EXPENSES

Group Home Program ........................................$ 1,660,000
Family Preservation Program ..............................$ 853,000
Children’s Emergency Shelter ............................$ 716,000
Administration ................................................$ 664,000
Developmental Disabilities Program .......................$ 233,000
Foster Care/Adoption Program ...........................$ 213,000
Independent Living Program .............................$ 181,000

TOTAL EXPENSES ..........................................$ 4,520,000

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

REVENUE

Private Foundations/Grants ...............................$ 1,419,000
Special Events, Fundraising .................................$ 1,346,000
General Contributions ......................................$ 600,000
Jewish Federation of Broward County .................$ 55,000
Government Funding .......................................$ 762,000
Children’s Services Council of Broward ...............$ 507,000

TOTAL REVENUE ...........................................$ 4,689,000
Revenue over Expenses .....................................$ 169,000

Where does our funding come from?

2013 Children's Village Service Performance

872 (unduplicated) children in our community are safer because their lives were touched in 2013 by one of the nine JAFCO programs.

Forever Friends (Mentoring) ............................................... 13
Senior Caregiver ................................................................. 29
Independent Living ............................................................ 29
Group Home ........................................................................ 48
Foster Care & Adoption .................................................... 86
Emergency Shelter ............................................................... 118
Developmental Disabilities .............................................. 220
Family Preservation ............................................................. 413

Children from all over South Florida as well as other parts of the country benefited from JAFCO Services
The JAFCO Candle of Hope reminds us of the 5 precious children in our country whose lives are lost every day as a result of abuse and neglect. They deserved more and JAFCO dedicates each of our lifesaving programs in their memories. With the support of our community we have helped keep over 800 children safe in 2013 and over 4600 children since JAFCO was created in 1992. The JAFCO Children’s Village remains the only Village of its kind in the Jewish Community in the entire country providing a safe and loving home for a child in our community in the event that they are removed from their family and placed in state foster care or if there is a family tragedy or emergency family situation that leaves the child without a safe place to live.

Lives saved in 2013: 900

Foster Care & Adoption Program

JAFCO Foster Families make a temporary commitment (up to two years) to care for a child who has been removed from their family until such time that the child can be safely reunited with his or her birth family or an adoptive home is found for them. JAFCO Adoptive Families make a lifelong legal commitment to love and care for a child....forever. Over the past 21 years, 100% of families wishing to adopt have been successful at growing their family through adoption. During both the foster care and adoption placements, JAFCO families have the full support of our clinical team 24 hours a day to help the children (ages birth through age 18) understand possible feelings of loss and abandonment which can often take a lifetime to overcome. Additional families are always needed to foster or adopt both infants as well as school-aged children.

Lives saved in 2013: 86

Group Home Program

Making honor roll, playing on the local community sports team, performing in dance class recital, being nominated for homecoming king or queen, getting a driver’s license, the excitement of a first birthday party, first job, first girlfriend, going to overnight summer camp, having wishes come true for eight nights of Chanukah, the March of the Living, learning to cope and to trust again in therapy and the unforgettable memories of senior prom were just a few of the outcomes in 2013 for the children in the JAFCO Group Home program. In addition eight of our college children are moving closer to their goal of graduation, independence and hope for a bright and happy future.

Lives saved in 2013: 48

Children’s Emergency Center

Lives saved in 2013: 118

Sophia was discovered as a result of a complaint from a hotel guest who reported the non-stop crying of a baby in the next room. He called the manager who opened the door and found her all alone. Sophia’s parents were nowhere to be found and she was severely dehydrated. She was brought to JAFCO where she was slowly nurtured back to health by the loving staff and shelter volunteers. Sophia was placed in a loving JAFCO foster family and after it was determined by the courts that she could not be safely reunited with her birth parents, she was legally adopted by her foster parents giving her a safe and loving home....forever.

Family Preservation Program

Lives saved in 2013: 413

Helping families in crisis with wrap-around clinical services including case management and referral, parent training and support, family counseling and 24-hour on-call crisis support, the JAFCO Family Preservation Program provides a free, immediate response to help preserve, strengthen and support families in our community. In 2013, the program was able to both increase safety and maintain the child safely within the family over 90% of the time.
After several years of planning and construction, the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center is complete and ready to open! With causes still unknown, an alarming 1 in 10 babies are being diagnosed with some kind of developmental disability including Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disabilities and many other diagnoses that in the most severe forms can create tremendous stress for families whose lives are changed forever at the moment of diagnosis and who are often left to navigate through a sea of services and other challenges on their own.

As funding permits, these are the dreams that we have for this innovative center serving children birth through 22 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 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 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.

2013 Disabilities Program Outcomes
220 Children Served

Respite Program - “I never thought I would ever find the courage to trust anyone and take my child for all day Sunday respite. However I couldn’t ask for a safer or better experience for my son. He loves coming and I have the entire day to myself. They are teaching him social skills and he is making friends, I couldn’t ask for anything more – maybe I’ll consider an overnight soon!”. - Eli

Parent Behavior Training Workshops - “After 15 years of raising my son, I finally have found professionals who really care and know how to help me change his behavior”. - Kim

Assessment, Planning and Family Support - “The diagnosis is just the beginning – there is so much to learn, to know and to understand. Honestly, I felt frightened and overwhelmed and did not even know where to start to create a plan or a map for this unknown journey my family and I were about to embark on. But the JAFCO staff were able to make it less frightening by giving us a plan based on knowledge, research and expertise. They not only connected us to services but were truly knowledgeable about all the great programs in the community. They call, visit our home and even attend meetings and school staffing when we need them. Just knowing we are not alone and seeing the amazing Children’s Ability Center made my wife and I feel so much better. Now we can actually plan some time together and make sure that we keep our marriage strong. This is not something that any family can do on their own and with JAFCO here to help my family – I now know we are going to make it”. - Alan.

Parent Support Groups and Parents’ Night Out - “I never talked to anyone about my child but at JAFCO I finally have a place where it is safe to share how I really feel with other moms who truly understand what I am going through. I can’t wait to get to the support group every week. It also feels good to know that I can use my experience to help the new moms whose children were just diagnosed. We all help each other and the parents’ night out is a great way to make new friends who truly get what it is like to be ‘us’.” - Robyn

Sibshops - “I love coming to the Sibshops! We have so much fun and I have learned that I am not the only one who lives with a brother with a developmental disability. Some days it can be really hard living in my family and I sometimes feel like everyone forgets about me, but the Sibshops really help, I can’t wait for the next one!” - Allison
JAFCO In The News

By Randall Lieberman - The Jewish Journal

Yasmin Hyder is raising two daughters with different needs. Seven-year-old Zoe has autism. Eight-year-old Maya does not. "My life is two children, two different schools, therapies after school and on weekends," said the Cooper City mom. "So I basically run around." Hyder and other families with children who have a developmental disability will find an oasis of loving support at JAFCO's new Children's Ability Center.

JAFCO officials say the $9.5 million two-story facility will open in June as the nation's first one-stop shop offering family support, therapy, child enrichment and respite care for families with special-needs children. The center, at 5100 Nob Hill Road in Sunrise, will serve children from birth to age 22.

JAFCO, which serves families of all faiths, was founded in 1992 to provide services to abused and neglected children in South Florida. The nonprofit extended its mission in 2007 to include services for families raising a child with a developmental disability such as Autism, Spina Bifida and Cerebral Palsy. "What we bring to the table is an expertise in helping families." Sarah Franco said.

The new center will offer social skills and life-skills training; music, pet and art therapy; physical, occupational, speech and behavioral therapy; and extended respite care that will allow parents to get away for anywhere from four hours a day to two weeks out of the year. "It's going to be a brand new experience," Hyder said. "My husband and I need a much-deserved break."

"Many parents find it difficult to entrust the care of their child who has a developmental disability to someone else", said Linda Sachs, JAFCO's developmental disabilities program coordinator. "The center was designed with the needs of both parents and their children in mind. The entire second floor is reserved for the parents, with large windows overlooking areas on the first floor so they can keep an eye on their children. A parent café and lounge area will give them a chance to relax and unwind while their child is in therapy or playing with other children".

The center has a creative arts center, a fun and fitness gym, and a general store and life skills room where kids can learn to shop, cook and socialize. Outside is a play area with a special swing made for children who use wheelchairs.

The six-bedroom, six-bath home is reserved for children whose families are away on vacation or taking a break. JAFCO officials plan to eventually build two more homes on the 4-acre campus, funding permitted.

For a list of tour dates or to make a donation, go to www.jafco.org or email Randi Winter at randi@jafco.org.

JAFCO is Proud to Partner with the Children's Services Council & the "211" Connections Program

JAFCO is proud to partner with The Children's Services Council and the 211 Connections Program. JAFCO is adding an additional layer to the amazing 211 Special Needs Hotline by providing specialized and intensive case management services to families who need assistance navigating the complex system of services to find resources for their child who has a disability and for their entire family. JAFCO Social Work staff will support and guide the family every step of the way, eliminating barriers to accessing services, by even driving families to appointments if needed. JAFCO is grateful for this partnership with 211 which is made possible through the generous funding of the Children's Services Council of Broward County, an independent taxing authority established by the voters in 2000.

The CSC's mission is to provide leadership, advocacy and resources necessary to enhance the lives of the children of Broward County and empower them to become responsible, productive adults by funding close to a hundred programs that serve children and families, advocating for policies that protect the interests of future generations and provides leadership that brings the child-serving community together. The Children's Services Council also funds the JAFCO MST Program preventing out-of-home placement for teenagers who are exhibiting serious behaviors including truancy, aggression and drug experimentation. "We are so fortunate to have the Children's Services Council of Broward in our community", says Sarah Franco, JAFCO Executive Director, "The children of Broward County would be lost without the CSC".

The Ruderman Family Foundation supports many causes but especially individuals with disabilities. The matriarch of the family, Marcia Ruderman shown here with her precious granddaughter Hadas, has chosen the JAFCO Children's Ability Center as one of her special projects for the past several years, this year donating a generous $50,000 in program support to help families access support services at the new center. Thank you also to Jay, Sharon, Todd and the entire Ruderman Family for all you do to help make this world a better place for so many people in need.
How You Can Help

❤ Share information about the center with families in need of support.
❤ 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 and/or sponsor our annual In My Shoes Luncheon on September 12, 2014 at Boca West Country Club, bring your friends too! All proceeds will support programs at the center.
❤ Join the JAFCO Circle of Hope, an exclusive group of donors who make a gift of $1800 a year (for ten years) to show their love and support for families who are raising a child with a developmental disability. Receive a beautiful 14k gold Circle of Hope Pin depicting a parent pushing their child on a swing surrounded by the loving branches of the JAFCO Tree of Life
❤ Create a fundraising event in your community to benefit this wonderful center.
❤ 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:
  ❤ Selected naming opportunities have been calculated based upon tradition in multiples of $18 which symbolizes Chai or life, representing the multiple lives that will be affected by your gift.
  ❤ All gift amounts and naming opportunities are subject to change. All pledges may be paid in one to five installments.
  ❤ For more information and to check availability of naming opportunities please contact Randi Winter, Capital Campaign Director at 954.315.8689.
  ❤ All monies received will be held in a restricted account to be used for the development and construction of the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center. Up to 50% of each gift may be used to fund Developmental Disabilities program operations.
❤ Host a parlor meeting in your home for your friends and family in order to raise awareness about the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center.
❤ Create a team and participate in the In My Sneakers 5K Run/Walk on March 1, 2015.
❤ Purchase a sterling silver JAFCO Shoe Necklace to support the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center.

Meet Gary Zimmerman

JAFCO Board Member

One of the newest members of the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center Board of Trustees, Gary Zimmerman has embraced the children of JAFCO with his love and support as a visiting friend and mentor to the children at the Children’s Village where he created a special fund for the celebration of Shabbat. Gary is also a capital donor to the Children’s Ability Center, naming a room in the therapy wing in loving memory of his father Sigmund Zimmerman and his brother Dr. Mark Zimmerman. Gary has extensive experience and sensitivity volunteering with individuals with disabilities and plans to volunteer with the children whenever he returns to South Florida from his travels all around the world. In March, Gary facilitated a wonderful and rare opportunity for JAFCO to make a presentation at the recent JFN (Jewish Funders Network) conference on Miami Beach, introducing the JAFCO model to Jewish foundations and funders from all over the world. Gary is a true philanthropist in the deepest meaning of the word and is active with the Jewish Federation, UJA and JDC in both NYC and Miami, having just returned from a mission to Siberia braving sub-zero freezing temperatures while bringing his compassion and generous financial support to the Jewish community in that region of the world. Gary shared the highlights of his trip with the children at the JAFCO Village during a Shabbat service, and he inspired one of our recent Bar Mitzvah children to also give his first gift of tzedakah to the Jewish community in Siberia, inspired by the kindness and generosity of “Mr. Gary”, as the children call him. Gary never comes to the village without dinner or special treats for the children and he truly enjoys the act of giving. JAFCO is so grateful to Gary Zimmerman for all he has done for the Children of JAFCO this past year.

Rita Messner Named Serenity Elevator

Left: Rita Messner proudly presents a check to the JAFCO Board of Trustees for $100,000 to name the Rita Carole Messner Serenity Elevator at the new JAFCO Children’s Ability Center to show her love and support for the parents of children with developmental disabilities. Her Serenity Elevator will take parents to the second floor of the center, a private, quiet and serene space reserved only for parents, allowing them to relax or connect with other parents while their children are enjoying the fun activities or having therapy on the first floor.

This JAFCO Children’s Ability Center is partially funded under an Agreement with the State of Florida, Agency for Persons with Disabilities. Land for this project was donated by the Jewish Federation of Broward County and the Daniel D. Cantor Senior Center.
Thank You - Capital Campaign Update - Thank You

JAFCO Children’s Ability Center

providing family enrichment resources and respite care to children with developmental disabilities

Our Capital Campaign currently stands at $10.5 million including cash, land and bequests. Another five 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.

AVAILABLE

Boys Guest House ................................................................. $1,000,000
Girls Guest House ................................................................. $1,000,000
Conference Center ................................................................. $1,000,000
Bubbie’s Kosher Kitchen ......................................................... $720,000
Parents Café ........................................................................ $720,000
Children’s Therapy Zone ........................................................ $540,000
Conference Center Lobby ......................................................... $540,000
Creative Arts Studio ................................................................. $540,000
Research & Education Zone ................................................... $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 Room ......................................................... $252,000
Family Resource Library ........................................................ $252,000
Therapy Waiting Zone ........................................................... $252,000
Welcome Gate House ............................................................. $252,000
Entry Sculpture Garden ........................................................ $252,000
Donation Center ................................................................ $180,000
Lodge General Store ............................................................. $180,000
Lodge Reception Desk ............................................................ $180,000
Lodge Vista Drive ................................................................ $180,000
Donor Wall ........................................................................ $180,000
Rock Climbing Wall ............................................................... $180,000
Parent Observation Overlook (3) .......................................... $100,000
Backstage Dressing Room ..................................................... $72,000
Occupational Therapy Room ................................................ $72,000
Speech Therapy Room ........................................................... $72,000
Guest House Bedroom (14) ................................................... $36,000
Guest House Laundry Room (2) .............................................. $36,000
Guest House Living Room ..................................................... $36,000
Guest House screened Patio (3) ............................................. $36,000
Staff Office (8) .................................................................... $36,000

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 & Chena Moskowitz Holy Ark .................................... $198,000
Hahn Family Foundation Computer Wiz Lab ....................... $180,000
Edward & Bernice Wenger Professional Zone ...................... $180,000
Ron & Deni Simon Marketing & Development Zone ............. $154,000
Lilian Berkowitz Lodge Care Office ...................................... $125,000
Levitetz Family Foundation Picnic & BBQ Area ................... $108,000
Dave & Ethel Sommer Intergenerational Bridge ................. $108,000
Barry & Myra Cohen Parent Cafe Kitchen ............................ $100,000
Rita Messner Serenity Elevator .......................................... $100,000
Gary Zimmerman Play & Party Room ................................... $100,000
Ralph & Anita Byer Music & Drama Studio ......................... $72,000
Daniel & Judy Dobin Doctor’s Office .................................... $72,000
Frances Davis Classroom .................................................. $72,000
Perry & Tami Isenberg Play Therapy Room ......................... $72,000
Al & Jo Levine Vegetable Garden Gazebo ......................... $72,000
Judy Levis Markhoff ABA Therapy Room ......................... $72,000
Ed & Wendy Sternlieb Basketball Court ............................... $72,000
Philip & Lee Schwartz Family Foundation .........................
Guest House Living Room .................................................... $36,000
Edwin Kaplan Guest House Living Room ............................ $36,000
Stephan & Lois Kaufman Guest House Bedroom ................. $36,000
Arthur* & Shirley Siegel Guest House Bedroom ................. $36,000
Stuart & Shelly Sherman Guest House Bedroom ................. $36,000
Lori & Kenneth Konsker Guest House Bedroom ................. $36,000
Joseph & Frances Russo* Guest House Kitchen ................... $36,000
The Krass & Ellenbogen Guest House Kitchen .................... $36,000
Richard Allen & Louise Jacowitz Allen ................................
Guest House Kitchen ......................................................... $36,000
David & Ethel Sommer Guest House Laundry Room ............ $36,000
Abe & Annie David Program Director’s Office ................. $36,000
Mel & Mara Gober Clinical Director’s Office ......................... $36,000
M. Blume Staff Office ........................................................ $36,000
Dorinne & Jeffrey Gerstin Staff Office ................................ $36,000
Wolf & Rywka Taykan* Staff Relaxation Room ................... $36,000
Steve Mulchnick & Cindy Niad Hannah .........................
Guided Relaxation Room ...................................................... $36,000
James & Andrea Orleans Guided Relaxation Room ............ $36,000
Lori & Lewis Gold Guided Relaxation Room ....................... $36,000
Richard & Susan Finkelstein Pet Therapy Room ............... $36,000
Sam* & Phyllis Butters Vegetable Garden ......................... $36,000
Florida’s Voice on Developmental Disabilities ......................
Butterfly Garden ................................................................. $36,000
Mazie Golin Ford Butterfly Garden ..................................... $36,000
Julius & Helen Lipitz* Butterfly Garden ............................... $36,000
Linda F. Kaplan Butterfly Garden ....................................... $36,000
Kaminoff Family Butterfly Garden .................................... $36,000
Nancy & Fred Katzin Hummingbird Garden ....................... $36,000
Lenore Rothman* Hummingbird Garden ............................ $36,000
Richard & Diane Ross Hummingbird Garden ....................... $36,000
Charles & Sandi Simon Hummingbird Garden ..................... $36,000
David & Ethel Sommer Hummingbird Garden ..................... $36,000

*of blessed memory

As of April 30, 2014
**Circle of Hope**

**Introducing the Circle of Hope**

To ensure the financial security and future of the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center, a special and very meaningful giving circle has been created – The JAFCO Circle of Hope. This group of special individuals will receive a beautiful specially commissioned 14k gold pin featuring the branches of the JAFCO Tree of Life lovingly encircling a parent joyfully pushing her child on a swing. Members of the JAFCO Circle of Hope make a ten year pledge of $1800 per year. When paid automatically on a credit card at $150 per month, it is like a Saturday night dinner out for two, something we rarely think twice about doing. But these critical funds will allow us to open this vital center and provide respite care, child enrichment activities and therapy for the children as well as support services including parent support groups, counseling, case management and referral, sibling workshops, parent training, and 24 hour crisis support to hundreds of families in the tri-county area who are raising a child with a developmental disability.

**Circle of Hope Members**

Louise Jacowitz Allen
Judy & Arthur Canter
Kim & Sean Fettermann
Rebecca Fischer
Dorinne & Jeffrey Gerstin
Mara & Mel Gober
Lori & Lewis Gold
Lisa Goldberg & Stanford Blake
Sandra & Paul Goldner
Kimberly & Leslie Kaminoff
Linda F. Kaplan
Nancy & Alfred Katzin
Stacey & Barry Labell
Marsha & Alan Levy
Delsie Lipton
Sandra & Arthur Mandell
Caryn & Darren Marsh
Lucianna & Jared Perlin
Marjorie & Maurice D. Plough
Barbara & Jules Reich
Lori & Steven Sadaka
Marlene & Jerome Scharff
Denise & Ronald Simon
Sandra & Charles Simon
Lisa J. Sirotta-Weiner & Douglas Weiner
Randi & David Winter
Kimberly & Todd Weicholz

**In My Shoes Luncheon a Great Success**

Benefiting the new Children’s Ability center,

**The 3rd Annual In My Shoes Luncheon at Boca West Raises $110,000**

and welcomed 21 members to the NEW Circle of Hope.

Our Fabulous In My Shoes Committee: (Front L-R) Co-Chairs Jenn Betesh, Randi Winter, Lori Konsker and Stacey Austein. (Back L-R) Lisa Pawliger, Debbie Spitz, Maria Stevens, Leslie Greene, Kim Fettermann, Dorinne Gerstin, Amy Bergmann, Dr. Sandy Rizzo Weiner, Susan Hyman, Laina Albert.
Inaugural In My Sneakers Run/Walk

550 Walkers and Runners came out to support the Inaugural In My Sneakers 5K/Run Walk at the BB&T Center co-chaired by Sharon Wender and Craig Konhauzer (Below). The event raised $35,000 for the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center and a fun time was had by all!

Please save the date for next year’s walk on March 1, 2015

Grand Opening Celebration

JAFCO Children’s Ability Center

Sunday
September 21, 2014

For more information contact
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www.jafco.org/events

4th Annual In My Sneakers Luncheon

Benefiting current JAFCO Developmental Disabilities Program and the new JAFCO Children’s Ability Center

Friday, September 12, 2014

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
Kim Fetterman | Lori Konsker
Stacey Austein | Jenn Betesh

Sponsorship & Underwriting Opportunities Available

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The Shabbatones

A capella group from the University of Pennsylvania who has toured London, California, Boston and around the country performed a concert at the JAFCO Children’s Village to benefit the new JAFCO Children’s Ability Center. The event was put on by the Davie/Cooper City Plantation Chapter and raised $5,000 and a $36,000 capital gift towards the new center.

West Hartford, Connecticut
Joins In My Sneakers 5K Run/Walk

The temperatures were cooler but the feelings were warm and heartfelt as Michael Weiner chose JAFCO as his Bar Mitzvah Project. With the help of his parents Judi and Gary Weiner, his family and friends raising funds and awareness for JAFCO all the way from Connecticut! Thank you to the Weiner family.
It’s move-in day!

JAFCO Director of Northeast Development Rana Bell and new social worker Rachel Buxbaum are happy to help make the dream of opening a JAFCO Philadelphia office come true at the new JAFCO office located at 234 South Bryn Mawr Ave, Suite 100, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010. You can reach them by phone at 610.525.1040 or via email at rana@jafco.org or rachel@jafco.org.

It’s April 1, 2014 the JAFCO Philadelphia office is officially open. JAFCO Director of Northeast Development Rana Bell and new social worker Rachel Buxbaum move the JAFCO office out of Rana’s garage (where all great companies begin) and into our beautiful new space that was given to JAFCO at a greatly discounted rate thanks to Ken and Kris Gross. The mission of the JAFCO office in Philadelphia is to share our expertise in child welfare (family support services, foster care, adoption) with the Northeast community and work cooperatively with existing local agencies to help fill in the gaps for needed services. In addition we will continue to raise awareness and much needed support for all of the JAFCO programs.

With the legal assistance of JAFCO Trustee and Godparent Michelle Simon, JAFCO has incorporated and is in the process of creating a new 501(c)3 in PA and qualified in NJ with the plan to work in collaboration with existing services to fill social service gaps within the Jewish community,” explained Rana Bell, who joined the JAFCO organization in Florida in 1999, and then relocated to Philadelphia to become director of JAFCO’s Northeast Division. JAFCO brings an expertise in helping families in crisis, helps them avoid the breakdown of the family with wrap-around support services and helps to navigate through the state foster care system.

Bringing with her ten years of experience as a foster care social worker, Bell stressed, “JAFCO is a unique and innovative agency built on community giving that is concerned with taking care of Jewish children who come from complicated situations, often where there has been abuse. Many people assume that these issues simply do not exist within the Jewish community.” Bell pointed out that the numbers of children helped at the JAFCO facility prove otherwise. This year, over 700 children will receive services from JAFCO in Sunrise, Florida. For the 21 years JAFCO has been in existence, over 4,000 children have directly benefited from one of the nine JAFCO programs. “As we assess the unmet needs of the Philadelphia community, we will decide together, as a community, which services are most needed. And those are the ones we will begin with. So many of the families served by JAFCO in Florida started out living in the Northeast and sadly, for one reason or another things began to go downhill for them,” explained Bell. “When issues like mental illness, incarceration or drug abuse are involved, parents get caught in a downward cycle long before their children wind up getting referred to JAFCO. Some move to South Florida hoping that the sunshine will help all of the problems disappear, but sadly life does not work out that way. So whether the family stays in Philadelphia or relocates to South Florida, JAFCO will be here to help create a plan to keep the children safe and keep the family together whenever possible”. Rana and Rachel can be reached at the office by phone at 610.525.1040 or via email at rana@jafco.org or rachel@jafco.org.
Below: 2013 Northeast Golf Classic Corporate Hole Sponsors Ellis Cook of Platinum Abstract, Victor Mogell of Proforma Dynamic Resources, Putting Contest Sponsor Jonathan Bell of Winter Walking, and Corporate Hole Sponsor Jason Hersh of Klein Hersh International were honored with the lighting of the Candle of Hope, a beautiful ritual performed at every JAFCO event in memory of the 5 children who die at the hands of abuse every day in this country.

Above: Presenting the amazing 2013 Spring into Summer Luncheon Committee who raised over $60,000 for the children in addition to awareness about JAFCO’s expansion into Philadelphia. (L-R) Alyson Bell, Liz Schneider, Amy Chipetz, Jamie Lasky, Stacey Gerwitz, Carol Sussman, Lana Greene, Brooke Rounick, Liza Deringer Fischer, Brie Anne Brodie, Jen Grunfeld, Beverly Victor, Jocelyn Firth, Jill Lapensohn, Bonnie Squires, Amanda Reibstein & Wendy Oldstein

Above: JAFCO Philadelphia Chapter Board Member - VP of Communications Bonnie Squires thanks the day’s MC Amy Buckman of Channel 6 News for generously donating her time to lead the Luncheon’s program which included a powerful presentation by JAFCO Adoptive Mother Wendy Berkowitz followed by an amazing fashion show by Saks Fifth Avenue.

Above: Honored with the emotional JAFCO tradition, the lighting of the Candle of Hope, a five wick candle lit in memory of the 5 children who die at the hands of abuse every day: JFCS Director of Development Pia Eisenberg for CEO Paula Goldstein, JAFCO Godparent Cathy Backall, JAFCO Godparent of Trustee Michelle Smon, JAFCO Godparent Masha Milman, Jaimi Levy, representing luncheon sponsor Leon Levy and Associates, and Rana Bell, Director of NE Development for JAFCO.

Below: As the JAFCO 2013 Woman of Valor, Linda Brodie shares a proud moment with her beautiful family – her husband Don and children, Rachel Schwartz, Harris, Brie Anne & Penninah Brodie. Over 280 women enjoyed this year’s Spring Into Summer Luncheon to honor Linda and also to support the children of JAFCO.
Fun in the Sun in Long Island, NY

Above: Joining together for the ceremonial Motzi, the 2013 Fun in the Sun Committee (R-L) Debbie Agulnick, Kim Floam, Ronna Neiderman, Susan Tashlik, Laurie Beyer, Amy Levy, Linda Moskowitz, Rose Schecter, Stacey Spitalnick, Alexis Kaminoff Fritz, Dorine Wulwick and Director of Northeast Development Rana Bell. Not photographed and missed dearly-Long Island/NY Chapter President Pearl Halegua, who started this event in her home 4 years ago with only 30 women. Pearl was quite proud when over 130 women came together for a day filled with friendship, games, shopping raised over $20,000 in addition to awareness about child abuse within our Jewish community. Although Pearl was not there her love and presence was felt by all.

Above: Rana Bell, Director of Northeast Development (R) leads the moving tradition of lighting the Candle of Hope ceremony in memory of the 5 children that die each day in our country at the hands of abuse or neglect. Honored with the lighting of this candle were (L-R) JAFCO Godparent Rose Schecter, Stacey Spitalnick, Alicia Mueves, Susan Pavane & Susan Tashlick.

Baby Shower

Above: Michelle Bell and Melissa Dubin first learned about JAFCO when they attended a JAFCO “baby shower” hosted by their friend Kristi Yablo. They were so moved to hear about the abandoned newborn babies in the JAFCO Emergency Shelter that they wanted to become involved immediately. They invited their friends and family to Arugula Restaurant in Huntingdon Valley for a luncheon which raised funds and awareness about JAFCO’s expansion efforts into the Philadelphia area.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed individuals can change the world… indeed it’s the only thing that ever has

Margaret Mead
Above: Director of Northeast Development Rana Bell (Center) joins with JAFCO Godparents at the Jersey Shore: Lou Greenberg, Brie Anne Brodie, Donna Greenberg, Sherry Bell, Linda Brodie, Kris Gross, Elaine Friedland, Susan Lyman, Carole Stamps, Phyllis Victor, Terry Auerbach and in the front row Cathy and Marc Backal.

Above: Thank you to the Cocktails for a Cause committee (L-R) Sally Feldman, Bonnie Squires, Carol Sussman, Donna Greenberg, Susan Green, Elaine Silverstein, Cindy Gerson, Hostess Linda Brodie, Beverly Victor, Brie Anne Brodie and Cathy Backal.

Above: Kris Gross, co-chair of the Northeast Godparent Circle, pins Herb Victor.

Above: Rana Bell welcomes Donna and Lou Greenberg as JAFCO godparents.

Above: Dayna and Andrew Bern, co-chairs and hosts of the JAFCO City Lights at the Residences at the Ritz.

Above: (L-R) Allen and Terry Auerbach and Celeste and Burt Rose, co-chairs of the JAFCO City Lights at the Residences at the Ritz helped to raise over $13,000 and one new Godparent and welcomed to the Exclusive Godparent Circle.

Above: Judy Stern opened her beautiful home in Ventnor Heights, NJ along with Linda and Gary Rubin of Longport to offer a night of amazing food, friends and philanthropy to help raise over $3,300 all to benefit the children of JAFCO.

Left: JAFCO Cocktails for a Cause was a big success in Longport, New Jersey, with more than 110 supporters present at the residence of Linda and Don Brodie. Seen here are (L-R) hostess and godparent Linda Brodie; co-chairs Carol Sussman and Donna Greenberg; and NE Development Director Rana Bell. This annual event raised over $20,000 with love for the children of JAFCO.
What does JAFCO stand for? JAFCO stands for Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options.

How does JAFCO hear about the children? JAFCO can help a family in one of two ways: either voluntarily with the request of the parents, or ordered by the court; referrals are made by grandparents, Rabbis, therapists, teachers, neighbors, family members and by parents themselves who are seeking help.

I know someone who is interested in adopting a child? Can you help them? What about a baby? Yes, there are always children in need of homes and JAFCO is a licensed adoption agency. A family who wishes to adopt should email Rebecca Salus, our Adoption Specialist (Rebecca@jafco.org) to get the process started by attending one of our free monthly adoption orientations.

Does JAFCO serve only Jewish children? JAFCO was created to fill an unmet need in the Jewish community as part of our ongoing mission to care for all Jewish children. As a Jewish agency it is our privilege and our pleasure to help any child and any family in need.

How do you screen your foster parents? Do you supervise them after they receive a placement? Do they get paid? Our foster parents are trained (for 8 weeks) and screened according to state guidelines which include FBI background checks, employer and personal references, medical and psychological evaluations including drug screens and more. The process takes about 4 months. Once a child is placed with a foster family a JAFCO social worker visits the child and the home at least once per week and offers 24 hour on call support to the foster parents. Foster parents do not get paid. They do receive a small reimbursement of about $350 per month for food, clothing and child care expenses. Foster parents must show ample income and financial stability prior to being approved. JAFCO foster parents very often use their own funds to supplement the needs of the child.

What are the ages of the children you serve? The children range from 2 days to 21 years of age.

How many children live at the JAFCO Children’s Village? What do they go to school? The JAFCO Village can hold up to 52 children: 16 in the shelter and 36 in the 6 group homes. The children attend either local area schools or they are transported by the JAFCO staff to their home schools, sometimes in Boca Raton or Miami Beach. Over 1,000 children have found safety at the Weicholz Family Campus of the David Posnack Jewish Children’s Village over the past 5 years.

What happens when the children turn 18? A child who turns 18 can live at the Village until the age of 21. JAFCO will support them until the age of 24 if they are in college and will help them move into an apartment or college dorm.

Do the children get to visit with their parents? Yes, we strongly encourage visitation with parents and family members and will supervise the visits if so ordered by the court.

Are there hands-on volunteer opportunities? Yes, there are volunteer opportunities to work with the children at the Children’s Village and at the Children’s Ability Center. For more information visit our website and attend one of our Tours to get started. Also our JAFCO Chapters are made up solely of volunteers who work tirelessly to create events to raise awareness and funds for JAFCO.

Are there JAFCO’s anywhere else in the country? Currently the JAFCO Jewish Children’s Village and the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center are the only centers of their kind in the Jewish community in the United States.

Do you have an office in Philadelphia? Yes, we have been raising funds and awareness about JAFCO and the issue of child abuse in the Jewish community in the Northeast in NY, NJ & PA since 2007. In April of 2014 we opened our first office in Philadelphia and hired our first clinical social worker who will begin to assess the needs of the community and provide child welfare and family support to families, working in cooperation with existing agencies. To contact our Philadelphia office please call 610.525.1040

Are you building a new facility for Autistic Children? Yes, we have just completed construction on a new campus in Sunrise. The JAFCO Children’s Ability Center will provide family enrichment, treatment, support and respite for children with developmental disabilities including Autism, Intellectual Disabilities, Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy and Prader Willi. We hope to help families who are raising a child with a disability ages birth through 22, by giving them training and support and a much needed break for at least two weeks a year. Naming opportunities are still available.

How can I get involved?

♥ Volunteer your time with the children, tutoring, mentoring or donating your professional medical, legal or dental services.

♥ Sponsor an annual JAFCO event including our Black Tie Gala, Women’s Luncheon, Golf Tournament, a child’s Bar/Bat Mitzvah or birthday party, a Shabbat dinner or a trip to Disney World.

♥ Become a Godparent by making a financial commitment of $1,800 per year for ten years and join the exclusive JAFCO Godparent Circle. Godparents are pinned at our annual Gala or Luncheon with a beautiful custom made gold pin.

♥ Support the new Children’s Ability Center with a capital gift/naming opportunity or support the programs at the center by joining the Circle of Hope by making a financial commitment of $1800 a year for ten years. Circle of Hope members are pinned at the annual In My Shoes Luncheon and other events as well.

♥ Make an annual gift to support the children’s needs including food, clothing, therapy, medical care, education, recreation and any other needs they may have.

♥ Create an endowment or special purpose fund in your family name to ensure that JAFCO will be here to save the lives of generations of children and families yet to come.

♥ Make a planned gift – remember the JAFCO children when you are planning your legacy and leave a gift to JAFCO in your will with a gift of cash, stocks or real estate.

♥ Earn a competitive percentage of your charitable donation with a JAFCO Gift Annuity.

♥ Host a Parlor Meeting, Dorm Shower, Baby Shower or Ability Center Shower in your home to make your friends aware of the work that JAFCO does in the community. You provide the guest list and the refreshments and JAFCO will take care of the rest. Have your guests become members with a $36.00 gift and fill our wish list.
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JAFCO respectfully and sadly acknowledges the loss of the following members of the JAFCO Family. They will not be forgotten.

to our compassionate and loyal donors, volunteers and staff for nurturing the lives of over 4600 children over the past 21 years. You are the secret to what makes the JAFCO Model successful and truly unique. While maintaining our original mission of caring for abused, neglected, abandoned and at-risk children as the essence of our agency, we also feel a responsibility to respond to the changing, critical needs of children and families in our community by finding room in our hearts to embrace children who live in our Northeast communities and those whose lives have been impacted by a Developmental Disability. The 2013 Annual Report proudly shares the outcomes of our quality programs and amazing supporters and is dedicated with gratitude to each and every member of the JAFCO Family. Every year, the coming of Spring brings with it new life and hope for the future and in this Spring 2014 JAFCO Journal, we are so proud and excited to introduce two new branches which have sprouted on the very strong, beautiful and growing JAFCO Tree of Life.


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who received the 2013 JAFCO Lifetime Achievement Award
New Capital Donors to the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center are presented with a beautiful hand-crafted silver and gold menorah in honor of the generous gifts they have made to make this community dream a reality. Seated L-R Lori Gold, Bernice Wenger and Cindy Niad Hannah. Standing: Teen Woon and Troy Roehm from Singer Architects, Alfred Katzin, Lewis Gold, Adele Borger, Edward Wenger, Helene & Steve Weicholz and Steve Mutchnick.

Our Gala Committee Members are all heroes to the children of JAFCO raising much needed funds and awareness for JAFCO. L-R: Chris Miller, Honoree Nel Bloom, Mara Gober, Kim Kaminoff, Stephen Winig, Lucianna Perlin, Co-Chair Carol Winig, Jackie Tavares, Co-Chair Nanci Beyer, Stephen Beyer, Gail Pollak, Dorinne Gerstin, Nancy Gitlin, Monica Goldstein and Marci Langley.

It was an exciting evening as 10 new couples joined the JAFCO Godparent Circle to spiritually adopt all the children of JAFCO. The list of heroes includes: Karen & Larry Altschul, Paulette & James Comparato, Shane Gober, Samantha & Michael Grimaldi, Lauren & David Grossman, Karen & Edward Martin, Alison & Abraham Rosenberg, Stephanie & Matt Scupp, Julie Peyton Stein & Dr. Jeffrey Stein. Haley and Adam Walker were so inspired by the love for their own children and their parents Mara & Dr. Mel Gober that they committed that evening to become JAFCO Godparents for Life.
Above: The beautiful ladies of the JAFCO Century Village Chapter work tirelessly on behalf of the children. They are pictured here at the Antique Show sponsored by Temple Oneg, which was one of their many successful events in 2013! Century Village JAFCO Board Members (L-R) Myra Olshansky, Sheila Gruber, Phyllis Weisbrot, Chapter President Lois Marmelstein, Elaine Berman, Flo Altfield, Frieda Meltzer and Marilyn Singer (missing from photo are Ceil Katz & Selma Goldberg)

Below: This year the Annual Heaven and Earth Day of Beauty for JAFCO was extra special for owner and JAFCO donor Larissa Kline (2nd R) who celebrated the Grand Re-Opening of her new and beautiful salon in the City of Sunrise. Joining the Heaven and Earth stylists who donated their entire day of services to the children of JAFCO are Plantation Chapter President Sharon Wender, co-chairs Lisa Simon, Fern Schneider and Sunrise City Commissioner Don Rosen. The day raised $12,000 in donations.

Kings Point Tamarac Chapter President Sondra Richman

Children are the world’s most valuable resource and its best hope for the future

John F. Kennedy

Immediately after retiring from teaching elementary school in Brooklyn for 27 years, Sandy Richman and her husband Stuart moved their family to Kings Point in Tamarac. Upon entering their new home, a JAFCO newsletter appeared with the cover story of twin girls seeking adoption. Sandy felt immediately drawn to JAFCO and decided she was going to adopt these beautiful children. Her family, on the other hand, vetoed this decision. Determined to fulfill her need to provide assistance, Sandy immediately signed up with the JAFCO chapter of Kings Point as Vice President of Fundraising in August of 1999—a mere month after landing in Florida.

For the past 11 years Sandy Richman proudly maintains the title of President, and is totally equal to the task since she is no stranger to leadership, consistency and longevity. Sandy was President of ORT in New York for 5 years and currently retains a lifetime membership with City of Hope. During her JAFCO Presidency she was honored at the Membership Luncheon. This created a truly meaningful experience for Sandy who continually contributes her time, energy and resources due to her love for children.

Sandy’s own family consists of her daughter Amy and son Perry in Florida along with her step-daughter Lynn in New York City. Both girls have followed in Sandy’s footsteps as teachers while Perry works for Federal Express. Sandy receives family support and assistance with events and projects when time permits. Although they are a close family, their fan loyalties are split and range from the expected Mets/Jets to the LA Dodgers, Baltimore Ravens and even the Boston Celtics!

Sandy’s attention to detail and heartfelt desire to be innovative affords Kings Point members weekly opportunities to attend luncheons, card parties, live theater, local casinos and more. While members enjoy these activities, the proceeds benefit JAFCO as each event is ultimately a fundraiser. In an effort to increase male attendance, trips to baseball games have been included and men are often honored at luncheons as well. Under her direction, the Kings Point Chapter realized the addition of 50 members, during the 2013-2014 season, to their already impressive membership of approximately 350 people. Thank you Sandy for your tireless efforts on behalf of the children of JAFCO.

Heaven & Earth

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Wynmoor

Below: The Board of the JAFCO Wynmoor Chapter is made up of four very special and dedicated ladies who hold the children of JAFCO deep within their hearts. We love them and thank them so much for all of their hard work! (L-R) Elaine Margolis, Phyllis Peck, Norma Benrubi and Vivian Golden are pictured here at an annual card party luncheon!
Above: Honored with the candle of hope to remember the 5 children that die each day in this country from abuse and neglect are (L-R) Judy Levis Markhoff, Grand Benefactors Elaine Freidland & Shirley Weisman, Erhla Cantor and Marilyn Levy representing Phoenix Lodge.

Above: Honorary Chair Marilyn Simon Weinberg and Co-Chairs Marci Langley and Chris Miller strike a pose as they receive their well-deserved flowers of appreciation for chairing another fabulous luncheon on behalf of the children of JAFCO.

Above: Two generations came together to lovingly support the children of JAFCO with a Camp Shower to ensure that the children have everything they need to have a great time at summer camp. The shower was hosted by Jayne Clarin and Marilyn Jacobs with the support of Miami Dade Chapter President Jenny Diemar and Chapter Vice President Jennifer Clarin.

Above: Hosting a baby shower for all of the newborn infants who find safety at the JAFCO Children’s Emergency Shelter are JAFCO Board Trustee Glenda Krongold, Vice President of Communications Jennifer Clarin and Chapter President Jenny Diemar and husband Kevin who recently made a generous commitment to become Godparents to all of the 400 precious children that JAFCO is currently serving.


Above: 11th Annual Mothers Day Luncheon at The Polo Club was a great success and raised $170,000.

Above: Miami-Dade Showers JAFCO with Love

Above: Aventura Chapter Board Member Bari Schanerman joins JAFCO Godparents Alexandra and James Bergman who hosted a parlor meeting in their beautiful Miami home to raise awareness about JAFCO and the important role it plays keeping children safe in our community.

Below: 2013 Mother’s Day Luncheon Raised $170,000
**Spirit Of Life Luncheon**

Event sponsors George & Ellyn Levie from the Sally Goldman Foundation were so touched by JAFCO’s mission that they spontaneously became Godparents at the luncheon.

JAFCO Weston Chapter Founding President Mara Gober proudly welcomes longtime JAFCO supporter Susan Weisman to the JAFCO Godparent Circle. There are 600 JAFCO Godparents and our goal is to have 1,000.

Kerri Olinick, worked so hard to make the luncheon a success. She is pinned by Executive Director Sarah Franco as she becomes a proud Godparent to all of the JAFCO children. Thank you Kerri.

Below: JAFCO Godparents spiritually adopt all of the children providing for all of their physical, educational, medical and emotional needs. Godparent Circle Chair Helene Weicholz (L) proudly welcomes the new JAFCO.

**Palm Beach Author Luncheon**


Below: The South Palm Beach/North Broward Chapter hosted the 5th Annual Author Luncheon this year. The success of the event was in the hands of event chair Flora Aranson Zadoff and the fabulous event committee members (In Alpha Order) Mickey Blueroek, Judi Bukaitz, Marci Butters, Rosalyn Carmiris, Judy Canter, Karen Cohen, Eileen Davis, Nadine Ehrlich, Symara Feldman, Judy Fersko, Nanette Fisher, Donna Ganslaw, Joan Gedansky, Anita Gold, Harriet Kimball, Elyssa Kupferberg, Marcia Langley, Nauma Levin, Susan Lyman, Sandi Mandell, Elise Repath and Karen Schwartz.
Aventura Chapter Chanukah Miracles Luncheon

Above: Boardroom Communications President and JAFCO Donor Julie Talenfeld (R) is presented with the 2014 JAFCO Women of Valor Award from the Plantation Chapter of JAFCO by President Sharon Wender (C) and Vice President Gayle Pifer. Over 150 woman attended this beautiful day of shopping, dining and philanthropy all to support JAFCO’s programs: including foster care, adoption, family preservation, emergency shelter, group homes, independent living, mentoring, developmental disabilities and senior caregiver. Congratulations and thank you Julie for all you do for JAFCO and for our community.

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Aventura Chanukah Miracles Luncheon Raises Over $104,000 including 11 New Godparents

Below: Luncheon Co-chairs Elise Udelson and Barbara Amoils (Center) enjoy a celebration photo with their fabulous Chanukah Miracles Luncheon Committee: Chapter President Miri Mazor, Alexandra Bergman, Joanne Bornstein, Gayle Egozi, Monica Egozi, Lauren Faith, Joi Fiske, Nicolle Forrest, Robin Gale, Marla Garfinkle, Amy Gibstein, Darrah Gilderman, Nicole Groll, Melissa Grosfeld, Hilary Kates, Cathie Kessler, Lauren Lerner, Jodi Most, Rachel Sands, Bari Schanerman, Hayley Sloman, Mirit Teifeld, Gayle Yagman, Tracy Zand.

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Plantation Central Broward Spring Luncheon

Below: In the past 6 years over 4,700 children in Florida have died at the hands of abuse. JAFCO’s mission is to ensure the safety of every child in our community and the annual Plantation Spring Luncheon helps us achieve that mission. Honored with the Lighting of the Candle of Hope in memory of the children we have lost were Elaine Novick, Gayle Pifer, guest speaker Cindy Krischer Goodman, Julie Talenfeld and Allison Teisch.

Women of Valor Award presented to Julie Talenfeld

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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, 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 with an annual minimum gift of $1,800. 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 Godparents have committed to be JAFCO Godparents for Life.

Gloria & Herb Barker
Millicent & Ben Bauer
Nanci & Stephen Beyer
Dorinne & Jeffrey Gerstin
Dr. Mel & Mara Gober
Lori & Lewis Gold
Lois Hollander & Stephen Schlosser
Nancy & Alfred Katzlin

Claire & Jerry Manowitz
Cindy Niad Hannah & Steve Mutchnick
Sandi & Charles Simon
Dave & Ethel Sommer
Haley & Adam Walker
Helene & Stephen Weicholz
Dona Weinraub

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.

Louise Jacowitz Allen
Richard Allen
Martha & Melvin Aronson
Nel & Jonathan Bloom
Linda & Don Brodie
Annie & Abraham David
Fern & Alvin Davis
Minerva & David Davis
Marlene & Stewart Greenebaum
Ellen & Gerald Greenspoon
Jessica & Harvey Jacobson
Sylvia Kahana & Arie Taykan
Kimberly & Leslie Kaminoff
Fran & David Krathen
Jacqueline & Martin Lederman

Marsha & Alan Levy
Fern Lentini Manne & Stan Manne
Rhona Maulano
Sandi & Robert Morris
June & Monte Nathanson
Marilyn & Neil Ramo
Barbara & Jules Reich
Elise & Derek Repath
Patti & Larry Share
Denise & Ronald Simon
Rita & Stan Weindstein
Carol & Steve Winig
Martine & Craig Zinn
Elsa & Peter Zoberg
Repairing the World One Child at a Time

Irene Abel
Margo & Richard Absher
Melissa & Brad Ackerman
Marjorie & Ira Albert
Louise Jacowitz Allen
Richard Allen
Margie & Ronald Alter
Karen & Lawrence Altshul
Martine & Gabi Amiel
Barbara & Dennis Amols
Dorit Arad & Avi Samuels
Susan & Bruce Arbeiter
Donna & Dennis Arnold
Linda Aronson
Martha & Melvin Aronson
Terry & Allen Auerbach
Noni & Alan Aufien
Phyllis & Jack Axelrod
Cathy & Marc Baackal
Amy Joy Barker
Gloria & Herb Barker
Norman Barofsky
Muriel & Didier Baroukh
Patti & Edward Barrocas
Millicent & Ben Bauer
Heidi & Michael Baumann
Barbara Baumstein
Joan Baxt
Abbe & Steven Becker
Alona & Nisso Bedolah
Caryn & Michael Bedzow
Cindy & Alan Behar
Regina & Isaac Behar
Sherry & Michael Bell
Gilbert Benhamou
Nancy & Franklin Benson
Dara & Alan Berger
Alexandra & James Bergman
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Cathy & Kenneth Biernan
Angela & Louis Birdman
Joyce Bloch
Neil & Jonathan Bloom
Mami Bloomster
Esther Bober
Senator Ellyn & Steven Bogdanoff
Sylvia Boklan
Adelle & Samuel Borger
Bruce Borger
Karen Borger
Jeffery Bovarnick
Ellen & Michael Braun
Jacqueline & Robert Brauser
Patricia & Noah Breakstone
Amy & William Brennan
Brianeen & Harris Brodie
Elizabeth & Steve Brodie
Linda & Don Brodie
Penninah Brodie
Andrea & Ken Brodieb
Harriet & Steven Brodman
Bonnie & Norman Brooks
Ellen & Donald Brounstein
Nancy & Martin Brounstein
Nancy & Peter Brown
Judith Bukatz
Renee & Douglas Burns
Malcolm Butters
Marcie & Mark Butters
Phyllis & Samuel Butters
Erhla & Daniel Cantor
Brenda & Kenneth Carmel
Debbie & Alan Casnoff
Carole & Alan Chase
Gila & Allen Chelinsky
Ruth & Alan Citrin
Edith & Melvin Clayman
Becky & Louis Cohen
Carolyn Cohen & Alan Dershowitz
Evelyn & Jack Cohen
Gail & Bradley Cohen
Guy Cohen & Lee Moran
Hara & Michael Cohen
Lucille & Herb Cohen
Marcia & Philip Cohen
Michelle & Seth Cohen
Myra & Barry Cohen
Noreis & Isaac Cohen
Phyllis & Marc Cohen
Ruthi & Ben Cohen
Sandra & Brad Cohen
Jill & Ira Coleman
Natalie & Edward Coleman
Jean Colker
Lou Anne & Michael Colodny
Paulette & James Comparato
Gail & Stuart Corenblum
Deborah & Michael Coslov
Rachel & Greg Danzig
Sheila & Bill Danzig
Debbie & John Daum
Annie & Abraham David
Norma & Mark David
Fern & Alvin Davis
Minerva & David Davis
Susan & Ozzie De Faria
Joy & Stephen Devack
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Jennifer & Kevin Diemar
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Brian Distelburger
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Sondra Felner
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Laura & Paul Feuer
Kim & Steven Fields
Jane Fina
Janet & Lawrence Fine
Jeanette & Ted Fine
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Linda & Leon Finver
Norma & Norman Fixel
Marge Flanz Estate
Joan Fletcher & Fred Hirt
Fran & Alan Foont
Phyllis & Eli Footer
Marion & Jordan Fox
Leah & Edward Frankel
Vicki & Gary Freed
Abby & Alan Freedman
Gertrude & Israel Freedman
Shirley Freedman
Susan & Larry Freshman
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Linda & Nate Friedman
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Enid & Mortimer Geisler
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Stephanie & Larry Gilderman
Magda & Malcolm Ginnis
Nancy & Richard Gitlin
Wendy & Ronald Ginzant
Barbara & Barry Glaser
Susan & Charles Glaser
Shelly & Marc Glazer
Shirley & Joseph Gleicht
Phyllis Gluskad
Ira Gober
Mara & Dr. Mel Gober
Dr. Shane Gober
Lori & Lewis Gold
Shelley & Jeffrey Gold
Annette Goldberg
Madelyn & Robert Goldner
Sandra & Paul Goldner
David Goldstein
Rivka & Bruce Goldstein
Susan Rosenberg-Goldstein
Marion & Ken Golen
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Ursula & Leonard Hess
Lois Hildebrandt
Ellen & Stuart Hirsch
Leona Hirschkorn & Marvin Silverman
Cheryl & Neal Hochberg
Bernard Hoffman
Lois Holland & Steven Schlosser
family of Stephanie Holland
When you partner with JAFCO your firm receives tremendous publicity and exposure to the most affluent and influential business people in South Florida. We are eager to work with you on developing a relationship that will be mutually beneficial. These partnership packages will provide your company with the opportunity to highlight your good work within the South Florida community (mailing to 65,000 households), while making a meaningful difference in the life of a child. Our organization is uniquely tri-county (Palm Beach, Broward and Dade) from Jupiter down to South Beach and as well as representation in the Northeast with an office in Philadelphia. Please call Development Officer Gail Marlow at 954.315.7033 for more information.
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 Development Officer, Gail Marlow at 954.749.7230, ext 137.

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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.

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 $1,000 to help them begin their journey as adults.

Chelmsky Family Hebrew School Fund created to enrich the lives of the children of JAFCO by exposing them to the beauty of Judaism by providing 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.

Lederman-Wolfe March of the Living & Birthright Fund created by Jacque and Marty Lederman in order to create a living bridge from the past to the present so we will never forget. This fund will provide the opportunity for JAFCO children to participate in Birthright and in the March of the Living where they will first gain an understanding of the darkness of the Holocaust followed by our bright future in Israel.

Eric & Debbie Nemiroff Music Education Fund created to spread the love that they share as a family, with their son Sam, for music and the arts by providing the children of JAFCO with drama and music experiences.

Roslyn Prevor College Scholarship Fund created by Roz’s children Abbe and Barry Prevor on the occasion of their son Harrison’s Bar Mitzvah to provide spending money to the children in JAFCO’s Independent Living Program who are attending college.

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.

*Michelle Herman Goldstein tragically lost her life in the 9/11 attacks.
Below: Jordana Zimmerman collected supplies for the infants in the JAFCO Emergency Shelter in lieu of gifts for the 8th birthday. Parents Denise and Jordan Zimmerman must be very proud. Thank you Jordana for your kindness!

Above: The Price is Right! Marc Schwartz and his girls jump for joy as they win a family prize package filled with bicycles, a flat screen t.v., trampoline and air hockey table and decided as a family to donate it ALL to the children of JAFCO. What an amazing gift!


Below: The Boca West Community Foundation is dedicated to helping children’s charities in our community. Foundation president Arthur Adler (L) and trustee Howard Hirsch present JAFCO Executive Director Sarah Franco with donations in 2013 and 2014 totaling $58,950.

Above: Nine Miami Hurricanes football student-athletes spent part of Super Bowl Sunday assisting at the fourth annual JAFCO Bowl Flag Football Tournament at Flamingo Park. The JAFCO Bowl is a flag football tournament organized by Jerry and Jake Sokol that raises funds for JAFCO. Denzel Perryman, Duke Johnson, Jon Feliciano, Rayshawn Jenkins, Nantambu-Akil Fentress, Garrison Lassiter, Ronald Regula, De’Andre Johnson and Sunny Odogwu along with Director of Player Development Ryan McNamee were on hand to share their support for the flag football players who came out to support the JAFCO Mission.

Below: JAFCO Children’s Foundation Board President Steve Weicholz (R) and Executive Director Sarah Franco proudly accept a second generous grant arranged by Enterprise Senior Certified Public Accountant Steven Weiss, a very special member of the JAFCO donor family!

Above: When Eric Glasband was lucky enough to win a two year lease on a new car he immediately thought of JAFCO and generously donated it to JAFCO to be used to safely transport any of the 50 children who call the JAFCO Jewish Children their home to school, appointments and outings. Thank you Eric!

Below: The JAFCO Teen Board was created by Bella Polley along with Alex Gibstein to raise awareness and much needed funds for JAFCO Children’s Village. There is nothing more beautiful than watching the passion of children helping children and we are so proud of our JAFCO Teen Board and their wonderful advisor Elise Repath.
Congratulations to the young adults who have been admitted to the JAFCO Bar/Bat Mitzvah Circle and our other Mitzvah Children!

**Ethan Gale, Evan Mendelson Will Poses**

Below: The W.E.E. Mitzvah Mission 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament attracted over 100 players who had a fun time raising over $5,000 to give a complete makeover to the basketball court at the JAFCO Children’s Village complete with its very own Miami Heat Logo. Go Ethan, Evan and Will and Let’s Go Heat!

**Mason Proczy**

Above: After learning about JAFCO from his great Aunt Beverly Victor, Mason was inspired to do something special for the children with his Mitzvah Project; so he reached out to his friends and family and raised $2,050 to sponsor a summer camp experience for the children who are living at the JAFCO Children’s Village.

**Madison Krieger**

Above: For her Bat Mitzvah Project, Madison Krieger filled the complete Chanukah Wish Lists of ten children, making their holiday dreams come true. Madison’s early attraction to philanthropy has been sparked by her parents Marla and Peter and her great-aunt, JAFCO Vice President, Mara Gober. Thank you to this wonderful family for caring about the precious children of JAFCO.

**Blaise Pronesti**

Below: For his Bar Mitzvah project Blaise, an avid fisherman and sports fanatic, wanted to help the children of JAFCO share in his passion. Soliciting the Miami Heat, Miami Marlins and friends and family Blaise was able to collect brand new sports equipment for the JAFCO Jewish Children’s Village.

**Hannah Backal**

Above: For her Bat Mitzvah project Hannah raised over $1,600 for the children of JAFCO at a Purim Carnival where she did face painting and also sang a song from “Les Miz” for the attendees. Her gifts were presented at the 2013 Cocktails for a Cause at the NJ Shore. Mazel Tov to JAFCO Godparents and proud parents Dr. Marc and Cathy Backal!

**MORE MITZVAH CHILDREN**

$2,000

Nikolas Ioannou

$300

Myra Baker, Cameron Taylor Ross

Other Mitzvah Kids

Jason Caplan, Edmond Franco, Ari Gateno, Max Kenigsberg, Lauren Kistenberg, Ariel Martinez, Alexa Frankel, Amanda Olesky, Carly Passer, Ilan Perelis, Scott Robins, Daniel Rogatinsky, Blake Rubinstein, Nicole Vitale

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 Shelli Gold at shelli@jafcso.org.

as of April 15, 2014

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. ❤️
Ed & Bernice Wenger care deeply about JAFCO’s mission supporting families struggling to stay together. As members of the JAFCO Godparent and Founders Circles with lifetime giving and pledges of over $400,000, the family has graced both the Development Wing at the Children’s Village and the Professional Wing at the new JAFCO Children’s Ability Center with the Wenger name.

“JAFCO represents a continuation of my family’s history and charitable work in many ways. My father was raised in the Hebrew orphanage and in the 1930’s my maternal grandmother ran programs for needy Jewish children in the East Bronx. I’ve experienced both sides of the coin through my parents - giving to Jewish children to ensure a better life, and living the life of a Jewish orphan”, recalls Bernice Wenger.

In addition to their philanthropic commitment to JAFCO, the Wengers are very involved in their Jewish Community in New York where they spend part of the year. Bernice served as a board member for over 20 years at the Community Synagogue of Sands Point, and was a co-founder of the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Roslyn. Ed is a member of the board at the JCC, home of the “Edward and Bernice Wenger Center for The Arts”. Bernice is also a proud Lion of Judah through the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach. The Wengers support countless other local charities, including the Andy Roddick Foundation, which provides financial support to children’s causes in South Florida.

Ed was the founder and CEO of Prospective Computer Analysts (PCA), an Aerospace Corporation which he sold in 2005. PCA developed specialized test equipment to test electronic systems of military aircraft of the US, UK and many other countries. Bernice was an educator, teaching English to Spanish speaking high school students. Ed and Bernice’s greatest legacy is their beautiful family comprised of their daughter Lauren, sons Eric and Mitchell and daughter-in-law Molly, and precious grandchildren; Sam, LuLu and Loch.

“JAFCO is so grateful to have the love and support of the Wengers for our new center which will offer families the programs and services needed to overcome the overwhelming challenges they face raising a child with a developmental disability”, said Gail Marlow, JAFCO Development Officer. “Ed and Bernice exemplify the perfect balance of living life to the fullest without ever passing up the chance to help those who are suffering, especially children”, adds Sarah Franco, Executive Director.

Meet JAFCO Staff Ayanna Lowe-Thomas

Ayanna Lowe Thomas has found both purpose and meaning to her life; dedicating herself to working with children as an outstanding and loyal JAFCO employee. Ayanna began her career at JAFCO as an assistant house parent in the group home program, responsible for the daily care, love and discipline of the children. “Her professionalism and leadership ability was apparent from day one, there was always something very special about Ayanna”, recalls Wendy Jenkins, Director of JAFCO Operations and Clinical Services. Three years later she was promoted to Educational Coordinator, helping to set dozens of children on their path to college. In 2012, Ayanna was promoted to her current position of Group Home Program Coordinator, attending to the daily needs of 25-30 children.

Scheduling, supervising and providing support to the children and the staff, and anything from doctor’s appointments to birthdays to prom dresses, getting everyone to school on time and picked up from basketball, dance classes, playdates and school in time for therapy, Hebrew school and independent living classes are all part of Ayanna’s extremely long days!

“Ayanna has shown unparalleled commitment to the children, demonstrating an understanding of their needs that is far beyond her years. The children trust her and she takes care of each and every one of them as if they were her own”, explained Seychelle Smith, Director of Residential Services. “Ayanna is respected by all of the staff and she earned that respect by the loving and caring way she treats everyone”, says Sarah Franco, JAFCO Executive Director. “She has the highest level of professionalism and cares about the children in a deep and protective place within her heart. Working at JAFCO is not just her job, but a passion that brings true meaning to her life and exemplifies the quality that JAFCO strives to achieve every day”.

The purpose of life is to find your gift.....The meaning of life is to give it away
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

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*of blessed memory

If you have named JAFCO in your estate, please contact Gail Marlow, Development Officer so that we may honor you as part of the JAFCO Legacy Circle at 954.749.7230 ext. 137 or Gail@jafco.org
for Children with Developmental Disabilities was announced, the David’s were one of the first donors! They are also members of the JAFCO Founders, Legacy and Godparent Circles. In addition to JAFCO, Abe and Anne support many other charities especially those concerned with the medical needs of children worldwide and have also been actively involved with the American Committee for Share Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem for over twenty years. Originally from New York, Abe and Anne moved to South Florida in 1975. Abe still remains involved in the lingerie manufacturing business he established forty years ago. Abe and Anne have three children; Mark and his wife Norma and the David’s twin daughters, Marcia Sussman and Elaine Greenberg. 13 beautiful grandchildren and 11 precious great-grandchildren also make up their legacy. Recently the Davids celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

Grandson Michael Sussman shared the following loving sentiments about his grandfather. “My grandfather believes that family is the most important thing above all else. He came from a poor immigrant family, motivating him to be successful in life to ensure his family has the opportunities and experiences he did not have. His success allows him to give back to the Jewish community and live a charitable life”

“I learned from him to appreciate what I have and always remember those less fortunate. As the family patriarch, he’s passed along his strong family values to his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. We spend hours speaking with him about his life and come away with a lesson learned every time. My involvement with JAFCO can be directly attributed to my grandfather, since this organization has a mission he firmly believes in. Now that I am personally involved in JAFCO I feel the same way and I thank him for allowing me the opportunity to help abused and neglected children in our community”.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Abe and Anne David for their love, compassion and generosity to the children of JAFCO.

Meet JAFCO Legacy Circle Members Abe & Anne David

Most of the things worth doing in the world had been declared impossible before they were done.

Justice Louis Brandeis

Meet JAFCO Board Member Rick Allen

As a former member of the Jewish Federation Allocations Committee, JAFCO Board Member Rick Allen found it difficult to breathe while listening to the heart-wrenching needs of the Jewish community and the lack of funds for many worthy agencies, including JAFCO.

From the moment he learned about JAFCO’s life-saving work, Rick felt a deep connection. Good friend and JAFCO board member Marge Flanz (of blessed memory) invited him to take a tour of the JAFCO Children’s Village and he was overwhelmed to see what he had only heard about for so many years. Before the tour was over, he was completely moved by the facility, the staff and quality of care and love given to the children. It was at that moment that he made his first commitment to share his heart with JAFCO.

Rick became a valued board member and as an attorney he is always willing to volunteer his legal expertise whenever needed. Rick is a member of the Godparent and Founders Circles and a capital donor to the new JAFCO Children’s Ability Center, placing his family name on one of the kitchens in the respite home, where children will stay for up to two weeks giving their parents a much-needed break.

To honor all he has done for JAFCO, Rick was a recipient of the Jacob’s Ladder Award for Child Advocacy in 2011. Rick strongly believes that as a member of the Board of Trustees he has a responsibility to not only provide for the current needs of the agency but also for the future.

At a recent board meeting Rick proudly announced that he’s created a legacy that will continue to help care for future generations of abused, neglected and abandoned children by leaving a generous gift to JAFCO in his will.

“Rick was so elated to make JAFCO a part of his estate; he announced it to the entire board and encouraged each board member to do the same. We are so grateful for his compassion and commitment to take care of the children of JAFCO in perpetuity and it is our honor to add Rick Allen to the JAFCO Legacy Circle”, said Sarah Franco, JAFCO Executive Director.

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill
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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, July 1, 2014
Name Your Game
Where: Great Bay Country Club, Somers Point, NJ
Time: 10:00am – Cost: $60.00 pp
Beth Fox: 215.651.1958
Michelle Simon: 215.588.2286

Monday, July 14, 2014
Northeast Golf Classic
Where: Blue Bell, PA
Time: 10:00am – Cost: $250.00 pp
Rana Bell: 610.525.1040

Thursday, July 31, 2014
Fun in the Sun
Where: Glen Head Country Club, Long Island, NY
Time: 10:00am
Rana Bell: 610.525.1040

Thursday, August 7, 2014
Cocktails for a Cause
Where: Longport, NJ
Time: 10:00am
Rana Bell: 610.525.1040

Friday, September 12, 2014
In My Shoes Luncheon
Where: Boca West Country Club, Boca Raton, FL
Time: 10:00am – Cost: $75.00 pp
Gail Marlow: 954.315.8698

Sunday, September 21, 2014
JAFCO Children’s Ability Center Grand Opening
Where: 5100 North Nob Hill Road, Sunrise, FL
Time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Shellie Gold: 954.315.8671

Wednesday, October 8, 2014
Michelle Goldstein Spirit of Life Luncheon
Where: Weston Hills Country Club, Weston, FL
Time: 10:00am – Cost: $75.00 pp
Shellie Gold: 954.315.8671

Tuesday, October 21, 2014
Valencia Isles Author Luncheon
Where: Addison Reserve, Boca Raton, FL
Time: 10:00am – Cost: $60.00 pp
Janet Epstein: 954.315.8696

Sunday, October 26, 2014
6th Annual Heaven and Earth Event
Where: Heaven & Earth Salon, Sunrise, FL
Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm - Cost: $10.00 Child Haircut / $20.00 Adult Haircut
Shellie Gold: 954.315.8671

Thursday, November TBA, 2014
Aventura Miracles Luncheon
Where: TBA
Time: 10:00am
Shellie Gold: 954.315.8671

Saturday, November 22, 2014
3rd Annual City Lights on a Saturday Night
Where: Residences at the Ritz, Philadelphia, PA
Time: 7:00
Terry Masel Aurebach: Terryrambach@yahoo.com
Celeste Rose: fraurose@aol.com

Saturday, December 6, 2014
JAFCO Heroes Gala
Where: The Polo Club of Boca Raton, FL
Time: 7:00pm
Janet Epstein: 954.315.8696

Wednesday, December 17, 2014
Villaggio Signature Luncheon
Where: Villaggio Clubhouse, Lake Worth, FL
Time: 11:00 am
Ingrid Jaffe 561.304.2968

Thursday, January 29, 2015
Author Luncheon
Where: St. Andrews Country Club, Boca Raton, FL
Time: 10:00am
Janet Epstein: 954.315.8696

Have a great idea for an event that you would like to chair?
Please contact the JAFCO Chapter President in your area or Palm Beach County
JAFCO Development Associate
Janet Epstein 954.749.7230 ext 144

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“JAFCO’s mission is to care for abused and neglected children and those with disabilities in the Jewish community and to work in partnership with families and the entire community. We believe that the care of children in our community is our responsibility, one we accept with joy, pride and love.”

...giving every child a place to belong

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Beginning at age 13, JAFCO ensures that the children who reside at the JAFCO Children’s Village acquire the independent living skills they need to become healthy and productive adults. The last phase towards independence involves the transition to college. At this point, transportation becomes a critical factor, as our young adults must now figure out a way to get themselves to school, work, doctors appointments and to enjoy time with their friends. As part of our Independent Living training, the children do learn to take the bus, but unlike most major cities, the South Florida public transportation system is extremely limited and is not always safe - especially late at night. Since the annual JAFCO operational budget does include the purchase of cars for the children, it is nothing short of a miracle when a car is donated! Cars that are donated for use by the children are tax deductible to the extent allowed by IRS guidelines, so the next time your car dealer offers you a minimal trade-in value on your car, or if you want to significantly impact the life of a child, please consider donating your car to one of our children because.....you may be the final missing piece in a child’s world on his or her journey to independence.

To the world you may be one person, but to a child.....you may be the world

The thought of having my own car one day has been only a dream but since my life’s journey brought me to live at the JAFCO Village, I have seen other children get a car once they were on their way to college. I knew I would have to wait until a donated car came in and I also knew that a lot of other kids were waiting too. So my birthday came, and Aunt Sarah called me in to tell me that she was really sorry that a car had not been donated as we had hoped, but that a really, really nice bicycle had been donated. For my birthday surprise, they were about to present me with this really cool bike and guided me blindfolded outside to see it. They asked me if I was ready and when I took the blindfold off, there was a Toyota car with a huge red bow on it. Out of nowhere all the other kids appeared, everyone was cheering. I was so shocked and excited I was literally shaking. I thanked everyone and said "does this mean I am not getting the bicycle"? Everyone laughed. It was one of the best moments in my life and since that time I have been so independent going back and forth to school, work and spending time with my friends. As I have gotten older I am beginning to understand just how many amazing people it must take to ensure that JAFCO exists, people who don’t even know the children, but yet they take care of us. How do you thank someone for that, I am not sure. But, I am so very grateful to my JAFCO family for adding the car to the long list of gifts you have given me in addition to a safe and loving home and a future.

With love, Alex