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Outstanding Community Leaders Honored at 29th Annual JFS Seize the Dream Gala



Dana and Josef Volman



Kronos Incorporated

2019 JFS Max Michelson Humanitarian Awardee

Framingham, MA – May 6, 2019 – JFS Saves Lives and Stands Up for Those Left Behind and to do so it raises funds through its annual Seize the Dream gala honoring area leaders and volunteers who have demonstrated an unflinching commitment and personal dedication to supporting vulnerable children, families, and older adults in the local community and beyond. At this year's event—the 29th annual Seize the Dream Gala at the Sheraton Hotel in Framingham—over 400 people celebrated Jewish Family Service (JFS) of Metrowest's powerful impacts, relentless commitments to fighting poverty, standing up for immigrants, and harnessing the power of volunteers.

The Family and Corporate Honorees are exemplars in local and global volunteerism and philanthropy and always demonstrate that every life matters. JFS was proud to honor Dana and Josef Volman for their ongoing work, generosity, and dedication to supporting those who are vulnerable in our community. JFS was especially proud to award the second *Max Michelson Humanitarian Award* to the Kronos Incorporated GiveInspired team for their local and global volunteerism and philanthropic efforts. The videos presented as part of the program demonstrate the impactful work JFS does and an example of the areas of need the honorees are committed to. [Videos and photos from the event](#) can be seen online at www.jfsmw.org.

Guests enjoyed live music by the jazz ensemble DOWSHU as well as songs of tribute sung by cantorial soloist Jodi Blankstein accompanied by guitarist Adam Dehner and sampled [delicious, gourmet dinner and dessert offerings donated by 18 local caterers and restaurants](#). The event also featured a robust and interactive online auction, with 65+ packages featuring items ranging from tickets to sporting events to travel get-aways and everything in between.

This year's honorees are truly special, with each individual driving meaningful impact, empowering those without a voice, and inspiring others to get involved and make a difference in the community.

Dana and Josef Volman enjoy partnering together to support community and organizations that create change.

Dana serves on the board of the Boston Jewish Film Festival. She is passionate about the arts and feels film is a valuable medium to share the richness of the Jewish culture. Prior to her involvement at BJFF, Dana volunteered at Lovelane - a therapeutic equestrian facility in Weston MA where she aided children with physical and mental disabilities to learn the incredible healing connection through horses. Dana spent several years working in the fashion industry in New York and helps JFS with various clothing initiatives including co-hosting a clothing drive for women and volunteering at the JFS clothing closet.

Joe was introduced to JFS through his involvement with CJP. He is a Vice President of the Board of JFS, and serves on the Board of Hillel and is a lecturer at Tufts University, his alma mater. Joe was previously on the Board of Temple Shir Tikva in Wayland. He enjoys volunteering with his family at JFS events, such as the annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Wilson School in Framingham. Joe is the co-chair of the Business Law Group at Burns & Levinson LLP, where he has been a partner for over 20 years. Joe has built a reputation as a deal maker in the business community, working with entrepreneurs and investors, start up and emerging growth companies, and Private Equity and Venture Capital Firms through all phases of investment and liquidity transactions.

Dana and Joe live in Newton with their son Dylan (19) and daughter Skylar (16). They instill in their children the importance of family, community, and devotion to cause.

Kronos Incorporated is the recipient of the 2019 *Max Michelson Humanitarian Award*.

Character, trust, innovation, and collaboration. That is Kronos Incorporated. Humility and boldness intertwined. That defines the company's employees – known as Kronites – locally and globally, nearly 6,000 strong worldwide. The company's decency combined with the commitment to family, to community and authenticity exemplified by Kronites, align with JFS and our impacts in advancing social and health equity, inclusion and community building.

Kronos' local and global volunteerism and philanthropy demonstrate that every life matters. Kronos' GiveInspired corporate philanthropic charter commits to youth workforce development and alternative education in places where Kronites live and work; to inner city economic development; to education for children and health services for adolescent girls and women in India. Acts like these are what made Kronos a two-time winner of *Fortune* magazine's "Best Workplaces for Giving Back" honor. Just like our beloved Max Michelson, Holocaust Survivor, mentor, friend, teacher, guiding light to so many of us, Kronites **Act. Stand up for those powerless, those without a voice.**

To learn how you can work with JFS to make a difference in the lives of those in need, please visit www.jfsmw.org.

About JFS of Metrowest

JFS is a community-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that works with over 5,000 people within the Metrowest and Greater Boston regions each year, targeting at-risk families, individuals, immigrants, and elders aging in place. Dedicated to standing up for those left behind, JFS is:

- Increasing the ability of frail elders to maximize independence and quality of life as they navigate the challenges that come with aging
- Accelerating academic achievement and pathways to college for low-income and first-generation students
- Providing safety, hope and opportunity for refugees victimized by world conflict

- Advancing equity with comprehensive assistance that empowers immigrant families to succeed
- Reducing poverty in our community with case management, basic needs assistance and employment readiness support
- Building families through adoption

JFS provides the tools to meet life's obstacles to stabilize during a crisis and optimally achieve self-sufficiency, strengthen lives, improve wellbeing, and build a stronger community. JFS' sound fiscal management practices have earned it a 4-star rating (score=100!) from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. To learn more about JFS or to view the [2018 Report to the Community](#), visit <http://www.jfsmw.org/>.



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