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JFS is a partner in serving  
the community with the  
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Dear Friend of JFS:

***“The face is a living presence; it is expression. . . .The face speaks.”***

~ Emmanuel Levinas

This quote expresses something that we feel every day. In the faces of our clients we see their histories, their dreams, their possibilities. When we see the face of another human being who needs help, we are compelled to help them. And help them we do, regardless of their circumstance or ability to pay. JFS has been doing this since 1867, and while we have responded to the times, our basic mission has remained the same: We support children, families, and individual throughout the lifecycle.

There is no typical face of JFS. Our clients are as diverse as our programs, which include family counseling and family education, housing for elderly and disabled individuals, resettlement and support services for refugees, services to individuals with chronic mental illness and developmental disabilities, and volunteer opportunities that engage our clients.

Here are just a few of the faces of JFS:

### **Nikki L.**

*“After the death of my mother’s brother, I noticed that mom wasn’t quite herself.... Thank God for JFS. They helped me by reducing the stress and worry about my mother. I wanted her to have the best care that she could receive and JFS certainly fit the bill.”*

### **Ruth K.**

*“I first came to JFS because my family immigrated from Israel and teenage life is difficult for any teenager. Immigration made it that much harder, and going to high school was very difficult. I found a great listener and friend in my counselor and I was able to make quite a connection and open up, which at the time was extremely difficult for me. I think the biggest change for me is that I’m not so hard on myself. I’m just really accepting and I like to think of myself as roll with the punches. I always tell everyone that nobody’s perfect and every day is a learning experience and I think that’s what my counselor helped me see.”*

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**Rachel B.**

*“The Sandy Naimon Breakfast Club has been worth a lot to me. It’s a chance to get out and for some of us in the Breakfast Club, that’s the only socialization we get during the week. It’s also a place where you can discuss practically anything and you’ll be safe. And it’s always good to be able to bounce questions or topics off of other people and we’re all in the same boat, at different degrees, at different times, so a lot of helping each other happens too.”*

**David D.**

*“I was not looking for Jewish Family Services, but they immediately found me. When I came to America, I felt absolutely lost and to my delight I found this wonderful organization. JFS did a wonderful job telling us where to go, who to ask for help, what to do with documents, how to get assistance. We received an incredible amount of work and attention from them. Jewish Family Services instilled the hope in us that our life in America would be good.”*


These are only four faces of JFS. You can picture the 4,200 others. The face of JFS looks like your grandmother, your son, your neighbor, your friend. The face of JFS looks like you...like me...like us.

**We are the face of JFS.**

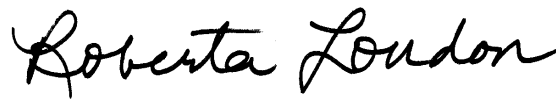
We look in the faces of our clients every day, and we see those faces turn from worry to relief, from confusion to clarity. It is why we do what we do, and we thank you for making it possible.

Thank you for your support of years past. We thank you for sustaining us and if you are in a position to increase your gift this year, know how deeply grateful we are.

Sincerely yours,



Sylvan Leabman, President/CEO



Roberta London, Board Chair

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