

Summer camp offers children the opportunity to have fun, learn new things, and make lifelong friendships and memories. Camp subsidies and financial support are essential for clients to be able to send their kids to camp. Through the generosity of our donors, JF&CS is able to send children to day camp and overnight camp with brand new items such as towels, sleeping bags and toiletries.

In addition to these items gift cards generously donated by National Council of Jewish Women Canada, Toronto Section. Every summer, donors step up to help ensure every child feels welcome and included at camp.

### Kick Off to Camp – National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section

Through their ongoing fundraising initiative “Kick Off to Camp Campaign”, National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section (NCJWC) provided \$100 Walmart gift cards to over 180 children going to camp. These gift cards were used to purchase camp essentials.



### Young People Helping Young People

Juliet loves camp and has been attending overnight camp the past few summers. When it came time to decide on a tzedakah project in honour of her Bat Mitzvah, camp was the first thing she thought of. Juliet worked with her mother Natalie to figure out a tzedakah project that would help others enjoy camp the way she does. Together, they approached Party Rock for camp donations, and purchased camp essentials through Kits for a Cause. They delivered six boxes of camp supplies and volunteered their time to help set up this year’s camp shop.

“Tikkun Olam is realizing that we are fortunate, and to share what we have with others. I am proud of this project and I feel more connected to these kids because I know how exciting it is to go to camp!” - Juliet

### Client Camp Tuck Shop

We were so excited to hold our 2nd camp shop from June 19-21. Clients came to the tuck shop at our Central office to pick up brand-new items for camp. With the support of our donors, we were able to provide over 150 children with brand-new duffle bags, sleeping bags, blankets, swimming gear and much more. Through generous donations from the Irving Bloomberg Family, Party Rock, other community gifts, and our new Mitzvah Gifts program, campers could choose from a wide array of items.

“This is the first year my client is sending her daughters to overnight camp. She is a single mother who cannot afford the cost of camp, so she cannot believe that the agency is offering items and gift cards in addition to camp subsidies.” – JF&CS Social Worker

### One-on-One Support

JF&CS has been offering one-on-one support to children with disabilities for well over 25 years. The one-on-one funding is an integral part of our camp programming, as many of the children who access it would not otherwise be able to have a safe and welcoming camp experience. The program has an incredibly positive impact on the participating families as the children are given the opportunity to experience all the fun activities that summer camp offers in a way that feels comfortable for them. They can fully integrate with children their age, fostering a sense of community, acceptance and friendship. The benefits reach further, providing needed respite for caregivers who can know their child is being appropriately supported.

Over **\$270,000** of camp subsidies were used so children and youth were able to go to camp this summer.

**65%** of campers attended day camps, **26%** went to overnight camps, and **9%** were able to go to special needs camps that support children with disabilities.

More than **\$13,500** was put towards providing one-on-one mentors for 17 campers requiring additional assistance.



**On behalf of Jewish Family and Child Service, thank you for helping ensure every child feels welcome and included at camp.**