

Why I choose to be a Monthly Mitzvah Maker.

Jewish Family and Child Service's monthly donors, *Monthly Mitzvah Makers*, provide the agency with a steady and ongoing stream of income to maintain its current programs and services, while responding to the ever-changing needs of our community. The Monthly Mitzvah Maker program provides donors with an alternative way to make an impactful gift.

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I arrived in Canada in 1993, eager to find my way in a new country. Many friends suggested that volunteering might be a meaningful way to adjust and settle in. I explored various organizations, but it was important to me to support the Jewish community.

That's when I discovered the Big Brother and Big Sister Program at JF&CS. I decided to apply and, after a few interviews, the agency matched me with Ezra*, a newcomer from South Africa. Together, we explored the city — the parks, museums, and various attractions. We went to many baseball games, a couple of hockey games, and even visited the old Maple Leaf Gardens. I also helped him complete his homework, particularly in math.



Volunteering opened my eyes to the variety of programs available to the community, and the needs of many within it.

Later, my neighbour, Rick Orzy, past JF&CS Board President, invited me to participate in the agency's financial committee. Through this involvement,

I gained a deeper understanding of JF&CS's financial needs, the constraints of government funding, and the challenges in meeting the increasing demand for support. That is when I began contributing more significantly.

One meaningful way our family gives back is through purchasing tribute cards. We share our best wishes with many friends and relatives during Rosh Hashanah and often make additional contributions before the year ends. Recently, I've found it easier to spread our giving throughout the year by making monthly recurring donations.

Supporting JF&CS has been a great experience. It is at the top of my family's charitable list because the agency fills many gaps to support those in need in our Jewish community. I would encourage others to contribute and get involved; for me, it has been more than satisfying.

Ezra, my Little Brother, and I have remained close over the years. He now lives in the United States, happily married with a handsome son. We visit each other's families and exchange holiday cards. We're more than friends, we are like family - all thanks to JF&CS!

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