

# Strengthening Our Community **TOGETHER**

ANNUAL REPORT  
2022 -2023



# Chief Executive Officer and President's **Report**

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**Talyah Breslin**  
Chief Executive Officer



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*Talyah Breslin*

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## *To our valued community*

Understanding our clients' needs has been a priority at Jewish Family and Child Service for the past 155 years. This understanding informs our approach to serving vulnerable members of our community, helping to preserve each person's sense of humanity and dignity, and in turn, determining how we allocate critical resources while maintaining our service excellence, year after year. We could not do this alone. Thanks to the support of our generous donors, we can strengthen our community together, as highlighted in our recent [Annual Campaign](#).

Over the last few years, we have seen growing needs in our community – for housing, financial support, counselling and respite. We have been able to respond to many of these needs through meaningful partnerships with other Jewish organizations. Together, we are able to provide the best possible support for our community.

Child welfare is a cornerstone program for JF&CS, ensuring safe and secure care for all of our community's children. One of our feature stories, about a foster family who committed to caring for a medically-vulnerable child, meaningfully demonstrates this.

Throughout the last year, we have also continued to advance our

commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI), hiring an EDI Manager to ensure that EDI is embedded in our approach through all agency programs and services. Our commitment to EDI will help to ensure that JF&CS is a welcoming and safe space for everyone.

Our core programs continue to help vulnerable families and individuals overcome daily challenges. A recent Service Model Review demonstrated that JF&CS' personal and connected approach to client care has positive impacts on our clients' lives. Clients feel and know that we care. The review emphasized the effectiveness of offering culturally-relevant services, informed by our Jewish religion, traditions, values and history. It also highlighted the need for post-pandemic, enhanced support for those experiencing homelessness, poverty or mental health concerns. We will integrate these learnings into our 2024 Strategic Planning process.

Our other feature story illustrates the impact that our Russian-speaking staff member made for two special Holocaust survivors. As Survivors in the GTA continue to age and face increasingly complex needs, our donors have helped us ensure that Survivors living in poverty can

live out the rest of their days with comfort and dignity. Over this past year, and at our recent Delivering Dignity to Holocaust Survivors events, hundreds of community members and donors have lent their support. This level of community responsiveness and generosity is heartwarming.

We continue to innovate new ways to help and support struggling families. We hosted our first-ever in-person camp shop. Children, youth and families came out to choose from brand new, donated camp essentials. The shop was full of necessities such as duffle bags, sleeping bags, clothing and gift cards. Our end-of-summer event Cringe Worthy raised more funds for children to attend camp next year. As well, we recently hosted a back-to-school shop to provide clients with a similar shopping experience. We are grateful to our compassionate donors who make these successes possible.

We cannot say it enough – Thank You! With your support, JF&CS can meet emerging and diverse needs. We are grateful to be a cornerstone of this community, where your generosity and compassion enable us to continue creating a resilient community where hope, dignity, diversity and humanity thrive.





***Liana, a hospice social worker, provides culturally-sensitive supports, including healthcare advocacy, caregiver support and counselling.***



# Old Friends

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Holocaust survivors Sarra\* and Riva\* have been neighbours and friends for over 20 years. Their bond was fortified by their shared life experiences – both Survivors, widows, mothers, and among Toronto's estimated 50,000 Russian-speaking Jewish community members.

After Sarra's 80th birthday, her circumstances changed dramatically. She lost her only child and was diagnosed with dementia and cancer. With no family left to support her, Riva stepped in to become Sarra's Power of Attorney.

Over the next 3 years, Riva visited Sarra daily, helping her friend with cooking, cleaning and financial tasks. When Sarra felt confused or scared, she called Riva who soothed her. To further ensure her friend's safety at home, Riva connected Sarra with community homecare and JF&CS. JF&CS was able to pay for all of Sarra's medical costs that were not covered by OHIP, through the Holocaust Survivor Emergency Assistance Program.

However, Riva soon began facing barriers in her advocacy for her friend's healthcare.

Speaking little English, Riva had trouble understanding why the healthcare team was recommending that Sarra stop receiving treatment. The team was equally frustrated, unable to understand Riva's explanations for why Sarra must continue living at home despite her deteriorating condition.

When the JF&CS Holocaust Survivor Services team learned of these conflicts, they immediately connected Sarra and Riva with the JF&CS Hospice program.

A Russian speaking hospice social worker, Liana, attended the healthcare team's next visit. Before Liana could finish translating the team's reasons for wanting to move Sarra to a palliative care unit, Sarra began to scream: "No hospital, no nursing home!" Riva folded her arms and nodded in agreement.

Liana explained that many Survivors

find the thought of having to enter an institution very traumatizing, and helped translate Riva's hopes and reasons for Sarra to remain in her home.

A new alliance was formed, which included the medical team, the palliative care team, Riva, Sarra and Liana. Everyone was focused on the best outcomes for Sarra as she remained in her home. Liana arranged for more in-home support, and took steps to help Riva and Sarra feel part of the community, offering them holiday meals, fresh produce, warm clothing and transportation to medical appointments.

Sarra's last months at home were peaceful. After Sarra passed away, JF&CS supported Riva in processing the grief of losing a dear friend and to help her feel proud of all that she was able to do to support Sarra. With the help of JF&CS, Sarra's dignity as a Survivor was respected in her final days. Riva continues to express her gratitude for the support, understanding and advocacy that she received from JF&CS.

JF&CS supports over **1,000 low-income Survivors** in the GTA.

Nearly **one fifth** of those in need of JF&CS Hospice services are Survivors.

Over **one fifth** of Hospice clients need services in Russian.



*Leanne supports foster parents in providing an environment that encourages healthy growth and development.*





# It Takes a Village

The health and welfare of children is our priority. We work with families to resolve conflict and safety concerns that impact children. Despite these efforts, there can be situations where a child cannot live in their home and foster parents, supported by our team, provide an essential child care service.

Shani and Chanani, members of the Orthodox community, have been active JF&CS foster parents since 2010. In the spring of this year, Shani was contacted by our JF&CS Foster Care Coordinator, Leanne, about a child, "J," who had been admitted to the hospital.

Leanne had reached out to Shani, knowing she had a special place in her heart for vulnerable children, even seeking additional training on supporting children who have experienced trauma. Shani immediately agreed to foster "J" upon discharge from the hospital. Understanding that forming

attachments is a crucial element in healthy child development, Leanne encouraged Shani to visit "J" occasionally while in hospital.

Shani took another path, visiting "J" in the hospital every day for the next 3 months. This was challenging as Shani does not drive, yet together, as a couple, they managed. Chanani drove Shani daily, each balancing their busy schedules and jobs. "J" was now a priority in their lives.

At the hospital, Shani held and cuddled, spoke and sang to "J," and advocated for the best possible care. She reached out to JF&CS' partner agency, Chai Lifeline, to arrange for extra volunteers to visit with "J," ensuring constant contact and care throughout the day.

As the healthcare team prepared to discharge "J" from the hospital, Shani ensured she was ready. She received training on how to manage "J"'s daily routines and medical care.

For Shani and Chanani, fostering is spiritual. Raising someone else's child is a great mitzvah of chesed within Jewish teachings. As the saying goes, it takes a village to raise a child and when Shani and Chanani arrived home, their strong community connections were evident as friends and family stopped by to visit, offering to assist the family with food and clothes for "J."

Leanne continues to work with this family through challenges as they arise, always available to them. Through JF&CS, she has arranged for professional support workers to offer Shani some occasional relief, with the care of the child.

Shani and Chanani's commitment and dedication have been unwavering throughout this exceptional experience, and this young life has been truly blessed to be cared for by such wonderful people.

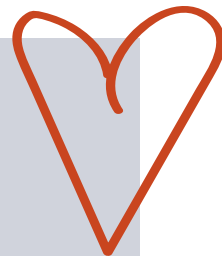
***JF&CS is currently recruiting foster and adoptive parents.***

***We are seeking diversity in our caregivers.***

***To learn more, visit our [More About Fostering](#) page.***

***To express your interest or learn more, call***

***416-638-7800, ext. 6234.***





# Financial Snapshot

For the year ended  
March 31, 2023

Revenues	2023		2022	
Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services	9,836,803	41%	\$ 9,798,726	40%
Ontario Ministry of Health	\$ 839,980	4%	\$ 839,980	3%
UJA Federation of Greater Toronto	\$ 5,866,092	25%	\$ 6,315,861	26%
United Way	\$ 1,534,396	6%	\$ 1,575,537	6%
Direct Donations	\$ 4,353,394	18%	\$ 4,675,816	19%
Claims Conference	\$ 619,702	3%	\$ 627,393	3%
Fees from clients	\$ 200,813	1%	\$ 200,404	1%
Other Income	\$ 610,506	3%	\$ 551,636	2%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 23,861,686</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 24,585,353</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Expenses

Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 15,417,129	64%	\$ 15,295,822	62%
Direct costs for the care of children	\$ 1,424,543	6%	\$ 2,492,427	10%
Direct financial assistance to clients	\$ 2,438,205	10%	\$ 2,396,852	10%
Program support	\$ 2,559,514	11%	\$ 2,462,844	10%
Other clients' assistance and beneficiaries	\$ 1,494,547	6%	\$ 1,430,919	6%
Other programs	\$ 398,438	2%	\$ 426,523	2%
Amortization of capital assets	\$ 214,754	1%	\$ 200,590	1%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 23,947,130</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 24,705,977</b>	<b>100%</b>

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Jewish Family and Child Service has received funds from the Alfred Landecker Foundation, administered by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany for the benefit of Jewish Nazi victims.

# By the Numbers

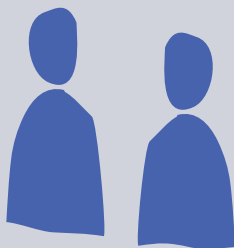
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**1,177** Holocaust survivors access services including emergency financial assistance and supportive counselling.



**1,312** accessed basic needs, such as food, medicine and home safety equipment.

**1,090** received Jewish holiday assistance.

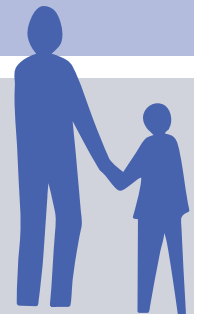


**466** accessed counseling.

**349** participated in support groups.



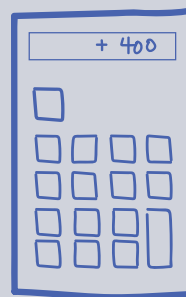
**452** children and youth received advocacy and support to alleviate abuse or neglect.



**303** abused women and their children accessed counselling, safety planning, financial assistance, and more.



**633** community members accessed our tax clinics.



**140** children and youth received school-based support for mental health or learning barriers.

# The Ways You Gave

## Gifts-in-Kind

We gratefully recognize the generosity of donors who have supported JF&CS through gifts-in-kind, including simcha tickets.

## Tributes & Memorials

We gratefully recognize the individuals and families who have considered JF&CS during their times of joy and sadness.

## Echoage

We gratefully acknowledge the children and families who have chosen JF&CS as the beneficiary of their mitzvahs and celebrations, including through the use of ECHOage.

## Donate-A-Car

We thank the individuals and families who donated a car via Donate-A-Car's auctioning process, with all proceeds benefiting JF&CS.

## Kits for a Cause

We appreciate the many donors who provided bereavement support kits and camp supplies via The United Values Foundation's Kits for a Cause campaign.



We gratefully acknowledge members of the 1868 Society, devoted donors who contributed to JF&CS for five or more consecutive years. **1868 Society members are marked with a purple triangle. ▲**



We gratefully acknowledge Monthly Mitzvah Makers, donors who contributed to JF&CS each month during our 2022/2023 fiscal year. **Monthly Mitzvah Makers are marked with a green triangle. ▲**

Our sincere appreciation to the many JF&CS donors who wish to remain anonymous, and to those who support our work but whose names do not appear in this Annual Report. The donor list reflects donations made between April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 and every effort has been made to ensure proper recognition of each donor (\$180+). We apologize for any errors or omissions.



# Endowments

***We acknowledge with gratitude the following endowments that have been established in support of Jewish Family and Child Service. Some are presently making a difference. Others will make a difference in years to come.***

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***We acknowledge with gratitude the following individuals who have committed to leaving a legacy gift to Jewish Family and Child Service. By leaving a legacy gift, they are making a forever-impact on our community.***

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