

STEP

- STRIVING TO END POVERTY -

PROJECT

This ground-breaking initiative strives to alleviate poverty in our community by providing individuals and families with the tools to achieve financial empowerment and independence. The initiative provides integrated solutions that include financial assistance, education, career and life skills development, as well as coordinated access to both JF&CS services in the community. The initiative will also seek to increase our partnerships with other community agencies working on the poverty agenda.

THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

The cycle of poverty creates enormous vulnerabilities for families. Once poverty has started, it becomes very difficult for families to lift themselves out of poverty because of their limited access to resources such as finances, education and training, employment, stable housing, and social connections. These families are often single-parent households and may also have histories of abuse, mental health issues, and addictions. Children of poor families are prone to a number of unhealthy outcomes, including higher rates of asthma, diabetes, mental health issues, lower academic performance, and higher school drop-out rates. As these children mature, the supports needed for success are largely unavailable and the cycle of poverty is entrenched and perpetuated.

188,715

Total Jewish population
in the GTA

24,315

Jewish individuals living
below the poverty line

12.9%

Poverty
Rate

1.9%

Increase
from 2001

30,965

Jewish seniors (65+)
in the GTA

5,035

Jewish seniors living
below the poverty line

34,190

Jewish youth
(under 14 years of age)
in the GTA

3,545

Jewish youth living
below the poverty line

Canadian census data (2011)
regarding the Jewish population
in the Greater Toronto Area
(data courtesy of UJA Federation
of Greater Toronto).



EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

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