

**Jewish Family Services
and
JFS Housing
Fiscal Year 2024-2025
Annual Report**



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, our dedicated staff, and the individuals and families whose lives are strengthened by your generosity — **thank you.**

I'm proud to share highlights from Fiscal Year 2025, a year shaped by your continued commitment to our mission. Your support has made meaningful, measurable impacts in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for standing with us and for all the ways you help build a more connected, compassionate community.

With gratitude,



Dan Fleischman

Interim President & CEO
Jewish Family Services



Our Mission

The mission of Jewish Family Services is to provide supportive services that will strengthen families, children and individuals throughout the life-cycle within the context of their unique needs.

Our Values

Long-held Jewish traditions of Tikkun Olam, which means repairing the world, or making the world a better place, and values of Chesed (living kindness) and Tzedekah (righteousness, justice) give our organization a deeply rooted sense of responsibility to care for our community, not as a burden, but as a Mitzvah (obligation).

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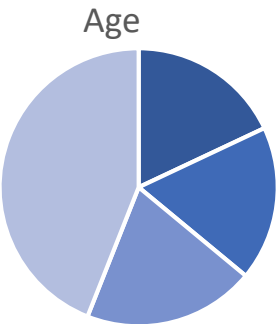
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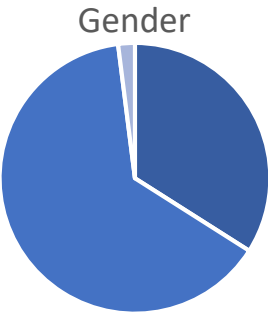
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Fiscal Year 2025 Jewish Family Services Client Demographics



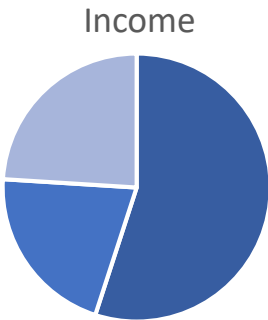
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<18	18%
18-34	18%
35-54	20%
55+	44%



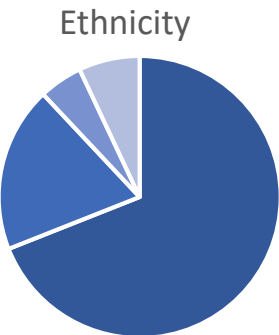
Male Female NonBinary

Male	34%
Female	64%
NonBinary	2%



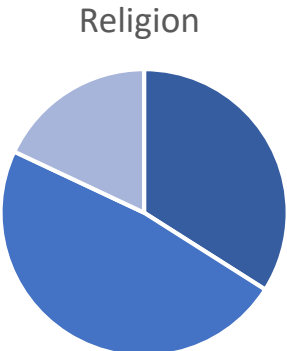
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< \$15,000	55%
\$15,000-\$37,000	21%
\$37,000+	24%



White African American Hispanic Other

African American	19%
White	69%
Hispanic	5%
Other background	7%



Jewish Non-Jewish Unknown

Jewish	34%
Non-Jewish	48%
Unknown	18%

Jewish Family Services Financial Summary

For the financial year ending June 30, 2025



Revenue

Contributions and Bequests.....	\$ 610,535
Milwaukee Jewish Federation.....	\$ 505,149
United Way.....	\$ 181,943
Service Fees.....	\$ 329,199
Other Grants.....	\$ 423,363
Governmental.....	\$ 1,562,732
Woodale Crossing Pass-through	\$ 4,500,000
Other Income (interest, etc.).....	\$ 676,916
Endowments.....	\$ 434,467
Special Events.....	\$ 58,678
Total Revenue.....	\$ 9,282,982
Less Woodale Pass-Through Grants...	\$ 4,500,000
Actual Total Revenue.....	\$ 4,782,982

Expenses

Personnel Costs.....	\$ 4,248,202
Professional Fees.....	\$ 255,835
Other Expenses.....	\$ 742,486
Total Expenses	\$ 5,246,523
Deficit	(\$ 463,541)

Endowments

Unrestricted Funds..... \$5,694,931

Restricted Funds

Family Counseling Programs.....	\$ 910,041
Older Adults Services Programs.....	\$ 401,079
Social Services Programs.....	\$ 205,082
Other.....	\$ 155,603

Total Endowments..... \$ 7,366,737

*Endowment balance as of June 30, 2024 \$7,012,280



Support at Home: Late Life Counseling Brings Vital Mental Health Care to Older Adults in Milwaukee

JFS Outpatient Mental Health: LLC Program

Through a partnership with Milwaukee County, Jewish Family Services provides in-home Late Life Counseling (LLC) to older adults facing emotional, psychological, and life-transition challenges. These free, short-term mental health services help individuals remain stable, supported, and connected—right where they live.

"Through Jewish Family Services' in-home, county-contracted Late Life Counseling (LLC) program, we're able to bring mental health care directly to older adults across Milwaukee who might otherwise go without," writes Liz Popowski, a JFS clinician with the program.

"I worked with Barbara, who came to LLC after facing a series of life-altering changes. Once fully independent, she was now wheelchair-bound and needed help with most daily tasks. The physical loss was difficult—but the emotional toll was even heavier.

Over the course of our sessions, we processed her grief, her frustration, and the depression that had begun to take hold. Together, we developed coping strategies tailored to her needs—small, meaningful steps that gave her a greater sense of control and stability.

When she completed the program, she told me how deeply it had helped her—how it carried her through one of the hardest times in her life. That kind of impact is why this program matters so much. Late Life Counseling gives people not just tools, but the comfort of being seen, heard, and supported—in their own homes, and on their own terms."



Thanks to our funders and community partners, JFS is able to bring care directly to the doorsteps of people like Barbara who often go unseen, ensuring that no one has to face late-life challenges alone.

Healing Through Connection: Kelly's Journey Forward with VOCA Counseling

JFS Outpatient Mental Health: VOCA Program

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Program at Jewish Family Services offers trauma-informed counseling and support for individuals rebuilding their lives after experiencing violence, abuse, or assault. Kelly's journey is a powerful example of what healing can look like when someone is met with consistent care, respect, and community support.

Kelly was just 21 when she first came to JFS. She had recently experienced a sexual assault and a serious suicide attempt that led her to withdraw from college. She was also facing long-standing struggles with self-esteem, disordered eating, and self-harm.

Working alongside her clinician, Amber, Kelly engaged in therapeutic work rooted in attachment-based modalities, Somatic Awareness, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), and Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT). Over time, their counseling relationship became a safe and supportive space for Kelly to rebuild trust, process trauma, and develop healthy coping strategies.

Amber also helped Kelly connect to external supports that would complement her healing process, including NAMI trauma groups and integrative wellness services at CORE El Centro, such as acupuncture and massage therapy. In addition, Kelly discovered that creating art was a powerful outlet for expression and an essential tool in her recovery.

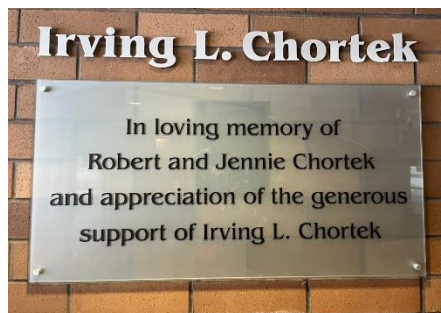
Now, as Kelly approaches her 26th birthday, she is thriving. She holds a stable, self-sustaining job, is nearing completion of her associate's degree, and has been in a healthy relationship for over a year.

Her path reminds us that recovery is not linear—but with the right support and the courage to keep showing up, healing is absolutely possible.



The Robert and Jennie Chortek Lifetime Achievement Award

Sponsored by Irving Chortek



Jewish Family Services (JFS) has been a recipient of a ten year commitment from the Irving L. Chortek Fund in memory of his parents, Robert and Jennie Chortek. This gift touched the lives of many individuals who received help when they needed it most through our Mental Health services and Social Services for Russian Speakers (SSRS) and Disabilities Case Management (DCM) programs

Mental Health and Counseling

The Irving L. Chortek support ensured greater access to services and resulted in quality outcomes that improved the lives of participants. During this time, our Mental Health and Counseling services reached on average 850 individuals annually with approximately a third who did not have insurance and who directly benefited from this gift.

Social Services and Case Management

Our Program provides a holistic approach to the needs of older adults and those with developmental and intellectual disabilities, chronic mental illness, and age-related disabilities, including a special population of aging adults identified as immigrants from the former Soviet Union and/or Holocaust Survivors requiring care management. The Irving L. Chortek support off-set the gap between the cost of services and what clients can afford to pay. During this time, our Social Services and Case Management services reached an average of 475 individuals annually who directly benefited from Irving Chortek's gift.

The Irving L. Chortek Fund gift touched the lives of many individuals who received help when they needed it most. We are so grateful Irving Chortek considered our community's most vulnerable individuals with his ten year gift of support. We formally recognized his gift in March 2019 with a plaque in recognition of both him and his parents, Robert and Jennie.

As we come to the end of Mr. Chortek's financial legacy, we have launched a perpetual legacy of this gift in the form of an annual recognition which is starting 2025-26. This recognition is for a staff member, board member, or volunteer who gave of themselves to support the clients Mr. Chortek supported, particularly those committed to our clients living with mental health issues.

Assistance to the Jewish Community

Rooted in our mission and guided by Jewish values, Jewish Family Services continues to serve as a safety net for individuals and families in the Milwaukee Jewish community. Through culturally sensitive, wraparound services, we address both immediate needs and long-term challenges—helping people maintain stability, dignity, and connection during times of vulnerability.

- **J-Help Emergency Financial Assistance** offered temporary, non-cash support to community members facing unexpected financial hardships. This year, we provided aid—including gift cards and direct vendor payments—for essentials like rent, groceries, utilities, and phone services. Across the year, we assisted 81 individuals and families (counting all instances of support), distributing nearly \$38,000 to help stabilize their situations.
- The **Jewish Community Case Management (JCCM)** program delivered personalized, holistic support to individuals and families experiencing complex challenges. Between July 2024 and June 2025, JCCM served 81 clients across Milwaukee and neighboring counties through multiple interactions. Services include case management, housing navigation, emergency financial referrals, resource connections, and food assistance—tailored to meet each client’s unique needs.
- In partnership with the **Milwaukee Jewish Federation**, JFS distributed gift cards to more than 110 West Side families during the **High Holidays and Passover** to help ensure access to culturally appropriate food and necessities during these important times.
- Additionally, JFS collaborates with other Jewish community agencies to distribute over 400 Passover food bags annually. Recognizing the needs of our Russian-speaking community members, this effort is jointly coordinated with the Support Services for Russian-Speaking (SSRS) department, ensuring effective outreach and culturally sensitive support.



From urgent assistance to ongoing case management, JFS remains a vital source of care and connection for the Jewish community in Milwaukee—responding with compassion, respect, and an unwavering commitment to supporting Jewish life and well-being.



Honoring Family, Supporting Healing

The Phillip & Mildred Cohen Center for Individual and Family Counseling

Thanks to a generous \$50,000 gift from Jay Cohen, Jewish Family Services established the Phillip & Mildred Cohen Center for Individual and Family Counseling—a named space within the Child Center Room and Lobby area of the JFS Jackson Street Clinic.

This meaningful tribute honors Jay's parents and reflects their deep commitment to family and community. The Jackson Street Clinic provides comprehensive, all-ages mental health services, and this newly named space celebrates the children, individuals, and families who walk through our doors each day in search of hope and healing.

JFS therapists are based at this location, offering a wide range of clinical services and personalized support. The Cohen Center stands as both a physical and symbolic reminder of the care, compassion, and connection that are at the heart of our work.

A Clinical Intern's Perspective: Supporting Students, Growing with Guidance

JFS Outpatient Mental Health: Internship Program, School Based Mental Health

The JFS Internship Program serves as an active resource for expanding mental health and social services throughout Milwaukee—connecting passionate, emerging professionals with real-world experience in school, clinical, and community-based settings.

“My name is Hayley Lindley, and I began my internship with Jewish Family Services in January 2024. It has truly been the honor of a lifetime. I've had the opportunity to work closely with my supervisor and mentors to help expand the school-based mental health programs—especially through our partnerships with local Jewish schools.

As part of my role, I researched and developed client interventions and social-emotional learning curricula. I also worked one-on-one with children and teens in both school-based and clinical settings. It has been incredibly meaningful to offer a secure, temporary attachment for these young clients—giving them space to process emotions and grow. One of the most rewarding moments was seeing a child learn to identify their emotions and express them clearly using ‘I feel’ statements.

What stood out most to me during my time at JFS was the unwavering support I received. Whether I was navigating treatment-resistant clients or managing crisis situations, I always knew I could rely on my supervisor for guidance, validation, and encouragement. That level of support shaped not only my experience as an intern—but also my development as a future clinician, which I now am at JFS.”



Dr. Rhoda and Edward Green Memorial Merit Scholarship Fund for Jewish Family Services Staff Education

JFS is proud to recognize clinician Stephanie Birr as the 2024 recipient of the Dr. Rhoda and Edward Green Memorial Merit Scholarship, a \$1,000 award supporting the continued education and professional development of JFS staff.

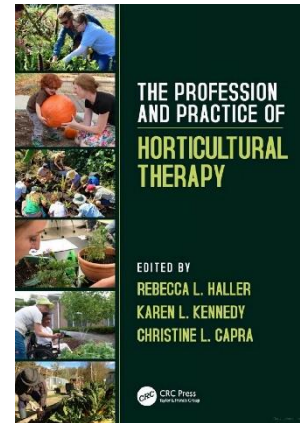
Stephanie used the scholarship to complete a *Fundamentals of Horticultural Therapy* course, expanding her skills in nature-based therapeutic practices. She now integrates plant-based interventions into individual sessions, using them for grounding, resourcing, and creative expression through art therapy.

In Stephanie's own words:

"This is an opportunity to provide psycho-education around food as a basic need and human right—and a reminder that our core needs must be met in order to do deeper healing. This is something many of my clients struggle with on a weekly basis. My hope is to continue this work and eventually help create a community garden at Jackson Street, offering therapeutic programming connected to that space."

Stephanie's innovative approach reflects the deep commitment of JFS clinicians to meeting clients where they are—using both traditional and integrative methods to support healing and well-being.

We congratulate Stephanie on this well-deserved recognition and thank her for her continued dedication to our mission.



Finding His Voice: Malik's Story of Healing and Hope

JFS Social Services: Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) for Youth

At Jewish Family Services, we believe every child deserves the chance to feel safe, supported, and seen. Our programs for youth and families are designed to meet children where they are—especially during moments of crisis and transition. Malik's story is one of quiet resilience and the power of consistent care.

Care coordinator Gavin Lancello describes Malik's story. "When one of our youths lost his parent, who struggled with stability and addiction issues, and moved in with his aunt's family, his world was turned upside down. Grieving and unsure of his place, he entered our program withdrawn, struggling with low self-esteem, anger, and impulse control. The pain he carried was heavy, and his silence spoke volumes.

But over the next nine months, something remarkable happened.

With the unwavering support of his aunt, uncle and older cousins—who advocated fiercely to ensure he received an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)—and the guidance of a caring therapist and mentor, this resilient young man began to heal. He learned new coping strategies and even created his own way to communicate when he needed space, showing a growing sense of self-awareness and emotional strength.



Today, he beams with pride as he shows off his very own room, a space that reflects his identity and sense of belonging. He feels part of the family now, and his smile says more than words ever could. One of his proudest moments was sharing with his CCS Care Coordinator how he's learning to play the guitar—a symbol of his creativity, growth, and hope for the future.

Despite the many transitions he's faced, this youth is thriving. With love, structure, and the right supports in place, he's not just surviving—he's finding his voice."

Malik's journey reminds us that healing takes time, trust, and the right people in your corner. At JFS, we're honored to walk alongside youth like him every day.

Pedaling Toward Progress: Jason's Journey with CCS Youth Services

JFS Social Services: Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) for Youth

At Jewish Family Services, the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program for youth supports teens as they navigate real-life challenges, helping them build the tools they need for a stronger future. For Jason, that journey began with a second chance—and a support team that believed in him.

JFS CCS Youth Care Coordinator Stephanie Suchecki was introduced to Jason when he entered the program. She describes Jason's development in the program. "He needed a job to pay restitution for a legal situation that happened when he was in middle school. He has since been able to pay off about \$250 of his restitution, he has a steady job at McDonald's, and is participating in online school.

Additionally, he is committed to living a healthier lifestyle by working with a fitness specialist and mental health provider arranged by his JFS case manager. Jason understands that working with those providers, along with his JFS case manager, will increase his self-esteem and better prepare him for adulthood.

Today, Jason enjoys riding his bike with friends and remains in the program with support from his mom to continue staying on track."

Jason's story shows how opportunity, commitment, and support can lead to meaningful transformation—one ride, one goal, and one step at a time.



Strength in the Face of Loss: Karina's Journey from Crisis to Community

JFS Social Services: (SSRS) Social Services for Russian Speakers



The Social Services for Russian Speakers (SSRS) Program at Jewish Family Services supervised by Tatiana Forrest is dedicated to supporting vulnerable members of our community—seniors, Holocaust Survivors, and, more recently, Ukrainian refugees fleeing war and devastation. One young mother, Karina, showed us the true meaning of resilience in the face of heartbreaking loss.

Karina, 28, arrived in Milwaukee in September 2024 with her husband, Yaroslav (33), and their two sons—Roman (6) and Danylo (4). They had fled Ukraine with nothing but hope, escaping the destruction of war. “We left everything behind,” Karina shared. “We had no family here, no money—just the dream of a safe place to raise our boys.”

They had just begun settling into life in Milwaukee when tragedy struck. In May 2025, Yaroslav passed away unexpectedly, leaving Karina to care for their two young children alone.

When Tatiana, the SSRS case manager from JFS, first spoke with Karina in June, she was overwhelmed by grief and uncertain how she would manage. After hearing about the U-Help Program from other Ukrainian families, Karina reached out—and Tatiana responded with compassion and swift action.

JFS was able to provide emergency financial assistance, including help with rent, allowing Karina a moment to regroup. Tatiana also connected her with additional local resources, including Catholic Charities, the International Institute of Wisconsin, and other organizations providing refugee support.

“I didn’t feel so alone anymore,” Karina later told Tatiana. “You helped me believe I could get through this.”

With that foundation of support, Karina has begun to rebuild. She found employment, applied for benefits for herself and her children, and has become active in helping other Ukrainian refugee families adjust to life in Milwaukee. Her strength, perseverance, and kindness continue to inspire everyone around her.

JFS is honored to stand beside individuals like Karina—offering care, dignity, and community during life’s most difficult moments.

A Journey of Transformation: One Client's Path to Health and Independence

JFS Social Services: Disabilities Case Management

At Jewish Family Services, the Disabilities Case Management program provides long-term, community-based support to individuals living with chronic mental illness and physical health challenges. For many, the journey toward wellness and independence begins with a single trusting relationship.

"I have worked with one client—Michael, a 50-year-old African American man—for the past 17 years. When we first met, he was living with schizophrenia, PTSD, and severe agoraphobia. His symptoms were so pronounced that he could not attend medical appointments, meet with providers, or consistently take his prescribed medications," says David Prodoehl, Disabilities Case Management leader at JFS.

"Our first goal was simple: build trust. Over time, that foundation allowed us to gradually introduce a full treatment team, including a psychotherapist, psychiatrist, and primary care provider. Today, he engages regularly not only with those professionals, but also with a dermatologist, nephrologist, and cardiologist. He attends all his medical appointments and manages his health with consistency and commitment.

Several years ago, Michael experienced kidney failure and spent seven years on dialysis. In 2019, he was referred to a transplant clinic—but told he would not be eligible for the transplant list unless he lost over 100 pounds. Through sheer determination and discipline, he lost 140 pounds, mostly on his own.



He returned to the transplant clinic, and on January 28, 2025, he successfully received a kidney transplant. Since then, he has remained fully compliant with his medical team's requirements, managing a complex medication regimen and completing regular blood work to ensure the new kidney is functioning properly.

Today, Michael is enrolled in the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program and supported by a multidisciplinary team of seven professionals—including a care coordinator, nutritionist, yoga instructor, personal trainer, peer support specialist, housing specialist, and me. My role focuses on helping him coordinate and follow through on medical care.

Just recently, I saw him participating in our Sandy Naimon Breakfast Club socialization group. His engagement, his energy, and his interaction with others were inspiring. Watching him go from deep isolation and severe non-compliance to becoming an empowered, proactive member of his care team and community has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career."

JFS Housing, Inc. Mission

JFS Housing aims to improve quality of life, increase housing stability, mitigate the negative effects of poverty, and increase the wellness of residents.

JFS Housing Board of Directors Fiscal Year 2025

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Deerwood Crossing Demographics 122 Residents

Residents by Age %

45-54	1
55-64	12
65-74	33
75+	54

Residents by Income %

<15,000	27
15,000-37,000	67
>37,000	8

Residents by Ethnicity %

African American	62
White	30
Other	8

Bradley Crossing Demographics 238 Residents

Residents by Age %

17 and under	30
18-29	15
30-45	19
46-59	15
60+	21

Residents by Income %

>15,000	32
15,000-37,000	47
<37,000	21

Residents by Ethnicity %

African American	79
White	11
Other	2
Undisclosed	8

Community, Creativity, and Growth: Andrew's Journey at Bradley Crossing

JFS Social Services at Housing

Through the Community Resource Program at JFS Housing, residents receive more than just a place to live—they gain access to a network of support, healing, and enrichment. For Andrew, that made all the difference.

Sharon, the Bradley Crossing Community Resource Coordinator, shares what made this so special for her. “Andrew has been a resident of Bradley Crossing for just over a year, arriving through a referral after experiencing homelessness and ongoing mental health challenges. Since moving in, Andrew has found not just a safe and stable place to live, but a supportive environment where he can thrive.



With regular access to his mental health care team on-site, Andrew has made significant strides in stabilizing his mental health. But it's more than just clinical support that has made a difference—it's the community and programs that have empowered him to heal and grow.

Andrew shared that the art programs at Bradley Crossing have been especially meaningful. They've provided him with a healthy outlet for stress, a space to express his creativity, and a renewed sense of joy. He also regularly attends the Lunch & Learn sessions, where he's discovered new recipes and learned to incorporate healthier foods into his diet—small but impactful changes that support his overall well-being. This year, Andrew became a first-time participant in

the community garden. With the encouragement of fellow residents, he used the garden not only to grow fresh produce but also to cultivate social connections, helping to ease feelings of isolation.”

Andrew's journey reflects the power of supportive housing: when people are given stability, access to care, and opportunities to engage, they can begin to build the life they deserve.

JFS Housing Community Resource Program: A Year of Connection and Care

JFS Social Services at Housing

In FY25, the Community Resource Program at JFS Housing surpassed expectations by offering an average of **11 community engagement programs per week**—well above our goal of eight! Across both Bradley Crossing and Deerwood Crossing, residents participated in a total of **580 educational and social events** throughout the year. These opportunities helped more than **2,200 residents** (duplicated) connect, learn, and thrive.

Our Social Services and Support teams worked closely with **56 individuals**, providing **81.5 hours of service** across **256 encounters**. Additionally, **58 residents** facing mental health challenges or significant life obstacles received specialized support through group activities and personalized referrals.

These efforts promote independence and well-being, making our housing communities vibrant places to call home. Together, we're building stronger connections and healthier lives every day.



JFS Housing Financials



Revenue	
Contributions.....	\$ 69,047
Service Fees.....	\$ 84,996
Grants.....	\$ 5,000
Contracts.....	\$ 1,469,830
Other.....	\$ 243,379
Total Revenue.....	\$ 1,872,252

Expenses	
Personnel Costs.....	\$ 748,919
Professional Fees.....	\$ 229,785
Other Expenses.....	\$ 492,632
Total Expenses.....	\$1,471,336
 Surplus.....	 \$ 400,916



Endowments	
Restricted Funds	
Bradley Crossing.....	\$27,786
Total Endowments.....	\$27,786
*Endowment balance as of June 30, 2024 \$26,610	

A Ride toward Independence: A Mitzvah Gift with Lasting Impact

JFS Donor Story – Housing Van Brings Residents to Medical Visits

Thanks to a heartfelt and generous gift from Sushi Saltzberg, the granddaughter of Jewish Family Services Housing board member, Bonnie Joseph, residents of Deerwood Crossing Senior Residence now have access to safe, reliable transportation to medical appointments.

In celebration of her Bat Mitzvah, Sushi chose to direct her mitzvah project toward something deeply meaningful—supporting older adults in her community. Her donation helped fund the purchase of a new conversion van, specially equipped to accommodate mobility needs, ensuring that Deerwood residents can attend doctor visits and essential health appointments without barriers.



For many seniors at Deerwood Crossing, this van has become more than just a vehicle—it's a lifeline. It brings peace of mind, dignity, and continued access to the care that supports healthy, independent aging.

Sushi's act of generosity is a beautiful example of how one mitzvah can create lasting change, reminding us all of the power of compassion across generations. Special thanks to significant contributions also from Andrew Schlesinger, Grant Sommer, and A&J Mobility Automotive.

In addition to serving residents, the new van has also helped reduce maintenance costs for JFS Housing—thanks to its secure storage in the locked garage and its updated technology and reliability as a new vehicle.



Special Tribute to Scott Luber February 15, 1960 to July 2, 2025

JFS 2024-2025 Board Chair



We mourn the passing of Scott Luber, a dedicated leader and passionate advocate for Jewish Family Services. Serving as Board Chair during this past year, Scott's vision, wisdom, and unwavering commitment helped guide JFS through pivotal moments, strengthening our mission and impact in the community. His generosity of spirit and tireless dedication leave a lasting legacy that will continue to inspire all who had the privilege to work alongside him. We honor Scott's memory with deep gratitude and profound respect.

To honor his legacy, JFS planted a Commemorative Elm Tree in his name and held a ceremony on July 24. To read more and watch the tribute video, visit: <https://www.jfsmilw.org/scott-luber/>



Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Woodale Crossing Supportive Housing Community

Woodale Crossing Ribbon Cutting July 24, 2025



In 2009, JFS took action to address the urgent community need for safe and affordable housing options for individuals with disabilities, seniors and low-income families. This vision led to the formation of JFS Housing, Inc., a subsidiary of JFS, and the development of Deerwood Crossing Senior Residences, Bradley Crossing Supportive Housing Community and The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Residences at Bradley Crossing.

On May 16, 2024, JFS broke ground on a third housing community, the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Woodale Crossing Supportive Housing Community, a 56-unit residence for low-income seniors with 25% of units designated for those with a disability. The groundbreaking ceremony included State, County, and local officials; project partners; board members; community members; and other stakeholders. Speakers included Wisconsin Lt. Governor Sara Rodriguez; CEO of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) Elmer Moore, Jr.; Executive Director of Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Shakita LaGrant-McClain; representatives from the offices of our US Senator Tammy Baldwin and Congresswoman Gwen Moore, county officials, a Village trustee and JFS supportive services staff. The individual speakers remarked on the impact of affordable housing in general as well as the unique aspects of the Woodale Crossing project, which includes supportive services for vulnerable populations.



[Link to full Ribbon Cutting Story, July 24, 2025](#)

On July 24, 2025, JFS was joined by Governor Evers, County Supervisor David Crowley, WHEDA President Elmer Moore, Jr., County DHHS Executive Director Shakita McClain, Bader Philanthropies President Dan Bader, as well as Board members and other dignitaries to officially open Woodale Crossing.

JFS continues to address the high demand for safe, affordable housing and supportive services thanks to your support and the support of many, like the Otto Bremer Foundation, Bader Philanthropies, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and the Stackner Foundation.

Fiscal Year 2025 Honor Roll of Donors – Individuals

Barbara Abrams	Cobby Shereff and Charles Blumenfielf
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