A YEAR OF teamwork

ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022
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There are many metaphors to describe how at JFS many people come together to fulfill the mission of providing essential support to so many individuals, families and institutions in our community. Most of all, I have been inspired by the leadership, staff, and volunteers of JFS who consistently rise to the challenge of helping those in need with both professionalism and passion. The devotion to their clients, the recognition that what they do every day to help others is not a job – it’s a mission, these are the things that will ensure the continued success of JFS. The dedication of the leadership, staff, and volunteers benefits all of us who are touched, directly or indirectly, by the important work of JFS.

Leon Lichter

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Numbers tell a story. The numbers within these pages speak to the hard work of a determined and skilled staff providing much needed mental health and social services to a community that is supported by a philanthropic and dedicated board.

As Executive Director, I often receive compliments about the good work and services clients receive. When I look closely at those involved, without fail I see it is a cadre of people, often headed by a therapist or case manager with at least one supervisor giving guidance. Clients also interface with myriad office staff, and then behind the scenes there are often volunteers and other support staff who ensure various operations run smoothly. Going one-step further, nothing at JFS could be possible without the generous donors and the board who are ever-present with their unwavering financial and technical assistance.

There are many metaphors to describe how at JFS many people come together to fulfill the mission of highest-quality and affordable mental health and social services. We are parts that make a whole, pixels of a beautiful picture, instrumentalists in an orchestra and of course members of big family.

Due to privacy, we are limited in how much we can share about clients in the annual report. The anonymous numbers, each one, every digit contained within these pages, is a person or a family with real challenges that partners with JFS to overcome and grow. This is a team effort and I am proud and privileged to be at the fore of what we accomplish together.

Alexander "Ozer" Herzog
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
providing children, teens and adults with mental health services.

2,069 calls to our intake team

278 new cases

in the few months we’ve been working together, I have never experienced such a long period of time feeling good about myself.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
including individuals and families in meaningful opportunities.

129 individuals participated in our mother-daughter event

430 individuals assistance in obtaining affordable health insurance

149 synagogues and Jewish organizations joined the Project SARAH Many Voices One Massage Campaign

385 men and women gathered to hear a lecture by Rabbi Yissocher Frand

118 resumes created or revised

SOMAICH ACHIM FAMILY SUPPORT
supporting high need families within our community.

113 households received staples from our Co-op

76 families benefited from Case Management, and assisted in receiving government benefits

11344 hours of clinical counseling

The Co-op saves us so much money every week and it’s done in such a dignified way.

3,136 hours of case management towards helping our clients

19 Somaich Achim cases successfully closed

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VOCATIONAL SERVICES
coaching individuals in their careers.

102 candidates seen for vocational counseling

62 clients obtained employment

Thank you for guiding me in getting a job after many years of unemployment. I really appreciate what you do for people with disabilities.

198 mock interviews conducted

212 clients received clothes from D2I

56 Resource Center contacts SINCE APRIL 2022

The Health Literacy is partially supported by the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey.

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SENIOR SERVICES
engaging our seniors to improve social and mental health.

408 hours of in-home senior counseling

37,737 hours of home health aide assistance to Holocaust survivors

4,315 hours of Club Sequoia programming, including exercise, holiday events, and intellectual programs and speakers

Club Sequoia has been a lifeline for me.

FINANCIALS
public support and revenue

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Donations ........................ $1,333,187
Clients ........................... $1,312,675
Holocaust Survivor Services .... $817,833

Total Revenue ...................... $4,829,918

PROJECT SARAH
• supporting survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse.
• educating community members and students.
• protecting survivors through legal services.

66 new Project SARAH clients
1,618 community members from synagogues, schools, and camps across NJ participated in prevention programs
151 domestic abuse survivors served
70 kallah teachers and mikvah attendants participated in our training event

Mental Health and Psychiatric Services .......................... $1,395,253
Trauma Related Services .......................... $1,084,268
Holocaust Survivor Services ........ $817,833
Administration .......................... $533,377
Fundraising .......................... $322,146
Family Support and Vocational Services .......... $307,011
Senior Services .......................... $104,288

Total Expenses .......................... $4,564,176

Thank you to the foundations and government agencies who support our work with seniors: The Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Passaic County Cultural Arts Commission and The Holyoke Foundation, Passaic County Office on Aging, St. Mary’s, Hackensack Meridian Medical School.

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I never thought I would get to feel connection and compassion from others.

JFS was a lifesaver during our most challenging time.

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