

# JF&CS

Jewish Family & Children's Service



# 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Improved 16,000+ lives | Galvanized 2,324 volunteers

Launched innovative pilots across JF&CS, including initiatives to address youth mental health, increased economic need, social isolation, and rising antisemitism

Helped 2,148 people navigate complex life challenges through our free helplines

## MENTAL HEALTH

Helped 3,000 people address mental health needs

Offered more than 1,000 support groups attended by 1,200 individuals

Provided mental health support to synagogues and Jewish organizations throughout Greater Boston

97% of clients achieved measurable progress toward mental-health-related goals

Launched peer-led group support for the Jewish community in times of rising antisemitism

Introduced transitional case management to help clients connect with resources and referrals that will meet their needs

## EARLY RELATIONSHIPS

Promoted positive development for more than 1,600 young children and their parents and caregivers

Supported over 250 early childhood professionals with training and consultations, impacting 1,400+ children in their care

Led support groups for 850+ new parents and guided 93 families through the adoption process

## BASIC NEEDS

Provided \$4.4 million in client assistance and moved more than 2,500 people from economic insecurity to stability

Served 1,032 people in 646 households each month through Family Table, a 20% increase over two years ago

Supported nearly 200 survivors of domestic abuse, including advice, safety planning, and access to resources

Convened 47 hunger-relief organizations through the Greater Boston Hunger Network

Piloted Family Table Connect to encourage social connection between volunteers and clients

## DISABILITIES

Advanced independence for 1,100 people with disabilities

Helped 20% more clients with disabilities build skills for independent living and employment

Scored 97% on MA state audit of residential, day and employment services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities

#1 Named Employment Support Champion by the MA Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities

CHAI Works day program met or exceeded expectations for 100% of families

## OLDER ADULTS

Helped 4,000 older adults to age with dignity

Provided 492 Holocaust survivors, including 63 new clients, with home visits, economic support, and social opportunities

Provided 9,000+ hours of bereavement support

Increased average hours case managers devoted to Holocaust survivors by 36%

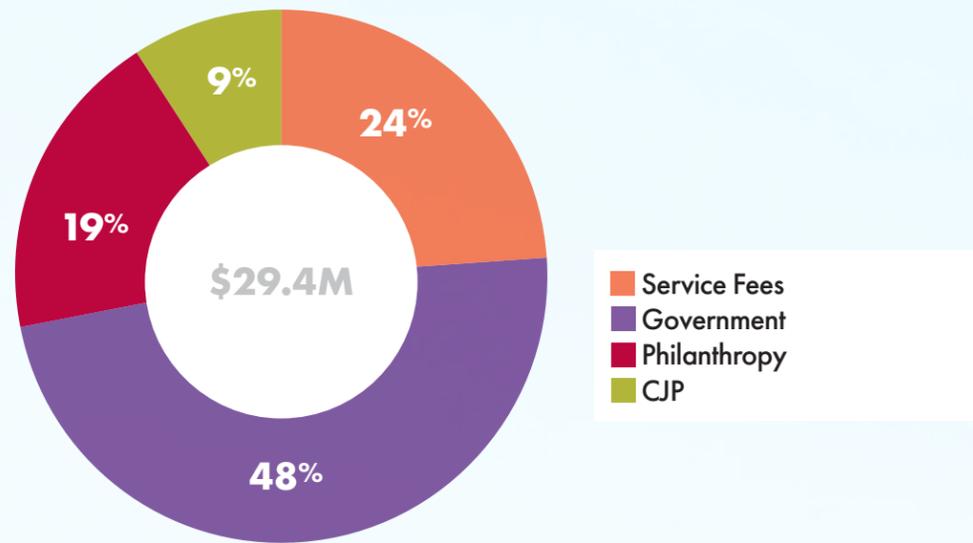
Launched storytelling initiative to help clients living with Parkinson's disease

Educated 18,000+ people to date about supporting people with dementia in their communities

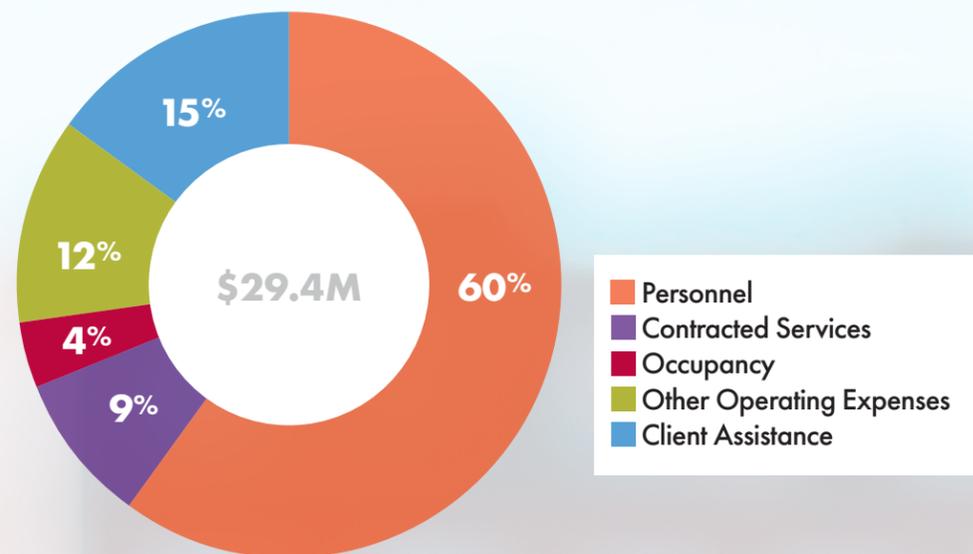
Trained 1,676 professionals working with older adults on topics such as social isolation, dementia, and responding to mental health challenges

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Ruth Ann and Ed Feinberg have always prioritized Jewish causes in their philanthropy. Amid staggering food insecurity and a housing crisis, they have chosen to support **Schechter Holocaust Services** and **Family Table** at JF&CS. As active volunteers—with Ruth Ann and Ed delivering Passover meals and Ed serving on JF&CS's **Human Rights Committee**—they have witnessed the pressures on the community up close. "The need is so great here," said Ruth Ann and Ed. "We admire and respect the JF&CS staff who work hard and do a great job."

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**Stephanie & Steven Kasok**

Stephanie and Steven Kasok recognize that mental health affects all aspects of a person's life—and that it's an underserved need requiring more attention, more resources, and more recognition.

Through the **Steven and Stephanie Kasok Outreach Initiative for Mental Well-Being** at JF&CS, they seek to highlight the importance of mental health and remove some of the stigma surrounding it. "People perceive mental health problems as a weakness that's all in their heads," said Steve. "You don't tell someone with a broken leg to walk it off."

"We have confidence in the methods JF&CS is using, the approaches it is piloting, and the leadership it takes to address this issue for people of all ages, stages, and backgrounds," said Stephanie. "We want to encourage others to join us in supporting this effort."

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**Sheri Gurock, The Beker Foundation**

In this period of increased antisemitism, fear, exhaustion, and angst, The Beker Foundation has sought ways to support the well-being and resilience of the Greater Boston Jewish community. "Post-October 7, there were so many needs that were acute," said

Sheri Gurock, the foundation's Executive Director. "The whole community had just experienced this massive trauma and had no place to process it."

The Beker Foundation collaborated with JF&CS and other partners to introduce Circles of Connection, an innovative, scalable initiative that increases access to mental health support by leveraging trained peers who lead support circles in schools, synagogues, and other Jewish community settings. JF&CS, with its deep mental health expertise, provides facilitators with ongoing clinical supervision. Additional collaborators include CJP's Center for Combating Antisemitism, JCC Greater Boston, GPS Group Peer Support, and the Ruderman Family Foundation.

"Having JF&CS as a partner has plugged this program into a much broader web of **mental health support**," said Sheri. "I've been impressed by their **community-driven mindset** and mission and the real desire to make this happen."

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Marcia and Lou Kamentsky believe that supporting children in their critical early years is the best investment they can make. "Our greatest resource for the future is children," says Marcia. Through their longtime support of JF&CS's **Center for Early Relationship Support**, they have helped thousands of parents and young children overcome trauma, life complexity, and other challenges to build lifelong resilience.

As members of the **Tree of Life Society** who have included JF&CS in their estate plan, Marcia and Lou will impact generations to come through their legacy. "Human brain development peaks around the age of three," says Lou. "That's the sweet spot for enabling capacity in intellectual and emotional intelligence. And because we're leaving a bequest to JF&CS, we know our support will help children who need help the most, at the stage when it matters most."

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(z"l) Of blessed memory

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THOSE WHO WILL  
COME AFTER ME."

-Talmud, Ta'anit 23:a

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