



A Century of Improving Lives, One Person at a Time.

The year was 1892 when 70 local women came together to improve the lives of refugees arriving in Seattle from Eastern Europe. Those members of the Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society were guided by the timeless value in our tradition that remains front and center in everything JFS does: *to help people help themselves.*

The young and the old, single parent families, couples, people of different abilities, refugees from around the globe, those with challenges both anticipated and unexpected — they all find support today at Jewish Family Service. In the past decade alone, JFS has served nearly 63,000 people throughout our community.

Jewish Family Service has always been there: as a *first responder* in times of crisis and strategically, as *the local social service safety net*, for both our Jewish and wider communities. Human service needs have emerged, evolved and changed along with the society in which we live, and JFS has grown to meet them.



“We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of your help during this disastrous time in our lives. We were at our wits’ end for help.”

– Sue Greenberg and Mike Henry

Sue, with serious health problems of her own, is the primary means of financial support for her son, Mike, age 40, who is disabled as the result of a traumatic brain injury. With her hours at work reduced due to the economy, Sue and Mike were assisted by JFS *Emergency Services* and *Food Bank*.

Family Caring for Family.

For many people we serve, the only constant in their lives is change. At JFS, they'll find some things that *never* change:

Commitment to Coordinated Care

In fiscal year 2009,* 89% of JFS clients received multiple services from within a single department, and over 33% were served by more than one program. The breadth and depth of JFS programming means human service needs are treated the way our clients experience them: at the same time, from the same perspective.

Respect for Diversity

JFS serves clients and program participants of all backgrounds, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, class or sexual preference. For Jewish clients, JFS is our community's only provider of culturally-relevant social services. Within that context lies another layer of inclusion, as JFS staff strives to make Jews from all backgrounds feel at home.

Collaboration

JFS serves its clients as efficiently and effectively as possible by collaborating and coordinating with more than 130 local organizations, both in the Jewish and greater communities. With resources being stretched as never before, we can't afford to duplicate services.

Professional and Volunteer Leadership

A CEO who's been with the Agency for 34 years; Board Members who serve for decades; volunteers who gave well over 16,000 hours of their time last year alone: the people who make JFS what it is are in it for the long haul, bringing unmatched commitment and expertise to their roles.

*July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Converting “What If” into “What Is.”

The JFS Board launched the *Family Matters Campaign* in 2006 to deepen the impact of its existing programs and to address previously unmet needs. ALL gifts made to JFS from July 1, 2009 through the June 30, 2012 *Campaign* closing will be counted as *Family Matters* gifts. Extraordinary early support from over 150 donors is already hard at work converting “what if” into “what is.” Since 2006, the *Campaign* has seeded these new initiatives:

- *Alternatives to Addiction* — the first program of its kind in our Jewish community, ATA helps Jews struggling with the disease of addiction in a culturally relevant context.
- A *Food Bank* home delivery service that delivers groceries to over 400 households affected by old age, mental illness and disability.
- The Agency's first ever after-hours crisis support for clients of *JFS Counseling Services* and *Alternatives to Addiction*.
- *Endless Opportunities*, developed in partnership with Temple De Hirsch Sinai (and now also includes Temple B'nai Torah), facilitates a wide variety of meaningful connections to community for healthy, active adults age 60+.
- Expanded *Family Life Education* programs on today's issues such as the current economic crisis, parenting for LGBT families, interfaith couples and caring for aging parents.

“Whether responding to a large-scale crisis or a personal tragedy, JFS must be able to deal from strength.”

– Ken Weinberg, Chief Executive Officer



“The Jewish Family Service track record of integrity, compassion and service is this community’s treasure. It makes us proud to be among the early donors to the Family Matters Campaign.”

– Emily and Aaron Alhadeff (Emily, current Board Member)

...because *Family Matters*.

Ensuring that JFS can continue to meet basic human needs, while retaining the flexibility to address emerging needs, is at the heart of the *Family Matters Campaign*. Your gift will enable JFS to:

Reduce and prevent suffering of our highest risk community members.

The costs of meeting the basic needs of individuals and families year in and year out are growing exponentially. The JFS *Food Bank* is feeding 40% more people today than just three years ago. A 33% increase in assistance dollars over the past two years has not been near enough to meet emergency housing needs. The *Family Matters Campaign* will ensure that the neediest members of our community are safe, fed, clothed and sheltered.

Respond strategically to the emerging needs of our rapidly changing society.

We can’t know what emergencies might arise, or what issues families and individuals might face. *Family Matters* will provide an operating reserve and endowment to give JFS the flexibility to respond to previously unmet and unimagined needs.

Provide dignified physical spaces to better serve our clients’ social and emotional needs.

Construction of a new 19,000 square foot building next to the current 13,000 square foot Jesse Danz Building (already owned by JFS) will centrally locate the majority of all JFS programs on one convenient campus in the heart of Capitol Hill. This, in turn, will better meet the many needs of clients, program participants, staff and volunteers... holistically, comfortably and reliably. *An enormous boost to this endeavor is a half-million dollar stimulus grant from the Federal Government, just awarded to JFS through the City of Seattle, to renovate the Food Bank into a state-of-the-art facility consistent with today’s “best practices.”*



MISSION

Jewish Family Service delivers essential human services to alleviate suffering, sustain healthy relationships and support people in times of need.

VALUES

Guided by our Jewish tradition of repairing the world, we are committed to:

- Treating people with dignity and compassion
- Providing culturally relevant services
- Helping people help themselves
- Reflecting the changing face of the community
- Collaborating with others to broaden our reach

JFS AT A GLANCE

- Aging & Adult Programs
- Alternatives to Addiction
- Counseling Services
- Emergency Services
- Family Life Education
- Food Bank Program
- HomeCare Associates
- Project DVORA: Domestic Violence Outreach, Response & Advocacy
- Refugee & Immigrant Service Centers
- Seattle Association for Jews with Disabilities / Supported Living Program
- Volunteer Services
- Youth & Children’s Services

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“We know from personal experience that no one is immune to hardships. We’ve worked hard and been fortunate. Giving to the Family Matters Campaign feels like the best investment we could possibly make.”

– Karen and Gary Schwartz

Protecting the ability of JFS to serve our most vulnerable.

For six generations now, JFS has always been there. And yet, today, we find ourselves in a highly vulnerable world. Not only is each JFS client vulnerable, but each of us is vulnerable as well. Life happens, and when it does, it stretches our own and community’s resources...whether financial, physical, social, emotional or spiritual — to the limit.

Just as individuals, families and a community can be vulnerable, so too can an agency like Jewish Family Service. Responding to today’s needs takes more people, more space, more infrastructure and more professional expertise than ever before. At the same time, traditional funding sources are changing and shrinking. JFS has launched the *Family Matters Campaign* for one simple reason: to protect our ability to meet the needs of our clients, in times of crisis and everyday, into the 21st century. *It is up to ALL OF US.*

We’re all in this together.

There are many ways for you to become involved in the *Family Matters Campaign*. Consider making a donation or volunteering your time to ensure the safety net for individuals and families is secure today...and always.

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