JFS of Metrowest

STAND UP FOR THOSE LEFT BEHIND
JFS is proud to be our community’s vehicle for acts of loving kindness and for measureable impacts. JFS is “staff driven, volunteer powered.”

Civic engagement, a moral compass unrelenting in addressing social and health inequities and a deep and talented staff and Board of Directors — that is a powerful combination.

JFS shares absolute clarity with the principles underlying the inaugural Max Michelson Humanitarian Award:

Act. Stand up for those powerless, those without a voice. Be embraced by a caring and protective community.

This short 2018 Annual Report to the Community looks back at accomplishments, and there is much for which to be proud.

JFS is not resting on accomplishments — this is what you should expect going forward.

Improving Social and Health Equity will be at the forefront of all efforts and impacts.

Aggressive attempts continue at the federal level at revoking a broad guarantee of social entitlements and protections for our elders, our children, our immigrants and our people with disabilities. The social net will be difficult to repair. Elders and children will fall through it.

Sincerely,

Marc Jacobs
Chief Executive Officer

David Milowe
President
THROUGH THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERS, and with your partnership and investment, JFS is...

Developing Volunteer Engagement Initiatives that impact and strengthen our community

- Building Families through Adoption
- Improving Safety, Engagement and Medical Access
- Providing Safety, Hope and Opportunity
- Advancing Equity with Comprehensive Assistance
- Reducing Poverty in Our Community
- Accelerating Academic Achievement and Pathways to College

Driving Program Excellence with Strategic Performance Management

Providing Safety, Hope and Opportunity

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Social, Educational and Supportive Programs
that help frail older adults live better, longer
JFS is improving safety, social engagement and access to medical care for frail older adults to maximize their health, independence and quality of life as they navigate the challenges that come with aging.

Anti-Poverty Initiative
JFS is reducing poverty significantly in the Jewish community. JFS Family Assistance case managers provide long-term, comprehensive support to address the immediate needs of families in crisis; then continue the work to move them to stability and self-sufficiency.

Academic Achievement and Pathways to College
for low-income immigrants and first-generation college students
JFS’ Reducing Achievement Gaps program gives the most economically and educationally challenged young school-age children and their families the support they need to succeed in school and in life. Emerging partnerships with Mass Bay Community College, Framingham State University and DUET accelerate higher education achievement and social equity.

Comprehensive Assistance
that empowers immigrant families to succeed
Today’s immigrant families face many challenges, and JFS is developing innovative, integrated resources that address the social, emotional and financial needs of new Americans as they adapt to their new surroundings.

Safety, Hope and Opportunity
for refugees victimized by world conflict
JFS has a long history of resettling refugees and is currently working with Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union as well as young families from Syria through the JFS Syrian Refugee Humanitarian Project.

Building Families
with caring, professional adoption services
JFS Adoption Choices social workers are helping adoptive parents and birth mothers understand their options and navigate the adoption process.
JFS is harnessing the power of over 350 volunteers to make a significant impact in our community. Across 17 programs, volunteers have donated over 5,500 hours addressing the needs of clients, including guiding immigrants through the citizenship process, resettling refugee parents and children, providing backpacks with school supplies to underprivileged students, collecting clothes for low-income families, escorting frail older adults to medical appointments and building relationships to reduce social isolation.

Teen volunteers from the Dana Hall School provide academic and other support to students at Wilson Elementary School

Thank you to our many volunteers for partnering with JFS to stand up for those left behind!

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