respite care would have made a huge difference to his family. Sam and Adele did not hesitate to be the lead donors and stepped up proudly with the first $1 million gift to name the campus of the new JAFCO center,” says Sarah Franco, JAFCO Executive Director.

Judaism teaches us that our purpose in life is to leave this world a better place than we found it - Sam has certainly fulfilled this mitzvah each and every day of the 89 years of his life. Sam...you have been a role model and inspiration to us all, we love you and we will never forget you.

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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 side 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, Associate Director of Development at rsolomon@jafco.org

We truly apologize for any errors or omissions. Please email gail@jafco.org so we may correct any error.

YOUR GIFT MAY BE MADE IN MANY WAYS:

Cash Gifts
Gifts of Stocks & Bonds
Gifts of Real Estate
Gifts of Insurance

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