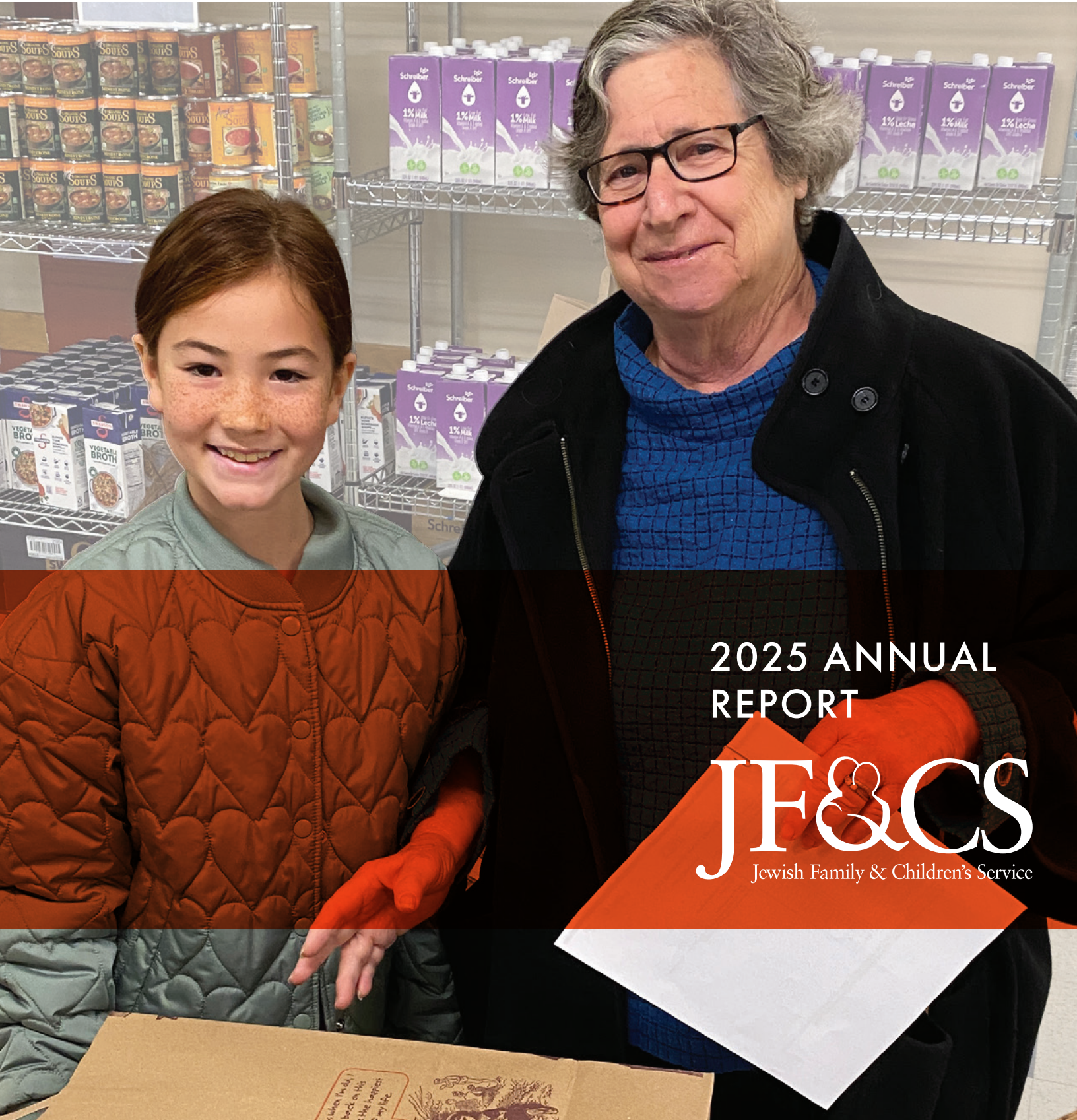


MEETING THE MOMENT



2025 ANNUAL
REPORT

JF&CS
Jewish Family & Children's Service

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2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Across our community, the need for social services is rising sharply amid seismic shifts in the systems people rely on. Economic uncertainty, growing mental health needs, an aging population, and disruptions in public funding are placing new strain on individuals, families, and the organizations that support them. Long-standing safety nets are increasingly fragile, even as more people find themselves turning to them for help.

In this challenging landscape, Jewish Family & Children's Service is meeting the moment for those who come to us in need. We respond with deep expertise, compassion, and practical know-how—addressing immediate crises while also identifying root causes and helping people move toward stability. Our integrated model recognizes that people's challenges rarely exist in isolation, and neither do our solutions.

This work is made possible by the generosity of our donors and the extraordinary commitment of our volunteers, who come together to live our shared values of kindness and charity, and care for one another. Because of you, JF&CS is here for the thousands of people who rely on us each year.

ON THE COVER: Family Table volunteers showed up in force during the November 2025 SNAP crisis to ensure clients could access healthy food.

OLDER ADULTS

Helped **4,250** older adults age with dignity

Provided **527** Holocaust survivors—including **78** new clients—with home visits, economic supports, and social opportunities, and increased average support per client by over **65%** in the last two years

EARLY RELATIONSHIPS

Promoted positive development for **1,355** young children and their parents and caregivers

Supported **250** early childhood professionals with training and consultations, impacting **475** children in their care

Improved the lives of **16,000+** people

Galvanized **2,000** volunteers

Helped **2,313** people navigate complex life challenges through our free helplines—a **~12%** increase in the last year

MENTAL HEALTH

Helped **3,486** people address mental health needs

Offered **1,077** support group sessions attended by **1,212** individuals

Completed successful pilots of **synagogue social worker and peer-led support groups** in the Jewish community

BASIC NEEDS

Provided **\$5.5M** in client assistance and put **3,500** people on a path to economic stability

Provided **1,783** individuals in **986** households with nutritious groceries and a caring Jewish connection through Family Table

Responded to a **68%** increase in requests for basic needs assistance

Supported **240** survivors of domestic abuse with advice, safety planning, and access to resources

Helped **350** families navigate **640** public benefit matters

DISABILITIES

Advanced independence for **1,304** people with disabilities

Answered a **22%** increase in calls from people navigating disability resources

Brought an innovative **health and wellness** curriculum to our programming for semi-independent individuals



LETTER FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends,

One year ago, we launched a new strategic plan and made a clear commitment: to meet our community's social service needs in a holistic, integrated way—all under one roof. It's a goal which is both simple and profound, and which reflects the values of *chesed* (lovingkindness) and *tzedakah* (charity and justice) that JF&CS is built on. I am so grateful to our community for sharing these values, and for helping us to be a lifeline for thousands of people in their most vulnerable moments.

This year has tested our shared commitment in real and sometimes sobering ways. The needs around us didn't just grow, they surged. More than 600 Holocaust survivors previously unknown to JF&CS turned to us for help meeting their most basic needs. Nearly 800 families have come to rely on our Family Table program for groceries each month, up from about 500 just four years ago. And nearly 3,500 people came to JF&CS to address their mental health needs.

As I'm reminded every day, behind each of these numbers is a person, a family, and a moment of real uncertainty.

Their surging need has unfolded even as government funding became more constrained and less predictable. Key funding streams have shrunk overnight, and others are at high risk.

Yet with your support, we protected vital services, grew our impact, and continued to innovate, even when difficult decisions were necessary. This year, we embedded social workers in partner synagogues, launched clinical support groups for struggling new parents, expanded supported living options for people with disabilities, and so much more.

Thank you to the many donors and volunteers who stepped forward—again and again—to ensure that JF&CS could respond with the scale and urgency this moment requires. Every family served and every moment of stability restored carries your imprint.

To me, our work at JF&CS is a living expression of our Jewish values in action—not as a theoretical concept, but as a daily, hands-on responsibility. Thank you for believing in JF&CS and for standing behind our work during an especially demanding year. You have truly met this moment, and because of you, so have we.

Gail Schulman
Chief Executive Officer

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

As I conclude my term as President of the Board of Jewish Family & Children's Service, I find myself filled with gratitude and pride. It has been one of the greatest honors of my life to serve in this role.

For more than three decades, my connection to JF&CS as a volunteer has been a labor of love. I firmly believe that the work this agency does—caring for people when they are facing some of life's hardest moments—is the most important work there is.

Over these past three years, I've had a front-row seat to what it truly means to meet the moment. One moment that will stay with me occurred last November during the sudden shutdown in SNAP benefits. As people faced the immediate reality of not knowing how they would put food on the table, JF&CS mobilized rapidly. The generosity and commitment of this community made it possible for JF&CS to provide 900 people with food in just over one week. To witness that kind of urgency, compassion, and coordination in action—to know lives were tangibly improved in real time—was profoundly moving.

That moment is just one example of what I have seen time and again: the extraordinary dedication of the JF&CS team and the steadfast support that surrounds them. JF&CS today is operating in one of the most challenging environments the human services world has ever seen. And yet, day after day, our staff and volunteers show up with skill, care, and an unwavering commitment to the mission. Guided by the agency's "Under One Roof" strategy and strengthened by the partnership of donors who believe deeply in this work, they deliver an incredible range of services with excellence and humanity.

I know that so many of us who care about JF&CS are bound by a sense of shared responsibility for one another, and a desire to leave the world better than we found it. This is the foundation on which the agency stands, and it's what continues to inspire my connection to this work.

To the remarkable staff, volunteers, board members, donors, and partners who make this work possible: Thank you! It has been an honor to serve alongside you, and I am deeply appreciative of the work we will continue to do together.

Steven Weil
President

WELCOMING OUR NEW PRESIDENT



Lewis Pearlson

Lewis Pearlson has been a member of JF&CS's Board of Directors since 2016, chairing both our Disabilities Committee and our Nominating Committee, and serving most recently as Treasurer and a member of the Strategic Planning Committee. A longtime volunteer with Family Table, Lewis is deeply committed to JF&CS's mission and to ensuring the agency's long-term sustainability.

Lewis is a former partner at LCB Senior Living, a senior housing developer and operator, and previously spent much of his career in investment management. Living in Newton with his wife, Heidi, they are the parents of two boys, Harrison and Joshua.

"I believe that everything I do for JF&CS ultimately makes a positive impact on someone's life and contributes to a stronger community."



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FOR THE ...

Jewish Community

RESPONDING TO RISING VULNERABILITY WITH
CULTURALLY SENSITIVE SERVICES

The new Greater Boston Jewish Community Study from Combined Jewish Philanthropies underscores the complexity of need in our community: Among roughly 138,000 local Jewish households, nearly three-quarters contend with financial, health, disability, mental health, or human service challenges—and nearly a quarter face three or more at once.

JF&CS plays a unique role in responding to this moment. Guided by Jewish values, we proudly serve anyone who comes to us for help, regardless of background, while also holding a distinct responsibility to care for the Jewish community. Our culturally sensitive services span mental health, basic needs, aging, disability services, and domestic abuse support.

The urgency of our work caring for the Jewish community grew significantly over the past year. We dramatically increased support for aging Holocaust survivors to address their rapidly intensifying care needs, and 645 survivors newly connected with JF&CS for basic needs assistance. We also responded to soaring demand for Family Table, our kosher food pantry: 986 households were enrolled during 2025, with nearly 700 households receiving groceries each month—a number that continues to grow.

To make it easier for people to seek help, JF&CS expanded outreach across the Jewish community—working with clergy, embedding social workers in synagogues, and piloting peer-led support groups in Jewish settings across the region. These efforts strengthen communal capacity, lower barriers to care, and ensure that community members know where to turn when they need support.

ERIC

FROM CRISIS TO STABILITY



Jennifer was deeply worried about her uncle, Eric. Once a successful professional and devoted father, he had faced mounting personal and financial challenges that left him isolated and at risk of eviction.

Encouraged by a friend at her synagogue, Jennifer reached out to JF&CS. “We’re in over our heads,” she said. Our staff listened with compassion and worked with her to connect Eric to health insurance, therapy referrals, rental assistance, disability income, and groceries from our Family Table food pantry.

Eric soon began working with a JF&CS case manager, making meaningful progress toward greater stability. When he later experienced a severe mental health crisis, his JF&CS case manager stayed by his side, helping him process the trauma and access the care he needed to begin his recovery.

Today, despite their challenges, Eric and his family are experiencing renewed hope. They are grateful to have found a place where mental health support, family relationships, and Jewish values all come together under one roof.

Names changed to protect client privacy.



Provided **527** Holocaust survivors, including **78** new clients, with home visits, economic support, and social opportunities, and expanded average support per client by more than **65%** in the last two years

Distributed food gift cards to **900+** Holocaust survivors, **645** of them new to JF&CS

Provided **986** households with kosher food and a caring Jewish connection to through Family Table—an average of nearly **700** households per month

MEETING THE MOMENT IN THE...

Earliest Years

BECAUSE THE EARLIEST RELATIONSHIPS SHAPE EVERYTHING THAT COMES NEXT

Serving a family in the earliest years of a child’s life can have a lifelong impact. For families facing added complexity—poverty, trauma, premature birth, or substance use—the impact of timely, expert support can make a profound difference.

Through parent groups, home visits, and clinical services, JF&CS’s Center for Early Relationship Support helps parents build secure, nurturing relationships with their children—the foundation for lifelong resilience and well-being. Our teams of home visitors, parent-child clinicians, and early childhood mental health consultants deliver compassionate, culturally responsive care at pivotal moments.

Over the past year, JF&CS promoted positive development for more than 1,300 families with young children. In 2025, we continued to scale our effectiveness by training 250 staff in early education centers, impacting 475 children in their care. We also taught home-visiting skills to partner organizations, introduced new clinical groups that combine clinical expertise with the power of peer support, and contributed to research demonstrating the effectiveness of our parent-child psychotherapy model.

By surrounding families—and the professionals who serve them—with expert support during the earliest years, JF&CS helps families strengthen the relationships that shape lifelong development.

JOHN



NAVIGATING AN UNEXPECTED PATH

John is the single father of a young daughter. When her mother’s substance use disorder led to their child being placed in foster care, John found himself facing a moment he had never expected—preparing to parent his daughter on his own.

He turned to JF&CS for support at a critical time. Through our parenting group, John learned about young children’s emotional needs, how they communicate them, and how caregivers can attend to them with care. Alongside this support, we helped him secure housing with space for his daughter and stability for their future together.

When the time came to welcome his daughter home, JF&CS stood with John through the emotional complexity of reunification—honoring the bond his daughter had formed with her foster family while helping John step fully into his role as her primary caregiver.

Today, John’s daughter is thriving, surrounded by the love of her father, her extended family, and the supportive adults who helped meet this pivotal moment with compassion and care.

Name changed to protect client privacy.



Supported **250** early education professionals with training and consultation, impacting **475** children in their care

Promoted positive development for more than **1,355** young children and their parents and caregivers

Launched new therapeutic groups that combine clinical expertise with the power of peer support

MEETING THE
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FOR...

Mental Health

INTEGRATED SUPPORT THAT HELPS PEOPLE MOVE FROM CRISIS TOWARD RESILIENCE

Across Greater Boston, people are carrying more than they can hold. Rates of anxiety, depression, and trauma remain elevated—shaped by the lingering effects of the pandemic, ongoing global instability, rising fear and uncertainty in daily life, and, in the case of the Jewish community, surging antisemitism.

JF&CS’s integrated approach to mental health strengthens every area of our work with clients, from basic needs and disability services to parenting and aging. Our mental health services span a wide range of needs and entry points—from our Mental Health Connect helpline, where callers access psychoeducation, therapist matching, and guidance, to clinical case management, to support groups that bring together 1,200 people annually around shared experiences such as caregiving, postpartum mood disorders, suicide loss, and grief.

In the past year alone, JF&CS helped over 3,400 people address mental health needs. We completed successful pilots embedding social workers in local synagogues and offering new peer-led models for group support, lowering barriers to care.

By meeting people where they are—with care that is accessible, holistic, and compassionate—JF&CS is rising to meet the mental health crisis of this moment.

PAULA

FINDING
HER WAY
BACK TO
STABILITY



Paula, a woman in her late 70s, called JF&CS’s Mental Health Connect helpline after losing her longtime therapist. She was coping with multiple stressors at once: her son’s cancer diagnosis, unpaid utility bills, and past trauma that was triggering depression and anxiety.

Our social workers looked at Paula’s entire situation and helped her find a new therapist, while also assisting in stabilizing her finances. When Paula was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease shortly thereafter, our team continued to coordinate her care, supporting Paula as she processed this news and adjusted to what it meant for her future.

Today, Paula is receiving mental health treatment and engaging more regularly with others. With coordinated support addressing both emotional and practical needs, she feels reassured and better equipped to navigate what lies ahead.

Name changed to protect client privacy.

Helped **3,486** people
address mental health needs

Offered **1,077** support group
sessions attended by **1,212** people

98%
of clients achieved measurable progress
toward mental-health-related goals



MEETING THE
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FOR...

People with Disabilities

BUILDING INDEPENDENCE AND BELONGING THROUGH LIFELONG SUPPORT

People with disabilities and their families often face a maze of barriers: fragmented systems, long waitlists, and the steep “cliff” when young adults age out of school-based services at 22. Yet we know that caring for a loved one with a disability—and helping them grow their independence—can bring tremendous joy.

JF&CS provides integrated, lifelong support for people with disabilities—beginning in childhood and extending through adulthood and aging. Our services include special education advocacy for school-age children, transition planning for young adults, life skills development, employment support, benefits navigation and advocacy, and a range of residential living options. At every stage, our work is rooted in partnership: honoring each individual’s goals while helping them build independence, confidence, and connection to their community.

In 2025, JF&CS supported 1,304 people with disabilities and their families. We responded to a 22% increase in helpline inquiries, expanded participation in our day programs, broadened skill-building and community-based offerings, and introduced a health and wellness curriculum—enhancing our clients’ physical and emotional well-being.

By providing holistic, coordinated support across the lifespan, JF&CS helps people with disabilities build independent, purposeful lives.

ELANA

BUILDING
MOMENTUM
TOWARD
INDEPENDENCE



When Elana began working with JF&CS, she was focused on building the skills she would need to live more independently. She started by strengthening daily living skills at home—planning meals, managing a budget, and caring for her family dog. As her confidence grew, she set her sights on employment. With individualized support from our team, Elana secured a job at a local audiovisual company, where she continues to thrive.

That success opened the door to new goals, including expanding her financial literacy and planning for greater independence. Today, Elana is actively working toward her goal of moving into her own apartment—guided by her own determination and supported every step of the way by JF&CS.



Advanced independence for

1,304

people with disabilities

Earned

gold-standard accreditation

for in-home supports for individuals with complex disabilities and their caregivers

Helped **22%**

more people navigate disability-related issues through our helplines

MEETING THE
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FOR...

Older Adults

EXPERT CARE AND CONNECTION TO SUPPORT AGING WITH DIGNITY

As our population ages, older adults and their caregivers face mounting challenges. Rising care costs, shrinking support networks, and increasing loneliness intersect with the growing prevalence of chronic illness, neurological disease, and other age-related conditions.

JF&CS offers a continuum of services designed to help older adults remain safe, connected, and respected. Our programs include professional care management through Your Elder Experts, support for people living with dementia and Parkinson’s disease, services for Holocaust survivors, spiritual and communal care, and practical guidance through housing, health, and end-of-life decisions.

Over the last year, we expanded both the reach and impact of this work as we supported 4,250 people in aging with dignity. In 2025, we deepened our support for Holocaust survivors, broadened access to culturally responsive wellness programming in our home base of Waltham, and brought our proven approaches to supporting people living with dementia and their care partners to a national stage.

As the older adult population continues to grow rapidly—and more families find themselves navigating aging-related decisions—we will continue to expand and tailor our services to help older adults and their caregivers through the later stages of life.

DAVID

NAVIGATING CHANGE, TOGETHER



David was worried—and exhausted. He loved his mother, Ruth, deeply, but as her dementia progressed, the responsibility of making the right decisions for her care felt overwhelming.

David reached out to JF&CS after an incident at Ruth’s independent living community made clear that she needed more care than the residence could provide. A seasoned JF&CS care manager stepped in immediately—advocating within the residence, helping David navigate complex family dynamics, and identifying a setting better suited to Ruth’s evolving needs. She coordinated every aspect of the transition, ensuring continuity of care and minimizing disruption during a stressful time.

Today, Ruth has settled into her new home and appears calmer and more engaged. David, in turn, has peace of mind knowing his mother is safe, supported, and in the right place.

Names changed to protect client privacy.

Helped 4,250 people age with dignity

Assisted 954 people in navigating aging-related challenges through our helplines and care management services

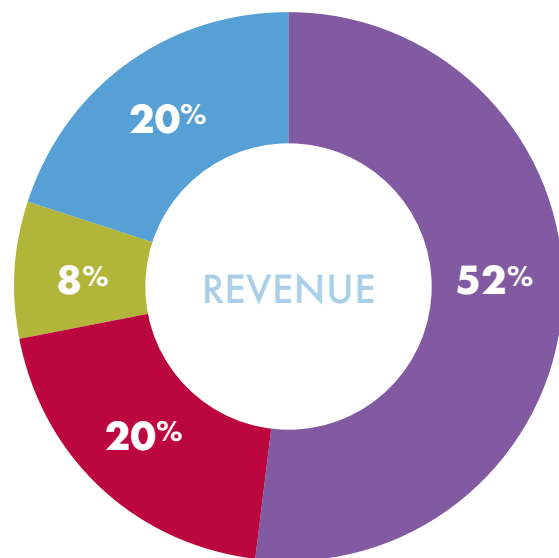
Trained 1,209 professionals who work with older adults



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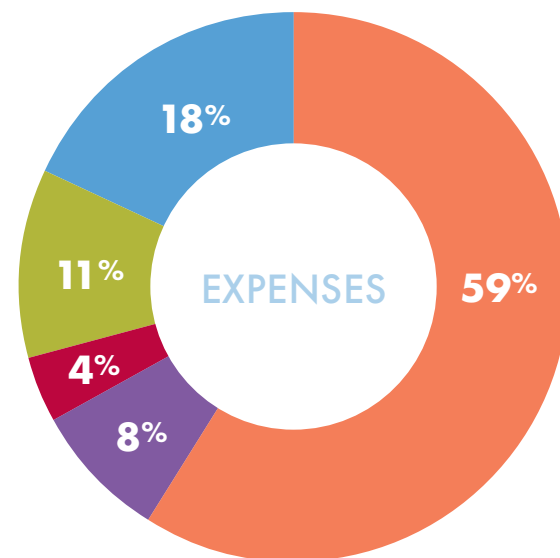
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- Government
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\$30.2M



- Personnel
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Mindy Pollack-Fusi

Early on, Mindy's parents instilled in her the importance of giving back. After her father passed away suddenly at 93, Mindy took on responsibility for overseeing her mother's care. She was deeply moved by the dedication of her mother's caregivers—and she noticed the stark difference between those who could access high-quality care and those who could not.

To honor her parents' legacy, Mindy has chosen to support JF&CS services that help older adults age with dignity. "JF&CS is the epitome of *tikkun olam*—the Jewish value of repairing the world," she says. "The staff are skilled, warm, and deeply committed to compassionate care. I am so pleased to help ensure elder services are available to people who need them most."

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Morea Cutler, The Berlin Family Foundation

As Executive Director of the Berlin Family Foundation, Morea Cutler brings both professional expertise and firsthand experience to her philanthropic leadership. Trained as a social worker, she began her career supporting children facing mental health challenges, and her involvement with JF&CS has reinforced her belief in coordinated, whole-family support. That perspective helped inspire the Berlin Family Foundation's transformational \$3 million commitment to JF&CS—the largest in the agency's history.

The gift establishes the Berlin Center for Family Resilience, a multifaceted initiative to help families thrive by connecting them to mental health supports, economic mobility services, and guidance for parents and caregivers. It reflects the vision of JF&CS's "Under One Roof" strategy: addressing challenges early, looking at the full family unit, and responding with flexibility as needs evolve, especially amid rising demand and shrinking public resources.

"Strong families are the cornerstone of strong communities," says Morea. "We hope this investment will be a catalyst for innovation and resilience at JF&CS, and inspire others to join us in supporting vulnerable families."

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Sandra and William Rosenfeld

Sandi and Bill Rosenfeld have supported JF&CS for more than three decades. When their children were young, they became involved as volunteers with Family Table—an experience that made philanthropy tangible and personal. "Food is elemental," Bill reflects. "Everybody knows how hard it is to do anything when you're hungry."

Over the years, Sandi and Bill have increased their giving annually to help JF&CS keep pace with rising costs and growing need. Their support reflects a sustained commitment to strengthening the local systems the community relies on.

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Melvyn B. Krauss (1938–2023), z"l

Melvyn B. Krauss, an eminent economist who came from modest beginnings in Brooklyn, New York, maintained a lifelong focus on helping people in need. He felt blessed to have the resources to support a range of charitable causes and gave generously without expecting anything in return. When discussing philanthropy, he would sometimes say simply, "It's time to do a mitzvah."

Addressing food insecurity was especially important to Melvyn, as was directing his funds to programs that were effective and efficient. He believed in the responsibility of the Jewish community to help all families facing hardship. Through his legacy, Melvyn is helping improve the lives of the thousands of people who turn to JF&CS each year.

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