The beautiful release of 18 doves during the Opening Day Ceremonies at the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center which provides family enrichment, resources and respite care to families raising a child with a developmental disability (story on page 15).
A very wise man once said, “we are visitors on this planet, here for ninety or one hundred years at the very most. During that time we must try to do something good, something useful, with our lives. When we contribute to other people’s happiness, we find the true meaning of life”.

As you read through the pages of this newsletter, I thank you for being part of a dedicated and generous community and for being there to care for children and families in need of our love and support. While we have grown over the past 22 years to a staff of 100 and an annual operational budget of over $7m, what we are most proud of is that we have remained connected to our grassroots mission and philosophy. JAFCO is a pure reflection of the community in which it lives and breathes and the South Florida Jewish community has a great deal to be proud of, having built and sustained the operational needs of the JAFCO Jewish Children’s Village, the only Village of its kind in the Jewish community in the country providing a safe and loving home for abused and neglected children and also supporting and strengthening families in crisis.

For most communities that would have been enough, but when JAFCO decided to expand our mission to support families raising a child with a developmental disability, once again our community stepped forward to build the breathtaking JAFCO Children’s Ability Center, an innovative and unique family enrichment, resource and respite center unlike any other in the country, truly supporting the emotional needs of families who one day find themselves on a unique rewarding but very challenging journey. As we complete our first year on a very limited budget, I have total confidence that in the coming year support from our community will pour into the Children’s Ability Center as we work to fully operationalize all of our program and funding goals.

And finally there could be no greater test of the strength of the JAFCO Model than to be able to replicate it in our first expansion effort in the greater Philadelphia area where our start-up JAFCO Northeast Communities office with only two staff members has just celebrated its first anniversary. Foster care, Adoption and Family Strengthening and Preservation Services were the first programs that we opened in South Florida back in 1992, and that is exactly where we are starting in the Northeast. While we cannot always prevent suffering in our community, we can definitely increase the safety and happiness of those in need with our love and support. All the while discovering for ourselves, the true meaning of life.

With my deepest respect and gratitude,

Sarah
EXPENSES
Group Home Program ......................................$ 1,831,000
Family Preservation Program ............................$ 980,000
Children’s Emergency Shelter Program .............$ 893,000
Administration ................................................$ 818,000
Children’s Ability Center ...................................$ 705,000
Foster Care/Adoption Program .........................$ 228,000
Independent Living Program .............................$ 213,000
TOTAL EXPENSES .............................................$ 5,668,000

REVENUE
Special Events, Fundraising ...............................$ 1,658,000
Private Foundations/Grants ..............................$ 1,356,000
Government Funding .......................................$ 1,175,000
Private Contributions ........................................$ 868,000
Children’s Services Council of Broward .............$ 510,000
Jewish Federation of Broward ...........................$ 55,000
Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach ..........$ 25,000
TOTAL REVENUE ..............................................$ 5,647,000

Net Expenses over Revenue ..............................$(21,000)

85 cents of every dollar you donate goes directly to the children.

2014 JAFCO Service Performance

1022 (unduplicated) children in our community were served by JAFCO in one or more of our twenty programs resulting in increased safety, ability to remain home with their family and increased independence and overall functioning.
Foster Care & Adoption Program

100% of children were given a safe and loving home.

Every day in our country five precious children die senselessly at the hands of abuse and neglect. The JAFCO Foster Care and Adoption Programs were created to provide a safe place for children who were removed from their families by the court or placed privately by the family members with JAFCO. Alexander and Jonathan were born into a world of drug abuse and severe neglect. At the ages of six and eight, they were removed from their birth parents and placed at the JAFCO Children's Village until a safe, culturally sensitive foster home could be identified for them. Avi and Laura were a loving couple with no children of their own who made room in their home and in their hearts for these two boys by going through all of the training and screening requirements to become a JAFCO foster family. After visiting with their new foster parents for several weeks, the boys were excited to move into their new home with "Aunt Laura" and "Uncle Avi" who committed, like all foster parents do, to take care of the boys until the birth parents were able to prove to the courts that they could safely parent the boys. During this time, JAFCO visited the family every week and provided any support that was needed as we do with all of our foster families. Sadly when the birth parents were not able complete the tasks given to them by the court, the Judge terminated their parental rights.

On February 20, it was a very happy day in the Palm Beach courtroom with Judge Moses Baker presiding over the special adoption ceremony that turned this wonderful foster family into an adoptive family - forever. The JAFCO Adoption Program will continue to offer clinical support to this wonderful family as needed throughout the boys' childhood.

Since JAFCO's inception in 1992, 249 precious children have been placed in loving JAFCO foster families. 56% were referred by DCF and the courts and the remaining 44% were referred by family members, community professionals and clergy. With the support of the JAFCO clinical team, 50% of the children in foster care have been reunited with their birth family but due to the mental health and addiction challenges of the birth families, despite their love for their children, only half of those reunifications were successful long term. When the children re-entered the system they were placed either in an adoptive home, at the JAFCO Children's Village or in a more intensive treatment facility if needed. Over 200 children have been part of the JAFCO Adoption Program which matches children ages birth through 18 with loving families willing to make a life-long commitment to raising a child who is in need of a "forever family".

Children’s Emergency Center

100% were safe.

11 month old Alli was living in the dangerous world of her young parents surrounded by drugs and drug dealers. When her father was killed during a drug deal, his girlfriend was given custody of the baby. The next day, Alli's mother kidnapped her, got into a car and sped away. Just moments later they were involved in a terrible crash. The driver died after he was ejected from the vehicle as was baby Alli who was not strapped in a car seat. Miraculously Alli somehow survived and after being released from the hospital, baby Alli was placed at the Marsh Children’s Center, JAFCO's Children's Emergency Shelter, a bright and cheery 6 bedroom, 16 bed home-like environment that accepts children who are in need of a safe home at all hours of the day or night. Alli had cuts and bruises all over her beautiful face and tiny body and it broke our hearts to see her in this condition. Day by day with the love and care of the staff and volunteers, the bruises slowly faded replaced by smiles and laughter. In 2014, safety, love and shelter were provided to 65 children, ages birth to 12. Nutritious food, clean clothing, new shoes, a cozy bed to sleep in, medical care, transportation to and from school, help with homework, outings to the movies, the park and the beach, fun in the pool, birthday parties, holiday celebrations and so much more has been part of their stay at the JAFCO Children’s Shelter. Most importantly they were safe and free from further abuse or neglect. Children are mainly placed by state agencies (DCF) from all over South Florida at the shelter for one night or up to a few months, until a foster family or safe relative is identified to care for them. Volunteers assist in the shelter with childcare, homework, cooking, organizing and in the community our donors are always providing diapers, clothing and other supplies for the children. The Shelter also ensures that there is always a safe place for a child in our community in the event of an emergency.

Every child is a different type of flower. All together they make this world a beautiful garden.
Family Strengthening Program

368 Children Served

95% of families remained in tact.
JAFCO is committed to keeping families together whenever possible. The JAFCO Family Preservation Program serves families in crisis (free of charge) where there is at least one parent or family member who is able to care for the child and keep them safe with the following wrap-around services: food, clothing, shelter, parent training, day care, after-school care, summer camp, supervised visitation, therapy, case management and referral services, safety planning, co-parenting support and assistance with any legal proceedings. This program is now open in the greater Philadelphia as well.

Group Home Program

31 Children Served

100% improved functioning at home and school.
Making honor roll, playing on the local community sports team, performing in dance class recital, being nominated for homecoming king or queen at senior prom, getting a driver’s license, the excitement of a first birthday party, first job, first girlfriend, going to overnight summer camp, having wishes come true for eight nights of Chanukah, the March of the Living, learning to cope and to trust again in therapy were just a few of the outcomes in 2014 for the children in the JAFCO Group Home program. 100% of high school seniors graduated and are heading for college or gap year programs.

Forever Friends Mentoring Program

13 Children Matched

100% experienced an increase in self esteem.
The JAFCO Forever Friends program matches children residing in the group home program with an adult mentor for a long-term meaningful relationship that provides love and support to the child as a result of fun bi-weekly outings.

MST Program

97 Children Served

100% remained in the home.
This is an intensive four month in-home research-based therapy program (funded by the CSC of Broward) designed to prevent out-of-home placement for children ages 10-18 by providing intensive family support and teaching parents the skills they need to manage difficult behaviors such as truancy at school, aggression in the home and drug experimentation. JAFCO’s award winning team of therapists has received national recognition.

Independent Living Program

16 Children Served

100% demonstrated improved independent living skills.
Six of our college children are moving closer to their goal of graduation, independence and hope for a bright and happy future.

Senior Caregiver Program

33 Children Served

100% remained at home with their grandparents.
Florida is ranked fourth in the nation for the number of children being raised by their grandparents. This program (funded by the ADRC of Broward County) provides much needed supportive services to seniors who have taken on the difficult task of raising their grandchildren and keeping them from going into foster care. Services include caregiver support groups, weekly home visits, parenting training and support for the grandparents, 24 hour on-call crisis support, after school and summer camp, support for custody and visitation issues, and case management and referral for the entire family including the parents.
2014 JAFCO Children’s Ability Center Program Performance

Family Support Program

155 Children Served

100% remained at home.
JAFCO is committed to the lifelong success of families raising a child with a developmental disability. Families are seen immediately by our professional staff who provide an assessment of the family’s needs and assist in developing an individualized plan for services. Parents are provided with continued training to assist with a full understanding of their child’s diagnosis, treatment recommendations and referrals to resources offered by JAFCO and throughout the community. JAFCO offers a full array of support groups and counseling for moms, dads, couples, siblings and grandparents in addition to case management and 24 hour on-call crisis support.

Life & Social Skills Programs

12 Children Served

100% increased social skills and life skills.
The JAFCO Life Skills Program addresses the skills needed to help children transition into becoming young adults and focuses on home management skills (cooking, laundry, cleaning), money management and employment readiness skills. The Social Skills Training Program is an after-school program that offers structured activities that are both fun and focused on specific skills including development of social language, appropriate play, interaction with peers and making friends.

Incredible Social Experience/Respite

63 Children Served

100% parents reported decreased stress.
The children in the Incredible Social Experience (ISE) program enjoyed a fun day or week of Gap Camp when there is no school, a fun Saturday or Sunday or their first weekend sleepover with new friends at the JAFCO Guest House. Many parents of children with developmental disabilities report feelings of isolation and miss engaging in social and recreational activities. We understand that all of the focus is on the child, but parents and caregivers also need time to relax and renew. Whether four hours are needed, a full day, a weekend or even a full two weeks at one time, our respite services allow parents and caregivers a much needed opportunity to relax alone or spend quality time with friends and family, knowing that their child is safe and having fun while participating in high quality enrichment and social skills activities.

Support Groups

83 Family Members Served

100% of family members (moms, dads, siblings and grandparents) reported decreased feelings of isolation.
No one truly can understand just how difficult it is to raise a child with a developmental disability except for another mom, dad, sibling or grandparent who is in the same situation. Led by professional clinicians, the JAFCO support groups provide invaluable support and friendship to family members, letting them know they are not alone.

211 Connections Program

65 Children Served

100% of children connected with vital services.
In Partnership with 211 and CSC Broward, JAFCO provides specialized and intensive case management services to families raising a child with a developmental disability ensuring that they connect with needed services for their child and their entire family. JAFCO social work staff support and guide the family every step of the way to help them navigate the complex service delivery system and eliminate any barriers that could prevent them from accessing the many wonderful services available in our community.

Programs Coming in 2015/2016

- CAMP KEHILLA
- MOMMY & ME
- LEGO CLUB
- CHEERLEADING CLUB
- MUSIC THERAPY
- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
- PHYSICAL THERAPY
- SPEECH THERAPY
- APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS
What does JAFCO stand for? JAFCO stands for Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options.

How does JAFCO hear about the children? JAFCO can help a family in one of two ways: either voluntarily with the request of the parent or guardian or if ordered by the court; referrals are made by the state, schools, grandparents, rabbis, therapists, teachers, neighbors, family members and by parents themselves who are seeking help.

I know someone who is interested in adopting a child? Can you help them? What about a baby? Yes. There are always children in need of homes and JAFCO is a licensed adoption agency. A family who wishes to adopt should email Rebecca Salus, our Adoption Specialist (Rebecca@jafco.org) to get the process started by attending one of our free monthly adoption orientations in South Florida or Philadelphia. A parent wishing to place their child for adoption should also contact Rebecca.

Does JAFCO serve only Jewish children? No. JAFCO was created to fulfill an unmet need in the Jewish community and as a Jewish agency it is also our privilege and our pleasure to help any child and any family in need.

How do you screen your foster parents? Do you supervise them after they receive a placement? Do they get paid? Our foster parents are trained and screened according to state guidelines which include FBI background checks, employer and personal reference checks, medical and psychological evaluations including drug screens and more. The process takes about 4 months. Once a child is placed with a foster family a JAFCO social worker visits the child and the home at least once per week and offers 24 hour on call support to the foster parents. Foster parents receive a small monthly stipend from the state for food, clothing and childcare expenses. Foster parents must show ample income and financial stability prior to being approved. JAFCO foster parents very often use their own funds to supplement the needs of the child and do this from their heart.

What are the ages of the children you serve? The children we serve range from 2 days to 22 years of age.

How many children live at the JAFCO Children’s Village? Where do they go to school? The JAFCO Village can hold up to 52 children: 16 in the shelter and 36 in the 6 group homes. The children attend either local area public or private schools or they are transported by the JAFCO staff to their home schools, sometimes in Boca or Miami Beach. Over 1,000 children have found safety at the Weicholz Family Campus of the David Posnack Jewish Children’s Village over the past 12 years.

What happens when the children turn 18? A child who turns 18 can live at the Village until the age of 21. JAFCO will support them until the age of 24 if they are in college, drug free and leading a healthy lifestyle and we will help them move into an apartment or college dorm and prepare for Independent Living.

Do the children get to visit with their parents? Yes. We strongly encourage visitation with parents and family members and will supervise the visits if so ordered by the court.

Are there hands-on volunteer opportunities? Yes. There are volunteer opportunities to work with the children at the Children’s Village and at the Children’s Ability Center. For more information visit our website and attend one of our Tours to get started. Also our JAFCO Chapters are made up solely of volunteers who work tirelessly to create events to raise awareness and funds for JAFCO.

Are there JAFCO Villages anywhere else in the country? Currently the JAFCO Jewish Children’s Village and the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center are the only centers of their kind in the Jewish community in the United States.

Do you have an office in Philadelphia? Yes. We have been raising funds and awareness about JAFCO and the issue of child abuse in the Jewish community in the Northeast in NY, NJ & PA since 2007. In April of 2014 we opened our first office in Philadelphia and hired our first clinical social worker who is now offering family strengthening and clinical case management services while we await county approval to begin our foster care and adoption programs. To contact our Philadelphia office to help with an event or refer a family please call 610.525.1040

Do you have a new facility for children with autism? Yes. We have just completed our first year of services at the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center which provides family enrichment, support and respite for children with all developmental disabilities including Autism, Intellectual Disabilities, Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy and Prader Willi. We support families who are raising a child with a disability ages birth through 22 with support groups, case management, education, training, social and life skills training and clubs for the children, summer camp and day and overnight respite, also known as Incredible Social Experience. Naming opportunities in honor or memory of a loved one are still available for those wishing to donate to the Center and name a room or building.
JAFCO invites you to assist in our mission to provide a safe and loving home for every child in our community! JAFCO welcomes single individuals and married couples from Broward, Palm Beach and Dade Counties to join our community by becoming foster or adoptive parents.

Foster parenting is not a lifetime commitment to a child, but a commitment to be meaningful during the child’s lifetime. Foster families are licensed, substitute families who open their hearts and homes to children in need for a temporary period of time. Licensed foster parents receive a monthly board payment to reimburse them for the basic cost of caring for each child placed in their home. The children are also provided with health insurance through the state of Florida.

Adoptive families make a lifetime, legal commitment to a child. JAFCO participates in both state and private adoption work. State adoption implies that the child is in the custody of the State of Florida, typically involving older children. Private adoption implies that the birth parents are voluntarily making the choice to place their child (usually newborns) for adoption. JAFCO provides complete support and case management services to our foster and adoptive families, including monthly support group meetings and 24-hour on-call availability.

If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent, please contact us! Informational orientations are held once a month at the JAFCO Children’s Village and in our Northeast Communities Office. For more information or to register for an orientation, please contact Rebecca Salus at 954.315.8686 or Rebecca@jafco.org.

5 Easy Steps to Become a Foster or Adoptive Parent

1. Contact our Specialist
2. Attend an Orientation
3. Attend Training Program
4. Complete the Application
5. Participate in a Home Study

“"There are no unwanted children, just unfound families"”

Infant Adoption Program

JAFCO can assist families with the process of private infant adoption where a birth mother considers all of the options that are available to her and then makes her final decision after the baby is born along with the baby’s birth father. The Birth Parents are usually the ones who select the adoptive parents for their baby with the support of the JAFCO staff who encourage both sets of parents to meet and spend time together getting to know one another. JAFCO takes care of all of the legal and social work requirements of the adoption process providing support and guidance to both the birth parents and the adoptive parents. Monthly adoption orientation sessions are provided to the community free of charge to educate families about the adoption process. While most JAFCO adoptions are facilitated in Florida, out of state families are welcome to call for support, information and to place their home study on file with JAFCO. The beautiful letter (left) was written by Stefani, age 8, to thank the birth mother for her new baby brother Ryan.

For more information about the JAFCO Infant Adoption Program, please contact Rebecca Salus at 954.315.8686 or Rebecca@jafco.org.
Honoring the JAFCO Founders Circle

Lifetime Giving of $100,000 or More to the Children of JAFCO

$2,000,000 and up
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The David Posnack Foundation

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Lily Rosenblatt
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Edward & Jane Rudolph
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Lillian Salomon
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Monroe & Eve Scheiner
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Gabriel & Nathalie Serfaty
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Mitchell Shifdofsky
Mark & Rachel Stein
Raymond & Beth Sterling
Brett & Amy Stern
Mirit Teifeld
Evan & Allison Teisch
Edmond & Dalhia Touboul
Joseph & Roberta Ungrer
Rosa Von Thombsen
Brian & Margie Wargon
Sanford & Cathy Weinger
Joel & Lynda Wilentz
Robert & Barbara Wolf
Susan Wolkenfeld
Burton Young
Howard & Sandra Zavadnick
Carrol Zazik
Noel & Roxie Zumer

All donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and needed but due to the generosity of our community they could not all be listed in this report. Please note that to improve our donor communications we have just completed a major donor database transition and all possible human efforts have been made to avoid any errors, however if you do notice anything that does not appear be correct please contact us immediately and we will make the adjustment and acknowledge it in our next newsletter. If you would like to send us your updated email, home address, cell phone or other information, we would greatly appreciate that as well.

We thank you from the very bottom of our hearts for your love and support of the children of JAFCO.
One-of-a-Kind Center in Sunrise to Offer Family Support, Child Enrichment and Respite Care All Under One Roof

SUNRISE, FLA. – JAFCO celebrated the grand opening of its new Children’s Ability Center in September, making it the first center nationwide to offer family support, therapy, child enrichment and respite care, all under one roof for children up to age 22 with any developmental disability. Politicians and dignitaries who are dedicated to helping families raising children developmental disabilities showed their support by participating in this milestone celebration. Those that attended included JAFCO Capital Donors and the following dignitaries: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, former Florida Senators Nan Rich and Ellen Bogdanoff, Jewish Federation of Broward County President and CEO Eric Stillman, Sunrise Mayor Michael Ryan, Broward County Commissioner Martin Kiar, Director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities Barbara Palmer and Rabbi Gross who all officially helped to open the new center in a moving symbolic ribbon cutting ceremony.

Sarine Salama, mother of a son with autism also shared her story about meaningful this center is to her entire family. She related how helpful the services have been to her and how much she is looking forward to utilizing JAFCO’s family and child enrichment services to help her family cope with the demands of raising a child with a developmental disability. Following the ribbon cutting, children who are being served by JAFCO helped to release 18 white doves to commemorate JAFCO’s milestone in opening the 43,000 square-foot facility. Throughout the course of the day, more than 500 people came to celebrate the grand opening and take tours of the building that will accommodate hundreds of children per year offering families a beautiful, loving and fun place giving every child a place where they can belong.

“The details that went into the design of this building are extraordinary and must be seen to be truly appreciated,” said Sarah Franco, JAFCO founding executive director. “We cannot thank our community enough for its continued support over the past 22 years. The center’s long list of attributes includes unique features such as a swing specifically for children who use wheelchairs so they can experience the thrill of swinging. The center will have an organic garden, a general store and a life skills environment—a place where kids can learn gardening, shopping, cooking and socializing.

“At JAFCO, we are inspired by the strength and love of parents who are raising children with disabilities,” said Linda Sachs, JAFCO Community Outreach and Parent Support Specialist. “We recognize that this can be an overwhelming and challenging journey. We want the parents to know that they are no longer alone and that we’re here to help.”

Services that will be offered include family support, child enrichment, therapies and respite care. JAFCO will offer enhanced case management; day/weekend and extended respite care; social skills, life skills series which includes culinary, office and leisure skills training, physical, occupational and speech therapy as well as behavioral services. In order to access services families are invited to attend a scheduled parent tour and learn more about the programs that are being offered and then a private family meeting is scheduled for all families interested in using the center so that we can understand all of the family’s needs. The idea for the center began in 2007 when the JAFCO Board of Trustees saw the alarming increase of children in South Florida being diagnosed with a developmental disability. Estimates suggest that one in ten children today are being diagnosed with a developmental disability. This dream for the community became a reality with the support of $1 million dollar lead gifts from Sam and Adele Borger, Stephen and Helene Weicholz, Sandi and Bob Morris and The David Posnack Foundation and the Jewish Federation of Broward County and the Daniel Cantor Senior Center for donating the land.

Designed by Architect Teen Woon in the beautiful architectural style of Frank Lloyd Wright, the facility has already won two design awards. Anyone interested in coming for a tour and learning more about the center should contact Randi Winter, JAFCO Capital Campaign Director at 954.552.2519.

Below: Capital Donors Mara Gober and Dr. Mel Gober, and Leslie and Kim Kaminoff.

Above: Capital Donors Sylvia Kahana and Arie Taykan cutting the ribbon to the beautiful Staff Lounge dedicated to the hardworking staff in memory of his parents.
Honored with the Ribbon Cutting for the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center: (L-R) Former Florida Senators Nan Rich & Ellyn Bogdanoff, City of Sunrise Mayor Mike Ryan, JAFCO Capital Donors Alan Levy, Steve and Helene Weicholz, Adele Borger and Sandi Morris, APD Director Barbara Palmer, Rabbi Mark Gross, US Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Jewish Federation of Broward County CEO Eric Stillman.

Right: JAFCO Executive Director Sarah Franco and Rita Carole Messner cutting the ribbon on the Serenity Elevator.

Above: JAFCO Founder and Board President Ron Simon and JAFCO Children’s Foundation President Steve Weicholz present Children’s Ability Center Inaugural Board Chair Louise Jacowitz Allen with a golden gavel and welcome her to the “JAFCO Presidential Family”.

Architect Reception

Above: Three members of our fabulous construction committee; Board Members Alan Levy, Fred Katzin and Founder and President Ron Simon. Not present are Jerry Manowitz and Ken Morris.

Below: The men of the hour – our wonderful architects Teen Woon and Troy Roehm who worked tirelessly in designing this spectacular center that will help so many families in our communities.

Above: JAFCO Development Officer Gail Marlow joyfully pinning the Weicholz children for the new Circle of Hope. (L-R) Darren and Caryn Marsh, Todd Weicholz and JAFCO Development Officer Gail Marlow

Below: A big thank you to our million dollar donors who with their vision and courage made this dream a reality. (L-R) Stephen and Helene Weicholz, Jeff and Sandi Morris, Beverly Erenbaum and Alan Levy from the David Posnack Foundation, Adele Borger.

Above: Randi Winter, Capital Campaign Director is thrilled to present Lori and Dr. Kenneth Konsker and Dorinne and Jeffrey Gerstlin with their beautiful menorahs created for JAFCO by Yaccov Heller for their generosity as new Capital Donors.

Above: (L-R) A moment of gratitude from CAC board President Louise Jacowitz Allen and JAFCO Development Officer Gail Marlow as they present Event Sponsor and Board Member Rachel Sapoznik a sponsor award.
In My Sneakers

A fun day was had by all at Huizenga Plaza on March 1st at the 2nd Annual In My Sneakers 5K Run/1 Mile Family Fun Walk chaired by the amazing Craig Konhauzer and Sharon Wender.

Team Jacob and the Falk and Zimbler Families were honored to lead the second annual In My Sneakers Walk as the team who raised the most amount of money – over $4,000! Go Team Jacob!

Bagels & Learning

Rabbi Baruch Plotkin of Liumi, an organization dedicated to building community leaders through the Study of Torah, presented 3 Friday morning Bagels and Learning sessions to inspire and connect business leaders while highlighting the amazing work of JAFCO. (L-R) Jeffrey Gerstin, Jim Orleans, Josh Davis, Patti Jacobs, Randi Winter, David Winter, Rabbi Baruch Plotkin, Craig Zeuner.

In My Shoes Luncheon

A record-breaking 700 guests attended

the 4th Annual In My Shoes Luncheon

at Boca West Raises $116,000
to benefit the new JAFCO Children’s Ability Center


Above: Proudly joining the Circle of Hope (L-R) Recommitted godparent Erhla Cantor, new Circle of Hope members Judy Dines, Lisa Sirota, Robin Greene, Ollie Louis, Sharon Margulis, Sylvia Kahana and Arie Taykan, Ronnie Marcus, Carole Kantor, Judi Schuman, Linda Kaplan & Bobbie Sachs.

Above: JAFCO is thrilled to receive the first ever allocation from the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County. South Palm Beach Jewish Federation Leaders: (L-R) CEO and President Matt Levin, Board Chair Al Goretz, Senior VP Marla Weiss Egers, JAFCO Children’s Ability Center President Louise Jacowitz Allen, Founding President Ron Simon, Capital Campaign Director Randi Winter, Executive Director Sarah Franco, Development Officer Gail Marlow.

Above: (L-R) Emcee Jason Solodkin, Honorary Chair Lori Solodkin, Co-Chairs Kim Fetterman, Jenn Betesh, Stacey Austein and CAC Board Member Lori Konsker.

Please save the date for the next

In My Shoes Luncheon

October 2, 2015
The JAFCO Children’s Ability Center is a beautiful building and campus. Inside the building, managing all of our programs and services is the heart of the center. Meet our management team (L-R):

**Robin Ullman** is our Site Director who supervises the day to day operations of the Ability Center. She oversees quality and compliance of all our programs and supervises staff. She is responsible for ensuring programs operate within budgetary guidelines. Robin said, “I feel gratitude each day when speaking with families for allowing us the privilege to care and nurture their children. They put their trust in us and it’s a feeling like no other knowing that I am part of a high performing and caring team of professionals that deliver on our promise every day.”

**Linda Sachs** is our Community Outreach and Parent Support Specialist providing community awareness through presentations, outreach activities and providing tours on JAFCO programs. She oversees our volunteer recruitment and placement. Additionally Linda facilitates our parent support groups and develops our parent evening out program. Linda said, “The best part of my job is that every day I know we are providing that one special place that parents have always dreamed of and told us they needed.”

**Lisa Reingold** is our Facility Manager who oversees the ongoing maintenance and repair of the Ability Center campus. She coordinates the purchasing of all needed items including food and other materials that support our programming. In addition she provides support to staff to ensure that all programs run smoothly. She said, “The best part of my job is working with a team that exhibits passion and compassion for others daily and helps to make the world a better place!”

**John Kabot** is our Educational and Behavioral Services Coordinator who designs the curriculum for all of our children’s programs, trains direct care staff, schedules activities and conducts parent trainings. John said, “My favorite part of this job is working with children and seeing their progress.” John’s motivation for entering this field is his personal experience with Mikey, his 34 year old brother who has autism.

**Brooke Alweiss**, our Family Resource Program Coordinator supervises clinical staff and social work interns. Brooke oversees the Connections Program which is an enhanced case management program that connects families to services in our community. “The best part of my job is watching the children enjoying themselves while they are at our center and seeing the look of gratitude on parent’s faces when they drop their children off for a day of respite.”

**Wendy Jenkins**, L.C.S.W. has been our Director of Operations and Clinical Services for the past 20 years. Without Wendy none of our JAFCO programs would be possible.

Not pictured: Wendy Jenkins

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**How You Can Help the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center**

- Share information about the center with families in need of support.
- Lend your support to a family you know who is raising a child with a disability; offer to babysit, invite them out with your family, or invite the parents for an evening out.
- Attend and/or sponsor our annual *In My Shoes Luncheon* on October 2, 2015 at Boca West Country Club, bring your friends too! All proceeds will support programs at the center.
- Join the JAFCO Circle of Hope, an exclusive group of donors who make a gift of $1800 a year (for ten years) to show their love and support for families who are raising a child with a developmental disability. Receive a beautiful 14k gold Circle of Hope Pin depicting a parent pushing their child on a swing surrounded by the loving branches of the JAFCO Tree of Life.
- Create a fundraising event in your community to benefit this wonderful center.
- Make an operational donation of any amount or a capital gift from the list provided (ranging from $36,000 to $1 million, payable over 5 years). One or more families can join together to make a capital gift as friends or as a family donation:
  - Selected naming opportunities have been calculated based upon tradition in multiples of $18 which symbolizes Chai or life, representing the multiple lives that will be affected by your gift.
  - All gift amounts and naming opportunities are subject to change. All pledges may be paid in one to five installments.
  - For more information and to check availability of naming opportunities please contact Randi Winter, Capital Campaign Director at 1.866.JAFCO.KIDS.
  - All monies received will be held in a restricted account to be used for the development and construction of the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center. Up to 50% of each gift may be used to fund Developmental Disabilities program operations.
  - Host a parlor meeting or event in your home or community for your friends and family in order to raise awareness and funds for the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center.
  - Purchase a sterling silver JAFCO Shoe Necklace to support the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center.

**Bless the Children’s Ability Center in honor of your children and grandchildren**

with a $3,600 Mezuzah donation or a Playground donation of any amount.
Below: Betsy and Sidney Savelle pose in front of a beautiful bronze sculpture in the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center Sculpture Garden which they named in memory of their beloved parents by making a generous capital donation to JAFCO.

Above: The wonderful women of the JFBC Women’s Executive Circle spend a meaningful morning at JAFCO where they held their networking breakfast. Their support of JAFCO is critical to our children, and we are delighted to have been given this special opportunity to take them on a tour of our center. We are inspired by your leadership in our community and in the business world.

Above: Barbara Grace wanted to share her passion for JAFCO with her friends from Valencia Isles. She invited them over to tour the JAFCO Children’s Villages Creative Art Studio. Barbara’s friends were immediately impressed with JAFCO’s mission.

Above: Coup De Brass is Yale’s oldest and only, all-French horn ensemble, drawing the best players from many of Yale’s musical ensembles. Their mission is to create a fun, high-quality experience for audiences by showcasing a wide variety of genres, ranging from jazz, classical, movie medleys and popular tunes. The JAFCO Children’s Ability Center was thrilled to be the beneficiary of this talented group of musicians at a concert and wine & cheese reception held at the JAFCO Children’s Village.

Below: Emily Ramos, the daughter of South Florida’s Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrician Dr. Judith Ramos beautifies the JAFCO Ability Center Creative Art Studio with a beautiful handpainted and inspirational mural.

Above: Ingrid Jaffe fell in love with JAFCO a very long time ago and wanted to share her passion with the Villaggio group from our South Palm Beach/North Broward County Chapter. She chartered a bus from Lake Worth to tour the wonderful JAFCO Children’s Ability Center followed by a delicious lunch at the JAFCO Jewish Children’s Village.

Above: Yoga Instructor Ailene Rogers, and Co-Chair of the Yoga event Dr. Sandy Rizzo-Weiner raise awareness and funds for the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center. Thank you to the Yoga Connection in Davie, Florida for your love and support.

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Above: Every month at “Parents Night Out” parents come together to have fun and make new friends as they share the common bond of parenting a child with a developmental disability.

Right: NCJW members from Valencia Shores were truly moved during their visit to the JAFCO Children’s Village and the Children’s Ability Center.
Thank You - Capital Campaign Update - Thank You

JAFCO Children’s Ability Center - providing family enrichment, resources and respite care to children with developmental disabilities

Our Capital Campaign currently stands at $12 million including cash, land and bequests. Another eighteen million in pledges is needed to complete the campaign and the list of naming opportunities is located on the next page. We are asking for everyone’s support. If you know of any foundations who support children with developmental disabilities that might wish to donate to the capital campaign, please tell them about this exciting project, which is truly a first in our nation. We need the support of the entire community to give every child and family a place to belong.

JAFCO Children’s Ability Center Capital Campaign Named Gifts

$1,000,000 & Above
Samuel & Adele Borger Campus
David Posnack Jewish Children’s Center
Stephen & Helene Weicholz Children’s Lodge
Sandi & Bob Morris Guest House
Sandi & Leonard Solomon Grand Ballroom

$750,000
Maurice D. & Margie Plough Main Gate Entry Circle

$150,000 - $749,999
Irving & Cherna Moskowitz Holy Ark
The Luis DE Torres Bahamas Synagogue/Anthony Chaim Gee/Nat Bernstein
Leslie & Joan Berman Donor Wall
Hahn Family Foundation Computer Wiz Lab
Rachel A. Sapoznik & Family Lodge General Store
Edward & Bernice Wenger Professional Zone
Ron & Deni Simon Marketing & Development Zone

$36,000
Richard Allen & Louise Jacowitz Allen Guest House Kitchen
M. Blume Staff Office
Sam & Phyllis Butters Vegetable Garden
Abe & Annie David Program Director's Office
Richard & Susan Finkelstein Pet Therapy Room
Ken Fisher Life Skills Pantry
Florida’s Voice on Developmental Disabilities Butterfly Garden
Mazie Golin Ford Butterfly Garden
Dorinne & Jeffrey Gerstin Staff Office
Mary & Dr. Gerry Glass Guest House Bedroom
Mara & Dr. Mel Gober Clinical Director’s Office
Lori & Dr. Lewis Gold Sensory & Relaxation Programming
Margery & Stephen Greenspan Guest House Bedroom
Steve Mutchnick & Cindy Naid Hannah Sensory & Relaxation Programming
Ursula & Leonard Hess Guest House Living Room
Leslie & Kimberly Kaminoff Butterfly Garden
Edwin Kaplan Guest House Living Room
Linda F. Kaplan Butterfly Garden
Nancy & Alfred J. Katzin Hummingbird Garden
Stephen & Lois Kaufman Guest House Bedroom
Kessner, Greenfield, Field & Kessner Staff Office/Nurses Station

$54,000 - $149,999
Lilyan Berkowitz Lodge Care Office
Irving Eckhardt Parent Resource Library
The Rutner Family Picnic & BBQ Area
Barry & Myra Cohen Parent Cafe Kitchen
Jerry Lindzon
Claire & Gerald Manowitz Ceramic Arts Studio
Rita Messner Serenity Elevator
Dave & Ethel Sommer Intergenerational Bridge
Gary Zimmerman Play & Party Room
Ralph & Anita Byer Music & Drama Studio
Frances Davis Classroom
Daniel & Judy Dobin Doctor’s Office
Perry & Tami Isenberg Play Therapy Room
Al & Jo Levine Vegetable Garden Gazebo
Judy Levis Markhoff ABA Therapy Room
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Introducing the Circle of Hope

To ensure the financial security and future of the JAFCO Children's Ability Center, a special and very meaningful giving circle has been created – The JAFCO Circle of Hope. This group of special individuals will receive a beautiful specially commissioned 14k gold pin featuring the branches of the JAFCO Tree of Life lovingly encircling a parent joyfully pushing her child on a swing. Members of the JAFCO Circle of Hope make a ten year pledge of $1800 per year. When paid automatically on a credit card at $150 per month, it is like a Saturday night dinner out for two, something we rarely think twice about doing. But these critical funds will allow us to open this vital center and provide respite care, child enrichment activities and therapy for the children as well as support services including parent support groups, counseling, case management and referral, sibling workshops, parent training, and 24 hour crisis support to hundreds of families in the tri-county area who are raising a child with a developmental disability.

Louise Jacowitz Allen
Susan & Mark Auerbach
Adele Borger
Judy & Arthur Canter
Myra & Barry Cohen
Judith & David Dines
Kim & Sean Fetterman
Rebecca Fischer
Dorinne & Jeffrey Gerstine
Melissa & Joshua Gerstine
Mara & Dr. Mel Gober
Lori & Lewis Gold
Lisa Goldberg & Stanford Blake
Sandra & Paul Goldner
Robin & Stephen Greene
Ellen & Gerald Greenspoon
Maty & David Herschtal
Ursula & Leonard Hess
Patti & Michael Jacobs
Carol & Mel Kantor
Harold Kaplan
Linda F. Kaplan
Nancy & Alfred Katzin
Stacey & Barry Labell
Marsha & Alan Levy
Delsie Lipton & Arthur Weinstock
Ollie & Jonathan Louis
Sandra & Arthur Mandell
Sharon & Irwin Margulis
Caryn & Darren Marsh
Sandi & Robert Morris
Andrea & James Orleans
Lucianna & Jared Perlin
Marjorie & Maurice D. Plough
Barbara & Jules Reich
Jamie & David Rosenberg
Robert & Fred Sachs
Lori & Steven Sadaka
Marlene & Jerome Scharf
Judi & Allan Schuman
Joann & Bruce Silk
Denise & Ronald Simon
Sandra & Charles Simon
Arie A. Taykan & Sylvia Kahana
Helene & Stephen Weicholz
Kimberly & Todd Weicholz
Lisa J. Sirota-Weiner & Douglas Weiner
Randi & David Winter

JAFCO Children's Ability Center Capital Campaign Naming Opportunities

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Two amazing emails that Ahron wanted to share with his entire JAFCO family, written this year during his Navy service in Israel.

Hi Aunt Sarah,

I know it’s been way too long and I am extremely sorry I haven’t been in touch. If you have been keeping up with news here you would understand that things are getting pretty hot, so I just wanted to let you know that I am ok. I am currently serving in the Israeli Navy in the patrol boats, the unit that I wanted from the beginning. Our responsibility is to watch over the Gaza Strip from the water and as you can tell from the news all rockets are coming from Gaza so we’re starting to get a little busy. You shouldn’t worry at all, honestly:) I’ve been through enough training to prepare for anything and everything. I just want to help stop all of this. I hope everybody is ok, I love and miss everyone.....

Ahron

Hi Aunt Sarah,

I have about a year left to my service and the things I’ve learned here, well I definitely learned a lot from the beginning ever since I first got here. I learned a lot about myself; I realized after all the ups and downs I’ve been through to get to where I am if I don’t give up I’ll reach my dream. I learned what true friends really are. I learned how to live on my own and how to manage with almost nothing when I need to and I’m starting to learn how to cook lol instead of eating fast food when I’m off. I learned how to sleep 4 to 5 hours a night for a week and still focus. I think I matured a lot meaning before I came to Israel I was “scared to hurt a fly” lol but now I can hold a weapon in my hand to protect a country I love and knowing that when I do I’m putting my life on the line yet I stand with confidence and feel proud to. After coming to Israel learning the language and seeing a whole different culture it really inspired me to want to travel and see more of the world after my service so hopefully I can follow that dream too:) Love, Ahron
Jungle Island Live, Laugh Lunch Event Raises $86,000

Above: Honored with lighting of the Candle of Hope; Martine Zinn, Rebecca Zyman, Linda F. Kaplan, [JAFCO Executive Director Sarah Franco], Estelle Lubliner and Sandi Morris.

Right: The Children at the JAFCO Children’s Village are blessed with 7 new Godparents and the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center has two new members of the Circle of Hope which provides operational support for the combined $7m it takes to operate all of the programs at both centers. (L-R) Children’s Ability Center Board Chair Louise Jacowitz Allen, Danielle Levin, Maty Herschthal, Ellen Greenspoon, Deborah Gaslow, Godparent Circle Chair and Board Trustee Helene Weicholz, Carol Sirotta, Board Trustee Dr. Lisa Sirotta-Weiner, South Miami Dade/Miami Beach Chapter President Jenny Diemar, Luncheon Chair and Board Trustee Glenda Krongold, Julie Paresky, Regina Weissler and Susan Silver.

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Above: The fabulous Jungle Island venue is home to the Annual JAFCO Luncheon honoring the chapter presidents from all of the JAFCO Chapters. This event is embedded in the hearts of this year’s Chair Glenda Krongold (C) and co-chairs Mara Gober (L) and Ellen Greenspoon (R).
Above: An event record-breaking 12 new donors joined the JAFCO Godparent Circle inspired by JAFCO’s life saving mission related to abused and neglected children in our community and dedicating ten years of love and support to all of the 500 JAFCO children being served today.

Left: The 2014 Chanukah Miracles Luncheon Committee Members, making miracles come true for the children of JAFCO.

Right: Elise Udelson, Rose Rubin, Fanny Hanono, Mirit Teifeld, Ferne Lentini Manne are honored with lighting the Candle of Hope, a JAFCO tradition of remembering the 5 children each day who senselessly die of abuse and neglect in the United States.

Above: Creating true miracles for the children of JAFCO at the Chanukah Miracles Luncheon are Aventura Chapter President Miri Mazor, 2014 Woman of Valor Rachel Sapoznik and Event Co-Chairs Barbara Amoils and Alex Bergman (with Joshua Michael in her tummy who was born this spring and already attended his first JAFCO event).

Below: Committee Members Wendy Sternlieb and Gail Zafran take a moment to enjoy the fabulous vendor boutique which helped raise funds to benefit our children.

During the luncheon, 4 new godparents committed to raising an entire generation of abused and neglected children (L-R) Robin Rubin, Amy Ross, Arlene Lieberman and (not pictured) Roberta Greenberg.

Below: Co-Chairs Marcie Butters, Dorinne Gerst in and Elise Repath have been involved in orchestrating the Meet the Author Luncheon since the event’s beginning.
2015 Mother’s Day South Palm Beach Luncheon

13th Annual Mother’s Day Luncheon at Boca West Country Club raised over $200,000

This year’s Mother’s Day Luncheon was a tremendous success! 504 guests shared a beautiful day while raising over $200,000 to benefit our precious children. The JAFCO Woman of the Year Award was presented to Marilyn Simon Weinberg for her love and dedication to supporting children in need.


Above: Honored with the lighting of the Candle of Hope to remember the 5 children that die each day in this country from abuse and neglect are: (L-R) Marilyn Levy, Linda Brodie, Roslyn Prevor, Judy Levis Markhoff, Shirley Weisman, Gayle Coleman Rader and Anne Jacobson.

Above: Joined by Godparent Circle Chair and Board Trustee Helene Weicholz (4th from left) and Godparent Caryn Marsh (3rd from right), six new godparents lovingly joined the Godparent Circle to spiritually adopt all the children of JAFCO. New godparents are Karen Burks, Anne Jacobson, Dawn Mazer, Elaine Schwartz, Karyn Turk and Cheryl Zeitz. Ehrla Cantor (second from right), recommitted as a godparent and was presented a commissioned candleholder by the artist himself, Yaacov Heller (right).

Below: JAFCO Chapter Advisory President Dorinne Gerstin (center) presents Co-Chairs Marci Langley (left) and Chris Miller (right) well-deserved flowers of appreciation for chairing another fabulous luncheon on behalf of the children of JAFCO.

Below: North Palm Beach/Jupiter Chapter Truly Have a Heart

The North Palm Chapter hosted its 6th Annual Have a Heart Luncheon and Card Party at Admiral’s Cove in Jupiter. This year’s event was the biggest yet – over 300 guests attended and raised $82,000 to care for the special children of JAFCO! We extend a heartfelt thanks to our dedicated Have a Heart Committee!

Below: Event Co-Chairs (L-R) Rhonda Levin, Susan Arbeiter and Denise Gottlieb with NPB Chapter President Dara Berger

The custom teddy bear centerpieces came back to the JAFCO Village for our children to love and enjoy.

Below: (L-R) North Palm Beach Chapter President Dara Berger, Co-Chair Susan Arbeiter, and Co-Chair and NPB VP Rhonda Levin.
Nearly 300 people celebrated JAFCO’s first-ever Dream Lounge…Making Dreams Happen for Children at Mario’s Osteria in Boca Raton raising $75,000 to fund dreams for the children of JAFCO. Couples danced the night away to music spun by DJ Derek Walin who brought the South Beach vibe up to Boca Raton.

Below: (L-R) Co-Chairs Kimberly Kaminoff, Lucianna Perlin, Nel Bloom and Jackie Tavares show off the Dream Tree. Guests picked “dreams” off the tree to make dreams come true for the children of JAFCO.

Above: Dream Lounge Committee enjoy a red carpet moment. (L-R) Wendy Walin, Jill Kravitz, Samantha Feingold Criss, Lucianna Perlin, Kimberly Kaminoff, Nel Bloom, Jackie Tavares and Claudia Harris.

Above: New members of JAFCO’s Godparent circle (L-R) Scott Miller, Dana Miller, Caroline Rosenberg, Todd Rosenberg.

Below: (L-R) Michael and Judi Rothberg join Nel and Jonathan Bloom to make dreams happen for the children of JAFCO.

Above: Veteran Co-Chairs Shelly Pittleman and Delsie Lipton produce another full day of fun, food and activities at the Andy Schultz Golf Classic while earning $54,000 for the children of JAFCO. The tournament at the beautiful Jacaranda Golf Club was sponsored by the Helping Hands Foundation in memory of Andy Schultz.

Team Kampa (below) wins First Place Low Gross and (above) First Place Low Net goes to Jeffrey Weiner’s Foursome.

Above: Melissa Gerstin and Sarah Finkelstein-Wolfe hosted a JAFCO baby shower sponsored by Elizabeth and Jesse Finkelstein at the Ocean Grande on Hillsboro Mile.

Above: Flywheel Event Co-chairs Lori Spodak and Loren Krongold created this first ever spinning event for the S. Miami/Miami Beach Chapter raising over $2,300 for the children of JAFCO and treating guests to a healthy morning of fitness, juice tasting, skin care instruction and great raffle prizes.

Century Village

JAFCO’s Century Village Pembroke Pines Board Members have been proudly raising funds under the leadership of the dedicated board. (L-R) Myra Olshansky, Elaine Berman, Frieda Meltzer, Chapter President Lois Marmelstein, Phyllis Weisbrot, Sheila Gruber and Celi Katz. Board Members not pictured: Flo Allfield, Carole Klugerman, Marilyn Singer and Miriam Smalkin.

Kings Point

Above: (L-R) At the King’s Point Tamarac Annual Membership Luncheon, Sondra Richman, Chapter President (of blessed memory), and Marilyn Shreiar, Chapter Vice President, honor Rita Messner as a Woman of Valor. Sarah Franco, JAFCO Executive Director, presented Rita with a beautiful award.

Heaven & Earth

6th Annual Heaven and Earth Salon Cut-A-Thon raised $19,000 in one day through employee donated salon services, raffles and amazing sponsorships! Salon Owner Larissa Kline co-chairs this yearly event with Lisa Simon and Fern Schneider. Salon staff, event committee and guests light the traditional JAFCO Candle of Hope.

Weston Spirit of Life Luncheon


Left: Honored with lighting the Candle of Hope are Elizabeth Van Lender, Susan Matz, and Michelle Ramer, assisted by Shelli Gold, JAFCO Director of Development Operations.

Below: Newly pinned Godparent Lois Osman, Recommitted Godparents Susan Matz and Marion Golen, JAFCO Weston/West Broward Chapter President Beth Salamone, Weston/ West Broward Chapter Founder and Advisor Mara Gober.

Plantation Game Day Plus!

Above: Chapter Vice President Gayle Pifer and Chapter President/Honoree Sharon Wender listen to the words expressed about a Woman of Valor as JAFCO Executive Director Sarah Franco presents the personalized watercolor award to Sharon for her many years of service to benefit the children of JAFCO.

Above: The Game Day Plus dedicated committee members create a beautiful event to compassionately honor Chapter President Sharon Wender while raising $22,000. (L-R) Allison Teisch, Sharon Jacobs Brown, Sandi Pestco, Gayle Pifer, Frances Sherkin, Fern Schneider, Merrie Zager, Arlene Pomeranz, Lorraine Smargon and Rosalind Burd.
Wynmoor

Thank you to Phyllis Peck, Norma Benrubi, Vivian Golden and Elaine Margolis for your many years of hard work and leadership of the Wynmoor Chapter of JAFCO, one of our very first chapters that began in the early 1990’s when very few people even knew about JAFCO and our mission. Your ability to raise funds and awareness about JAFCO’s services has helped make us the agency we are today. There is no possible way to adequately thank you, but the children send a huge hug from their hearts to yours.

Live Your Vision

Above: Barbara Greenspan Shaiman (R) inspired all of the attendees on How to Live Your Vision. The event was chaired by (L-R) Stuart A. Rader, VP of the JAFCO Children’s Foundation, Alice B. Newman, and Jon Sahn and was planned by the JAFCO Planned Giving Council.

Boynton Beach Happenings

A heartfelt thanks to this incredible club for organizing so many successful events to benefit our precious children. In total, Valencia Isles raised over $16,000 from the Valencia Isles Luncheon, Fashion Show and Boutique, Words & Wine, Valencia Card Party, Valencia Summer Supper, and the Snowbird Walk.

Thank you Wendy Galit and Dave Epstein for your tireless efforts on behalf of JAFCO!

Above: Valencia Isles members walked to raise funds to benefit JAFCO at the Valencia Isles 13th Annual 5K Snowbird Walk.

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Aventura

Villaggio raised $11,000 this year for JAFCO, thanks to Event Committee Ingrid Jaffe, Fran Schultz, Shellie Bergman and Shelley Mindlin who organized amazing gatherings!

Villaggio members enjoyed fabulous fashions, delicious food, an exciting boutique and amazing raffles at this year’s Villaggio Annual Luncheon & Fashion Show. In March, Villaggio Game Day brought 120 women together for a fun day playing their favorite games.

Thank you Villaggio!
Above: JAFCO Forever Friends Carole & Mel Kantor became Godparents at the 2014 Community Recognition Event held at the JAFCO Children's Village.

Below: Harvey Presement (pictured with wife, Ruth) created an amazing motorcycle rocking horse for the children in the Emergency Shelter in a woodworking class.

Above: Showing his support of JAFCO's mission Congressman Ted Deutch received a personal tour of the new Children's Ability Center as well as the JAFCO Children's Village.

Below: The National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO- South Florida) elected JAFCO as their annual GO Month (Get Organized Month) recipient for organizing work. In the past 3 years, including several times in 2014, various members of this chapter spent many generous hours organizing the JAFCO donation room, creating an efficient environment. These efforts are coordinated by Diane Hatcher of Time-Savers Professional Organizing Services, Inc. and Jennifer Alman of Organize and Systemize LLC. Standing (L-R) Diane Hatcher, Karen Auclair, Barbara Powell, Michelle Worthington, Christina Morris, Gail Biers, Donna Auston, Ilene Becker, Julianne Stamatyades. Seated: Elisabeth Abbrazia, Tatiana Knight, Linda Andrews, Ximena Lopez, Jennifer Alman, Gayle Jacobs.

Above: While visiting the JAFCO Jewish Children's Village, the Board of Congregation Yemei Teshuva presented Sarah Franco, JAFCO Executive Director, with a $25,000 donation. We truly appreciate the community support and love for the children of JAFCO!

Above: For her 90th Birthday Adele Borger (pictured here with her children Karen, Bruce and Hara) asked friends and family to donate to JAFCO in lieu of gifts. Adele and her late husband Sam made the first $1m gift to name the campus of the JAFCO Children's Ability Center.

Hair Cuttery keeps Children Beautiful Inside and Out Courtesy of Dennis Ratner

Hair Cuttery CEO and Founder Dennis Ratner cares deeply about the community in which he lives and works and the children of JAFCO hold a very special place in his heart. Every year he donates hundreds of haircuts to the children in the JAFCO Emergency Shelter, Group Home, Family Preservation and Foster Care Programs. “The first day of school, birthdays, holidays are extra special with a fashionable new hair style, it makes the children feel beautiful”, says Gail Marlow, JAFCO Development Officer. “Dennis and Julie are such a loving and caring couple and we are so blessed to have them as part of the JAFCO family. In addition, Dennis and Julie are generous donors to JAFCO and so many other wonderful charities”. Thank you both and to the Hair Cuttery for making this world more beautiful for our children.
The JAFCO Children’s Heroes...

JAFCO hosted its 16th Annual Heroes Gala on December 6, 2014 at the Polo Club of Boca Raton. Chaired by Carol and Stephen Winig and Nanci and Stephen Beyer, nearly 400 heroes gathered for the black-tie affair which featured a carnevale-themed cocktail reception, fine dining, silent and live auctions, eight-piece band, dancing and a heartwarming presentation about JAFCO’s life-saving work. During the gala, JAFCO presented the prestigious Jacob’s Ladder Award for Child Advocacy to Martha and Melvin Aronson, Tami and Perry Isenberg, and Nancy and Alfred Katzin. The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Claire and Gerald Manowitz.

Thanks to the generosity and commitment of our Heroes, the Gala raised $520,000 for the precious children of JAFCO!

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...Raise $520,000 at the Gala

Above: The 2014 JAFCO Heroes Gala committee are also heroes for the children of JAFCO. (L-R) Seated: Committee Co-Chairs Carol Winig and Nanci Beyer. Standing: Lucianna Perlin, Jackie Tavares, Chris Miller, Sylvia Kahana, Bernice Wenger, Marlene Aron, Janet Fabricant, Kimberly Kaminoff, Nancy Gitlin, Karen Burks, Julie Peyton Stein, Bari Zahalsky and Joan Hauser. Not pictured: Nel Bloom, Linda Brodie, Keri Caston, Dorinne Gerstin, Monica Goldstein, Natalie Herzog, Jean Knobel, Marci Langley, Charlotte Robinson, Michelle Ross and Helene Weicholz.

Above: Moved by the heartfelt speech of one of the JAFCO alumni, 19 families were pinned as JAFCO Godparents (in alpha order): Joan Baxt, Elise and Peter Blumenthal, Jeffrey Bovarnick, Ruth and Louis Brause, Carol and Mel Cantor, Kim and Steve Fields, Patricia and Brian Garson, Harold Kaplan, Bunny and Arnold Katz, Joan and Myron Kaufman, Myrna and Robert Kopf, Tamara and Richard Morgenstern, Gayle Coleman Rader and Stuart Rader, Jamie and David Rosenberg, Lois Hollander and Steve Schlosser, Mishelle and Keith Singer, Sara and Gadi Soued, Helen and Nathan Stofberg, and Board Trustee Gary Zimmerman.

Above: Honored with the emotional Candle of Hope are very special members of the JAFCO family: (L-R) MENSCH College Fund Endowment Benefactors Paul and Sandra Goldner, Louis and Donna Greenberg, Joan Baxt, Beverly Victor, Kim and Todd Weicholz, and Joan and Paul Hauser.
Mel and Martha Aronson firmly believe that “when you give it always comes back to you – tenfold” and this has been the philosophy of their life and their journey with JAFCO.

Mel and Martha Aronson first met twelve years ago at Einstein’s Bagels. Martha rode up on her bicycle and asked Mel to watch it for her while she went inside to get a bagel. A week later, as fate would have it, they bumped into each other again at Max’s and this time Mel was not letting her get away. The rest of this romantic story is history and they were married six months later.

Mel and Martha share their time between Boca Raton, Florida, and Ogunquit, Maine. Raised in Cambridge, Massachusetts, after serving his country in WWII, Mel Aronson graduated from Northeastern in 1956 with a degree in Pharmacy. He became a consummate health science entrepreneur, founding New England Home Health Care Supply, a successful medical supply provider, and next establishing Suburban Ostomy Supply, a wholesaler of medical supplies and home healthcare products. Today, both companies are leaders in the industry. Mel is also proud of his work at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS), where he created two certification courses which quickly became key components of the school’s curriculum. True to his generous character, Mel always considered his seven years at MCPHS as another way to give back by requesting that administrators put his pay toward scholarships. Regarding his alma mater, Mel says, “I came from humble beginnings, and the University gave me a chance. I wouldn’t be where I am today without Northeastern.”

Martha enjoyed a successful career in finance and then owned her own cake company in Boca Raton for many years. Between them Mel and Martha have four children: Ricky and Beth, Debbie and Rick, Lisa and Steve, Christopher and Diana. Their seven grandchildren ranging in age from 12 to 24, are Jennifer, Matthew, Jaime, Rachel, Benee, Allyson and Noah. They recently welcomed their 8th grandchild.

Mel and Martha have been long time supporters of JAFCO after being introduced to the charity by Sandi and Bob Morris who invited them to sit at their table at the JAFCO Gala at Mar a Lago, in 2005. “As soon as we saw the video, we were both crying and immediately hooked”, says Martha. That night they immediately made a generous donation and then became Godparents to all of the children of JAFCO – children who hold a special place in their heart due to the trauma they have suffered as a result of abuse and neglect. Mel and Martha have supported many JAFCO events over the years and just recently, after an invitation by Sandi Morris to see her Guest House at the new Children’s Ability Center, they made a generous capital gift to name a bedroom where a child with Autism could spend a weekend or a week, offering much needed respite to the family. The center provides state-of-the-art family support, treatment and respite to families raising a child with Autism or any other developmental disability, an issue that has personally and deeply touched the Aronson’s lives and their family, as one of their granddaughters has been diagnosed with Autism. “When we started with JAFCO nine years ago, we never believed that one day we would be personally touched by the work JAFCO does. It’s so hard to believe, one minute you’re helping other kids and families and then all of a sudden JAFCO is there to help you. It’s almost as if it was meant to be all along”, says Martha. “JAFCO is such an amazing charity and we are so proud to be a part of it, thank you Sandi for introducing us.”

In addition to their love for JAFCO, Mel and Martha are especially dedicated to giving back to Northeastern University. Their longstanding loyalty and generosity to the university is epitomized by the Lab that bears Mel’s name as well as his Scholarship Fund which enables Northeastern to continue providing outstanding educational opportunities for its students who are in need of financial support. Mel and Martha are also generous donors to the Cleveland Clinic and Johns Hopkins Medical Center and many other charities in the community. Their love for each other, their family and philanthropy are the key elements in their life together.

JAFCO is so very proud to have presented the 2014 Jacob’s Ladder Award for Child Advocacy to Martha and Mel Aronson.

When you give it always come back to you – tenfold
Meet Jacob’s Ladder Honorees Tami & Perry Isenberg

Just as someone planted for me, I now plant for my children and for the future

There is a story in the Midrash of an old man who was planting a fig tree. A young man was walking by and asked the older man if he really expected to live long enough to eat the fruit of the tree. The old man replied, “just as someone planted for me, I now plant for my children and for the future”. This story has a profound meaning for Tami and Perry Isenberg. Since they became involved with JAFCO, the Isenberg family has continually planted seeds for future generations of children to ensure that every child has a safe and loving home and a place to belong.

After reading about JAFCO in the newspaper and the plans to build an innovative respite and resource center for children with developmental disabilities, the Isenbergs were genuinely interested in finding out more about JAFCO. They took a tour of the existing JAFCO Children’s Village, watched the heart-wrenching video and witnessed firsthand the incredible needs of abused children within their own community. They knew immediately that they wanted to get involved with the incredible life-saving work that JAFCO does.

Originally from Ontario, Canada, Tami is from Pembroke and Perry hails from Toronto, they made the move down to Florida in 1999 to be closer to family, which is most important to them. Tami and Perry are the very proud parents of fifteen year old twins. “Ronni and David are adorable, outgoing, bright high school sophomores who attend Pine Crest School in Fort Lauderdale and have already begun to follow in the philanthropic and compassionate footsteps of their parents”, says Sarah Franco, JAFCO Executive Director. For Tami and Perry, some of their most meaningful experiences with JAFCO have been watching their children being involved with the children of JAFCO. “When the children and I were volunteering at the shelter, making pizzas and decorating cookies, I was able to help them see first-hand how small gestures can bring incredible pleasure to others,” Tami explained. “The look of excitement on Ronni’s face was priceless as she completed her Bat Mitzvah fundraising project for JAFCO. On her own, Ronni planned an entire kid’s luncheon and fashion show with all of her closest friends and family in attendance. Her brother David was right there by her side for the entire day to help.” Ronni and David share their love for others less fortunate by also finding time to help other charities including In Jacob’s Shoes and Becca’s Closet.

The Isenbergs are members of the JAFCO Godparent Circle and Founders Circle, they created a Bar Mitzvah Fund for the children who live at the Village and named the Play Therapy room at the new Children’s Ability Center. Over the years, the Isenbergs have invited their friends to attend the annual JAFCO Gala and were overwhelmed and delighted when their guests immediately made a financial commitment to become Godparents to all of the children of JAFCO. The most significant event, however, for the Isenbergs this year was to finally see the dream of the Children’s Ability Center come to life at the Grand Opening. Their children attended the event with them and when they learned of the Million Dollar Mezuzah Madness Campaign to raise $1m in operating funds to open the center, Ronni and David did not hesitate to step up and buy a mezuzah for $3,600 with their own money.

Perry is a successful entrepreneur and Tami is a stay at home mom, but even with their busy schedules, they are both fiercely committed to philanthropic endeavors. In addition to JAFCO, they are involved with their temple (Kol Tikvah in Parkland), In Jacob’s Shoes, Jewish Family Services, Jewish Federation of Broward County and AIPAC. When they find some free time, Perry likes to fit in golf and Tami enjoys yoga.

With an amazing attitude and generous spirit of Tikkun Olam, the Isenbergs have been incredible role models for their children and family and for the entire community. “Thanks to the Isenberg Family, the world is truly a better place”, says Sarah Franco. “They are a blessing to JAFCO, to our children and our entire community.”

JAFCO is truly honored to have presented the 2014 Jacob’s Ladder Award for Child Advocacy to Tami And Perry Isenberg.
Meet Jacob’s Ladder Honorees Nancy & Alfred J. Katzin

“It is every man’s obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it.” Nancy and Fred Katzin live by this meaningful philosophy of Albert Einstein, except they put much more back into the world than they take out.

In 2000, it was Nancy who first “discovered” JAFCO after receiving an invitation to a JAFCO luncheon, and although she had heard about JAFCO, she didn’t truly understand the purpose of the agency. At the luncheon Nancy was instantly mesmerized by the program, the mission and of course the children of JAFCO. Nancy came home from the luncheon and could not stop talking to Fred about the stories of Jewish children who had been abused and neglected and how JAFCO basically saved their lives. That special day was only the beginning of what is now a fourteen year wonderful relationship with JAFCO.

Fred is a southern gentleman from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, who became a South Floridian over fifty years ago. Nancy was born and raised in New York, and she and Fred have been married for over 33 years. Between them they are the proud parents of four children (Jill, Barbara, Richard and Barbara) and seven wonderful grandchildren. Their daughter Barbara is a graphic artist and mother of Cory and Jordan. Their son Richard works in Employee Benefits and is the father of Erica, Samantha and Julia. Their other daughter Barbara is a professional organizer and author of a recently published book “Secrets of an Organized Mom” and she and her husband Jeffrey Reich are the proud parents of twins Rebecca and Matthew.

Fred spent his career as a highly respected CPA as a Principal with Levenson, Katzin and Ballota, PA. for 54 years. While recently semi-retired, Fred still remains involved with his clients, but he now spends more of his time focused on his charitable endeavors and his family. Nancy is a retired dental hygienist and was a clinical instructor at Miami-Dade Community College School of Dental Hygiene. She enjoys reading, playing Mah Jongg and assisting the JAFCO chapters in raising funds and awareness. “It is always so great to see Nancy’s smiling face at our events”, says Gail Marlow, JAFCO Development Officer. Nancy’s love for our children is so heartwarming”. Fred and Nancy’s marriage is based on a love they share for each other as well as their strong connection with Judaism and their temple. Together they also enjoy cooking, sporting events and traveling around the world. They have just returned from their second trip to China.

Fred decided to surprise Nancy on her birthday in 2002, and arranged for her to be pinned as a JAFCO Godparent during a luncheon she was attending. JAFCO Godparents spiritually adopt all the children of JAFCO with a ten year commitment of $18,000 to provide for their basic needs. Fred then joined the JAFCO Board of Trustees in 2007. In 2013, Fred and Nancy became capital donors to the new JAFCO Children’s Ability Center, naming a hummingbird garden. Fred also sits on the JAFCO Children’s Foundation Board, he is the Treasurer for the new Children’s Ability Center Board and a member of the newest JAFCO NE Communities Board which is charged with the oversight and development of our new and exciting NE office in Philadelphia. “Fred is the consummate board member – always responsive and available to the needs of the organization while taking his role as a board member very seriously”, said Sarah Franco. “He not only lends us his expertise as a CPA and as seasoned board member, but also lends us his heart and soul each and every day.”

In addition to their generosity and devotion to JAFCO, Nancy and Fred are also involved with many other charities. Nancy served on the Board of Directors for Temple Solel and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the David Posnack JCC. Fred currently serves as the Chairman of the Board for Miami Jewish Health Systems, and also sits on the Temple Solel Board of Directors where he and Nancy have been members for 34 years. The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, American Diabetes Association and the United Way of Broward County are just some of the charities that the Katzins generously support. Nancy and Fred were the 2013 recipients of the esteemed Israel 65 Award presented at the International Prime Minister’s Club Dinner by the State of Israel Bonds.

JAFCO is honored to have presented the 2014 Jacob’s Ladder Award for Child Advocacy to Nancy and Fred Katzin.

Put more into the world than you take out
Meet Lifetime Achievement Honorees Claire & Gerald Manowitz

The Manowitz family, Claire and Jerry and their daughters Barbara and Randi fondly recall their modest beginnings in Cliffside Park, New Jersey. Jerry manufactured handbags, while Claire was involved in everything from work to play but most importantly in helping the underdog whenever she could. She always made sure she shared with those around her something precious that her own family always had...LOVE. “Dad taught us to respect ourselves and always respect others”, says daughter Barbara. “Mom taught us to love everyone and never give up,” says daughter Randi. This simple philosophy in addition to a deep commitment to philanthropy has been passed down through the generations of the Manowitz Family.

The moment she first heard that there were abused and neglected children in the Jewish community that needed a home, Claire Manowitz called JAFCO and that same day she met with JAFCO Executive Director Sarah Franco. “I can remember that meeting so vividly,” says Sarah. Before she left my office, Claire looked at me and said, “Don’t worry, I am going to help you build a home for the children.” “I had received offers of help before, but somehow I knew Claire’s offer was different.” In fact, Sarah was right. Claire jumped right in, immediately hosting the first JAFCO luncheon ever, squeezing fifty guests into her living room one day. By the end of that afternoon she would establish the first Chapter of JAFCO in the Woodmont Country Club community. To ensure the success of the chapter, Claire asked her dear friends Carol and Milt Sirotta and others to take on the leadership role of the chapter and humbly credits them with the success of the chapter over the years.

Following Claire’s lead, a dozen other chapters in the tri-county area would follow suit over the next twenty years, forming an incredible base of grass roots community support which still continues to this day. The Woodmont Chapter created the Annual JAFCO Golf tournament which over the years, attracted hundreds of dedicated donors, including Helene and Steve Weicholz, who would later collectively donate $2M of the $6M needed to complete the construction of the JAFCO Jewish Children’s Village in 2002.

The Golf tournament continues to this day, taking place every year on the Sunday of President's Day weekend and the entire Manowitz Family is always in attendance. The JAFCO Children’s Village has provided a home for over 1,000 children and is the only village of its kind in the Jewish community in the nation. Over the years Claire has come up with dozens of fundraising ideas including homemade dolls, purses and more – all to benefit the children.

Claire and Jerry Manowitz have been married for 64 wonderful years. They are both founding board members of the JAFCO Board of Trustees and have given their time, love and financial support to JAFCO’s children over the past twenty years as Forever Friends, Recommitted Godparents, Legacy and Capital Donors.

JAFCO is a family affair for the Manowitz Family including Claire and Jerry’s daughter Barb who is married to Richard (aka Yogi) MacKenzie and daughter Randi who is married to Gary Stein. Granddaughter Tracy is married to Rob Winters and they have three beautiful children, Dillon, Lucas and Josie. Their granddaughter Shayna is in high school and volunteers regularly at the JAFCO Children’s Emergency Center. Granddaughter Jessie has a successful career in real estate.

Ghandi once said “The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others.” The Manowitz Family is truly part of the heart and soul of JAFCO and we feel truly blessed to have had the service and the love of this wonderful couple and their family. It is with much love, respect and gratitude that we presented the 2014 JAFCO Lifetime Achievement Award to Claire and Jerry Manowitz.

The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others
To be asked to be the Godparent for a child is one of the greatest honors in life. The children of JAFCO are asking you to become their Godparent.

JAFCO Godparents spiritually “adopt” an abused child to ensure that they have everything they need. As a Godparent you welcome the child to the beauty of the world and to Judaism. The JAFCO Godparent Circle has been created to ensure that each JAFCO child will have a wonderful life filled with every opportunity that our own children have.

JAFCO Godparents make a commitment to support the children of JAFCO for ten years with a gift of $1,800 a year, less than $5 a day. Two special 14k gold pins have been created featuring the JAFCO logo which symbolizes our mission - a child swinging joyously on the tree of life. The women’s pin features a moveable swing with either a boy or a girl on the swing and can also be worn on a necklace. The men’s lapel pin is black onyx with gold inlay.

Becoming a Godparent is about saving the lives of an entire generation of children who need your protection. Since it is the perfect birthday or anniversary gift, you can become a Godparent at any time of the year and it would be our honor to pin you at one of our JAFCO events. Your name will join our wall of honor at the JAFCO Jewish Children’s Village.

Godparents for Life

At the 2010 JAFCO Gala, Co-Chair Cindy Niad Hannah and her husband Steve Mutchnick announced that not only were they renewing their godparent pledge for a second ten year commitment, but that they were committing to remain JAFCO Godparents for the rest of their lives. Because of their generosity we are officially announcing the Godparents for Life option for our JAFCO Godparents. This commitment offers the children of JAFCO even greater security for their future. The following Godparents have committed to be JAFCO Godparents for Life.

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Joan & Leslie Berman
Nanci & Stephen Beyer
Dorinne & Jeffrey Gerstin
Mara & Dr. Mel Gober
Lori & Lewis Gold
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Lois Hollander & Stephen Schlosser
Nancy & Alfred Katzin
Claire & Jerry Manowitz
Cindy Niad Hannah & Steve Mutchnick
Sandi & Charles Simon
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Lisa J. Sirota-Weiner & Douglas Weiner
Haley & Adam Walker
Helene & Stephen Weicholtz
Marilyn & Jay Weinberg
Dona Weinraub

Recommitted Godparents

In addition to their first ten-year godparent pledge, these loving and compassionate donors have recommitted to become Godparents to raise another generation of children at the JAFCO Children’s Village by making a second pledge of $18,000 over the next ten years.

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Richard Allen
Martha & Melvin Aronson
Nel & Jonathan Bloom
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Annie & Abraham David
Fern & Alvin Davis
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Gilda & Mitchell Howell
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Maria Bergmann
Doris Berkell
Lilyan Berkowitz
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Joan & Leslie Berman
Melinda & Michael Berman
Rhoda & Henri Burtch
Nanci & Stephen Beyer
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Cathy & Kenneth Bierman
Angela & Louis Birdman
Olga & Alex Blavatnik
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Major Donor Appreciation Cocktail Reception

Thank you to Bernice and Ed Wenger who happily stepped up to sponsor the Annual Donor Thank You Cocktail Reception held on April 19th at the beautiful Ocean Grande on Hillsboro Mile in Hillsboro Beach. Attendees included the Founders Circle ($100,000+ in lifetime giving), Legacy Circle Donors who have put the children of JAFCO into their will, as well as Godparents and Circle of Hope members (to benefit the new JAFCO Children’s Ability Center) who make an annual gift of $1,800 a year for a minimum of 10 years and donors who have made a Capital Gift to the JAFCO Children’s Village and/or to the new JAFCO Children’s Ability Center.

as of May 31, 2015
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Representing the 4 JAFCO Boards for the Candle of Hope are: Fred Katzin, Board Member for the Children’s Ability Center, Philip & Marcia Cohen for the Northeast Communities in Philadelphia, Dr. Ron Simon for the JAFCO Children’s Village and Stephen Weicholz, Board President for the JAFCO Children’s Foundation.
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When your business partners with JAFCO you not only help abused and neglected children and those with disabilities in our community, but you also connect and highlight your company with 65,000 donors in the JAFCO family from all over South Florida, Philadelphia, NY, NJ and around the country. Our Business Partnership packages can be tailored to any budget and to meet your individual needs allowing you to attend and sponsor multiple events throughout the year in your area and receive recognition in this printed newsletter which is also posted on our website and emailed to all of our donors. To set up a private business partnership plan, please contact Development Officer Gail Marlow at 954.315.8698 or email gail@jafco.org

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Congratulations to the young adults who have been admitted to the JAFCO Bar/Bat Mitzvah Circle and our other Mitzvah Children!

Koby Krinsky & Scott Hellinger
Below: Mitzvah boys Koby Krinsky (L) and Scott Hellinger (R), shown here with their moms Linda Krinsky and Nanci Hellinger, created an event in Miami-Dade around their love for fishing: the 1st Annual Fam Slam Fishing Classic. Friends and family joined them for a fun-filled day on the water. The tournament raised over $3,600 to benefit the children of JAFCO. Way to go, Koby and Scott!

Olivia Galel
Above: Olivia Galel has been learning about JAFCO and philanthropy for years from her parents, JAFCO Godparents Jill and Yori Galel; so for her Bat Mitzvah project she knew she wanted to raise money for a critical need within the Village. The Group homes needed all new refrigerators so Olivia requested her friends and family to help her provide the Village with as many as possible. With their help she raised $2,000 to purchase new refrigerators for the Children’s Village.

Billy Milgrim & Karly Friedland
Below: For their Mitzvah Project, Billy Milgrim and Karly Friedland of Hollywood, FL, created an exciting tennis event to benefit JAFCO: The Kids Serving Kids Tennis Tournament. The tournament was a huge success and raised over $1,100! 30 players, ages 7 – 25, had a great day on the courts playing tennis while serving up love for the children of JAFCO!! Thank you, Billy and Karly, for organizing this event to help our children.

Madyson Gold
Above: When celebrating her Bat Mitzvah, Madyson Gold was influenced by her Aunt Dayna Steele’s (motivational business keynote speaker) mission to provide laptops to young students. So Madyson donated proceeds from her Bat Mitzvah to purchase Acer Chromebook Laptops and presented them to two recipients in the JAFCO Children’s Village. Thank you, Madyson, for helping to set up our students for success!

Jonas Senker
Above: For his Bar Mitzvah project Jonas Senker wanted to help the children of JAFCO through his passion for skateboarding. His cool mitzvah project generated $1,600 for JAFCO! Thank you Jonas for this great effort, and Mazel Tov to you and your entire family on your Bar Mitzvah!
MORE MITZVAH CHILDREN

Stephen Port $3,000  
Max Ryan Goldfine $2,536  
Blake Ockman $1,086  
Gabi Kurzer & Raquel Wengrowsky $1,000  
Brina Cartagenova $793

Other Mitzvah Kids

Jack Bergman, Michael Berenstein, Ethan Bohm, Neil Daiksel,  
Zachary Feinstein, Joley Futernick, Kyle Benjamin Grosman,  
Sammy Heller, Jaron, Katz, Shayne Lalle, Kyle Lampert,  
Amanda Levy, Gad Lisker, Yair Lisker, Harrison Margulies,  
Alicia Anna Rodriguez, Brandon Rozales, Justin Swartz, Max Swickle,  
Max Tauber, Jill Tescher, Ross Zachary Vaygzensberg, Karina Zack

All gifts directly benefit the children of JAFCO. All “Mitzvah Kids” and their families are invited for a private meeting at the JAFCO Village where they are presented with a beautiful framed certificate honoring them for helping save the life of an abused child.

To plan your JAFCO Mitzvah project contact 
Director of Development Operations, Shelli Gold at shelli@jafco.org.

as of May 31, 2015

Zoey Fox Snider
Above: Incredible $2,000+ Fundraising Effort to benefit the Children of JAFCO by Zoey Fox-Snider (pictured with her Mom in front of the ark at the JAFCO Children’s Village)

Ben Schiller
Above: Ben collected much needed sports equipment for the children of JAFCO.

Lexi Ginsburg
Above: Lexi loving created the Blanket Project so each child at JAFCO could have a blanket of their own.


Above: Ilana Hutzler creates her 3rd Annual Piano Recital for friends and family to benefit the children JAFCO by sending them to summer camp. Other performers included her brother Aidan on piano, as well as Julia Gordon and Lorrie Axelrod playing violin. (L-R) Julia Gordon, Aidan Hutzler, Ilana Hutzler, Lorrie Axelrod.

Above: Nickelodeon Star from “Every Witch Way”….. Jason Drucker hosts (14) JAFCO kids and staff to Family Day at the Marlin’s Stadium, including transportation and meals, out of the goodness of his young heart!
Endowments & Special Purpose Funds

Please help JAFCO secure the future of our children – saving the life of a child is the best investment you can make. You may place your family name on one of the following endowments needed to secure the future of JAFCO. All endowments are restricted to the purpose for which they were created and only the earned interest is used, allowing the endowment and your family name to continue saving the lives of children in perpetuity. With a minimum gift of $25,000 (payable over five years) you can establish your own family fund or you can contribute to an existing fund with a gift of any amount. As the fund creator you can decide how the funds are to be used, either for current operations or as an endowment for the future where only earned interest is used. To discuss naming one of the following endowments and payment terms, please call Development Officer, Gail Marlow at 954.315.8698

Endowment Opportunities

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Existing Named Endowments and Special Funds

**The Paul & Sandra Goldner MENSCH Endowment**
$1,000,000 - Created to ensure that every JAFCO child has the same opportunity as their children and grandchildren to receive an excellent education and mentoring that will help them become a “Mensch”.

**The Vicki & Steven Stolberg College Scholarship Award**
$125,000 - Created to provide college or vocational school experiences to the children of JAFCO who are working hard to succeed in life, beginning in their senior year of high school and following them to college graduation.

**The Barry & Myra Cohen Cultural Arts & Music Endowment**
$100,000 - Created to enhance the cultural and musical experiences of the children of JAFCO who might not otherwise have the opportunities to experience these life enriching opportunities.

**The Lois & Stephen Kaufman College Endowment**
$64,000 - Created by Lois and Stephen Kaufman in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary to provide college or vocational school experiences to the children of JAFCO who are working hard to succeed in life, beginning in their senior high school year and following them to college graduation.

**The Clare & Richard Lesser Children of JAFCO Endowment**
$50,000 - Created to provide for the ongoing needs of the children of JAFCO.

**The Brenda Wallach Forever Friends Endowment**
$50,000 - Created by Arthur Adler in loving memory of his sister Brenda who was a dedicated mentor in the Forever Friends Program for many years, sharing her generous heart and warm smile with the children of JAFCO.

**The Tami & Perry Isenberg Bar/Bat Mitzvah Endowment**
$28,000 - Created to ensure that every JAFCO child has the opportunity to have a beautiful Bar/Bat Mitzvah by being called to the Torah for the most special and holy ritual of our Jewish heritage followed by a wonderful celebration.

**The Marge Flanz* Alumni Circle Endowment**
$25,000 - Created in loving memory of JAFCO Trustee Marge Flanz, to support the activities and ongoing development of the JAFCO Alumni Circle and to provide assistance to deserving JAFCO alumni as they make the difficult transition from foster care to young adulthood.
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| **Norman & Stephanie Altman Cultural Arts Fund** |
| $25,000 - Created to provide cultural arts experiences for the children of JAFCO that will lift their spirits and touch their soul in a meaningful way by providing music lessons, tickets to concerts, and theater performances. |

| **Alan & Noni Aufzien College Graduation Gift Fund** |
| $25,000 - Created to recognize each JAFCO child for the enormous accomplishment of completing their college degree with a gift of $1,000 to help them begin their journey as adults. |

| **Sam & Adele Borger Birthday Fund** |
| $25,000 - Created by their children in honor of Sam and Adele Borger to provide the children of JAFCO a memorable birthday party, often their first. |

| **Chelminsky Family Hebrew School Fund** |
| $25,000 - Created to enrich the lives of the children of JAFCO by exposing them to the beauty of Judaism by providing holiday celebrations, Hebrew school and Bar and Bat Mitzvahs for the children of JAFCO. |

| **Jesse Diner & Adele Stone New Beginnings Educational Fund** |
| $25,000 - Created in honor of Ellyn & Steve Bogdanoff and Anita & Ralph Byer who have both opened their homes as JAFCO foster parents, this fund will enhance the lives of JAFCO’s college age children by providing them with higher educational opportunities in order to break the cycle of abuse and neglect. |

| **Michelle Herman Goldstein* Emergency Fund** |
| $25,000 - Created by her family in loving memory of Michelle who was senselessly killed on 9-11, provides emergency funds for our JAFCO Shelter: food, clothing, medical attention, and therapy for the most vulnerable infants and children who come to us in the middle of the night. |

| **Jeffrey Gruber Recreational Fund** |
| $25,000 - Created by Sheila and Richard Gruber in loving memory of their son Jeffrey. This fund provides fun filled experiences for the children in keeping with Jeffrey’s beautiful smile and spirit. |

| **Lederman-Wolfe March of the Living & Birthright Fund** |
| $25,000 - Created by Jacque and Marty Lederman in order to create a living bridge from the past to the present so we will never forget. This fund will provide the opportunity for JAFCO children to participate in Birthright and in the March of the Living where they will first gain an understanding of the darkness of the Holocaust followed by our bright future in Israel. |

| **Eric & Debbie Nemiroff Music Education Fund** |
| $25,000 - Created to spread the love that they share as a family, with their son Sam, for music and the arts by providing the children of JAFCO with drama and music experiences. |

| **Roslyn Prevor College Scholarship Fund** |
| $25,000 - Created by Roz’s children Abbe and Barry Prevor on the occasion of their son Harrison’s Bar Mitzvah to provide spending money to the children in JAFCO’s Independent Living Program who are attending college. |

| **Lawrence S. & Helene Price Family Fund** |
| $25,000 - Created by their children in their honor to provide ongoing support throughout the years for all of the children of JAFCO. |

| **Dr. Abraham & Dorothy Shapiro Family Fund** |
| $25,000 - Created to provide emergency medical care for the children at the JAFCO Jewish Children’s Village through an annual Yom Kippur Book of Remembrance created by the Boca Lago Congregation. |

| **Two Ziegler Boys Camp Scholarship Fund** |
| $25,000 - Created by Joan Baxt in honor of her two grandsons so that the children of JAFCO will have the same joyful summer camp experience as any other children. |

| **Gary Zimmerman Shabbat Fund** |
| $25,000 - Created to provide a meaningful monthly Shabbat experience for the children living at the JAFCO Jewish Children’s Village, teaching them the importance of spending Shabbat as a day of peace and gratitude. |
What we do for ourselves alone…………ends with us.
What we do for others and the word remains………and is immortal.

Redefining the word philanthropy, Helene and Steve Weicholz first became involved with JAFCO nineteen years ago after attending the annual JAFCO Golf Tournament at Woodmont Country Club. “It was then that we learned of JAFCO’s work on behalf of South Florida children,” says Helene Weicholz. “JAFCO needed a residential campus including a Crisis Center to be utilized as a safe haven for abused and neglected children. We were so impressed with this organization that the Weicholz Family Foundation decided to take the lead with a $1 million dollar gift to provide financial support to build the Children’s Village campus. Now that the Weicholz Family Campus is complete, we take great pleasure in seeing how many young lives are being saved by JAFCO”. Helene and Steve never come to the Village without spending time with the babies in the shelter, always wishing they could take them all home.

In addition to their financial support of JAFCO, Steve and Helene have given their time and guidance to the agency as active members of the JAFCO Board of Trustees. Steve has served as the President of the JAFCO Children’s Foundation. Steve’s participation on the JAFCO Finance and Investment Committee has had a tremendous impact on both the security and growth of our assets. In addition to being an active participant on our annual gala and women’s luncheon committee, Helene has taken on a significant role as Chair of the JAFCO Godparent Circle, an exclusive group of donors who understand the value of the life of a child and are committed to ensuring that every JAFCO child has everything they need in life. The JAFCO Godparent Circle has now grown to over 600 families due to Helene’s passion and leadership. Helene and Steve and each of their children are members of the JAFCO Godparent Circle.

Seven years ago the Weicholz’ s saw the need to step up to help families struggling to raise a child with a developmental disability. They decided to make one of the lead $1 million gifts to the JAFCO Children’s Ability Center naming the Steve & Helene Weicholz Children’s Lodge. In September 2014 the center opened and now families are able to get the help and support they need to navigate this often difficult journey. The concept of philanthropy has transcended through the generations of the Weicholz Family. The Marsh Family Center is home to JAFCO’s Emergency Children’s Shelter. Caryn and Darren Marsh and their children Carli, Nikki, Brandon and Daniel have supported JAFCO throughout the years by fulfilling the Chanukah wish lists of the children, giving the JAFCO children their first experience at Disney World and regularly donating toys, clothing, and concert and event tickets in the Weicholz Family sky box. Kimberly and Todd Weicholz along with their children Justin, Ashley and Matthew have also donated clothes, toys and furniture for the children and for the Village. Scott, Todd and Darren literally lit up the Children’s Village during the last hurricane and personally purchased and installed generators for the entire six-acre campus. And all of the Weicholz grandchildren dedicated and hung a mezuzah with their parents and grandparents to bless the new Children’s Ability Center during a special family ceremony.

In addition to all that they have done for JAFCO in their lifetime, Steve and Helene have also provided for the future generations of children by making a very generous gift to JAFCO in their estate and in doing so they will live on forever in the hearts of the children of JAFCO. They encourage everyone to consider leaving a legacy that is meaningful. “It feels so good to know that we are changing the world forever with our legacy gift that will last forever”, says Helene. “Everyone should leave a little something for charity in their will, especially for JAFCO. If we don’t take care of the children, who will?” JAFCO is forever grateful to our grand benefactors Steve and Helene Weicholz for their love, support and guidance.

We are thrilled to announce that Steve and Helene have just been selected to receive the 2015 National Philanthropy Day Outstanding Philanthropist Award on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at the AFP Luncheon at Signature Grand, Davie. Everyone is invited to join them for this very special occasion. You may purchase a journal ad or luncheon ticket at www.afpbroward.org or call Janet Epstein at the JAFCO office at 954.315.8696 or janet@jafco.org

Mazel Tov Helene and Steve on this well-deserved honor! With love from your JAFCO Family.
Honoring the JAFCO Legacy Circle

Honoring those members of the JAFCO family who have included the precious children of JAFCO in their will or estate plan

Estate of Ann Jacobs

Annie Adler Estate
Louise Jacowitz Allen
Richard Allen
Julia Atkins Estate
Ruth & Charles Barbash Estate
Amy & Stanley Baumwald
Millicent & Benjamin Bauer Estate
Doris & Allen* Bender
Beverly & Phil Berman Estate
Nanci & Stephen Beyer
Constance & David Blacher
Vivian & Theodore Black Estate
Eugene Blond Estate
Helen & Herbert Borger Estate
Robin Bordewick
Adele & Samuel* Borger
Bruce Borger
Helen Borger
Karen Borger
Celia Bradburg
Selma Brenner Estate
Rosalind & William* Burd
Ehla & Daniel* Cantor
Edward Carr Yale Estate
Ruth E. Cohan Estate
Marcia & Philip Cohen
Lillian Dash Estate
Abraham & Annie David
David & Minerva Davis Estate
Daniel & Judy Dobin
Anita Dritell Estate
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Armin & Helen Weiss Estate
Joseph Weiss
Lucille Wiedman Estate
Fay* & Abraham Zalcberg
Irvig Zeller Estate

*of blessed memory
The Tri-County JAFCO Chapter Presidents receive personalized, hand-painted hearts inscribed, “Thank you for sharing your heart with the children of JAFCO.”

L-R: Miri Mazor (Aventura/North Miami-Dade), Sharon Wender (Plantation/Central Broward), Jennifer Diemar (Miami Beach/South Miami-Dade), Sondra Richman (King’s Point, of blessed memory), Dara Berger (North Palm Beach), Bernice Wener accepting for Chris Miller (South Palm Beach/North Broward), Beth Salamone (Weston/West Broward), Carol Sirota (Past Chapter President) honoring Marge Flanz and Lola Rubman, of blessed memory. Not Photographed: Lois Marmelstein (Century Village).

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more…you are a leader

John Quincy Adams

Our very active chapters continue to raise awareness about JAFCO in their communities and expand our mission of giving every child a place to belong. Geographically covering all three south Florida counties from north Palm Beach to south Miami-Dade, their focus is to educate while assisting with the generation of funds to support the children of JAFCO. The chapters host a multitude of events during the year to inform and update guests with the current JAFCO programs and success stories. Additionally, community representatives from the chapters often present speaking engagements at private homes, temples or schools providing JAFCO overviews to smaller groups. When there is a special request to obtain particular items for the children, the chapter volunteers sustain our cause as extended family members who share the vision of what is possible.

In order for the chapters to evolve and grow, leadership is essential. The strong foundation maintaining these efforts is credited to all of the JAFCO Chapter Presidents…past, present and future. This year, we offer our love and gratitude to 2014-2015 outgoing Presidents Dara Berger (North Palm Beach) and Sharon Wender (Plantation/Central Broward) for their many years of service. At the same time, we welcome with open arms two former Vice Presidents, Rhonda Levin (North Palm Beach) and Gayle Pifer (Plantation/Central Broward) as they assume the presidential roles for 2015-2016.

The presidency in our Senior Community Chapters tends to surpass a two year term, creating a beautiful legacy and allegiance to JAFCO among their members. The leadership endeavors are exceptional, continuously coupled with tireless passion and an unwavering commitment.

Sadly, we have lost one of our great leaders and it is with heavy hearts that we acknowledge the passing of Sandy Richman, Chapter President of King’s Point for over 10 years. Sandy dedicated herself to the children of JAFCO in 1999 and never stopped. She promised to lead the chapter to the level of membership and giving that exists today while always ensuring everything was perfect and everyone was happy. Her presence will be missed yet her spirit will remain at JAFCO forever.
## Chapter Presidents

**FLORIDA**

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| Long Island/New York                | Pearl Halegua 516.319.0769 |          |
| Philadelphia                        | Jill Lapensohn 610.952.0078 |          |
| South New Jersey                    | Cathy Backal 856.816.3465  | Rachel Klein 856.701.3835 |

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<td>Northeast Golf Classic</td>
<td>Radnor Valley Country Club, Villanoe, PA; Time: 11:30 am - Cost: $275 golfer or $90 cocktail reception and dinner only; Rana Bell: 610.525.1040</td>
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<td>Thursday, July 30, 2015</td>
<td>Fun in the Sun Luncheon</td>
<td>Glen Head Country Club, Glen Cove, NY; Time: 10:30 am - Cost: $100 pp; Rana Bell: 610.525.1040</td>
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<td>In My Shoes Luncheon</td>
<td>Boca West Country Club, Boca Raton, FL; Time: 10:00 am - Cost: $100 pp; Randi Winter: 954.315.8689</td>
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<td>Saturday, November 14, 2015</td>
<td>Conversation and Cocktails</td>
<td>with Ron Suskind Pulitzer Prize Author of the book Life Animated JAFCO Children’s Ability Center, Sunrise, FL; Time: 7:30 pm - Cost: $72 pp; Randi Winter: 954.315.8689</td>
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<td>Tuesday, November 17, 2015</td>
<td>Chanukah Miracles Luncheon</td>
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<td>Saturday, November 21, 2015</td>
<td>City Lights on a Saturday Night</td>
<td>Penn’s Landing Catering, Philadelphia, PA; Time: 7:00 pm - Cost: $136 pp; Rana Bell: 610.525.1040</td>
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<td>Friday, December 4, 2015</td>
<td>Valencia Isles Museum Day</td>
<td>The Wick Costume Museum, Boca Raton, FL; Time: 11:00 am - Cost: $60 pp; Janet Epstein: 954.315.8696</td>
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<td>Annual Jacob’s Ladder Award Gala</td>
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**Have a great idea for an event that you would like to create?**

Please contact the JAFCO Chapter President in your area or:

**Palm Beach County**

- Development Officer Janet Epstein 954.315.8696

**Broward & Miami Dade Counties**

- Director of Development Operations Shelli Gold at 954.315.8671

**Northeast Chapters**

- Director of Northeast Development Randi Bell 610.525.1040

- Everyone is invited to all JAFCO events.

- to RSVP please visit www.jafco.org/events
After eight years of raising funds and awareness for JAFCO, in April of 2014 JAFCO opened our very first office in Bryn Mawr so that we could begin to offer services to local families in the greater Philadelphia and South Jersey area. This past year has been a year of growth, learning and assessment of the needs of the community. The first year culminated with our official approval as a non-profit corporation in the State of Pennsylvania. We are now awaiting approval from the county to become a licensed Foster Care and Adoption Agency in the State of Pennsylvania. This will allow us to begin providing foster care and adoption training and home study reports, private placement of children, support services to foster and adoptive families, including case management and support groups. In addition, counselling and adoption related services for pregnant birth mothers wishing to place a child for adoption will be available. A community wide foster and adoptive parent recruitment meeting was held in early spring and monthly foster care and adoption orientations are being held at the JAFCO office to recruit families for our first NE Foster Care and Adoption Training Course scheduled for Sunday October 11 and 18, 2015. For more information about becoming a JAFCO foster or adoptive parent please call Rachel Levy, CSW at the JAFCO Northeast Communities office at 610.525.1040. The JAFCO Family Strengthening Program is now providing therapeutic support free of charge to families in the Northeast Communities who find themselves in crisis due to a difficult divorce, mental health issue, substance abuse or any other devastating life events. JAFCO will respond immediately and provide intensive case management, coordinate referrals to other services in the community and provide direct clinical services including but not limited to:

- In-home counselling
- 24 hour on call support
- Supervised (and therapeutically supervised) court ordered parent visitation
- Family safety planning and implementation
- Parent behavior training and support
- Clinical support to grandparents who are raising their grandchildren
- Child abuse reporting support and follow-up for educators
- Support to families raising a child with a developmental disability

Below:- Sharing a special moment at the JAFCO Northeast Communities office are (L-R): Rachel Levy, Social Worker – Northeast Communities, Rana Bell, Northeast Communities Director of Development, Wendy Jenkins, JAFCO Director of Operations and Clinical Services and Sarah Franco, JAFCO Executive Director. Sarah presents a copy of a print that has been hanging in her office since 1992 and has been the face of JAFCO for as many years. A nice piece of JAFCO history now resides in our Philly office while JAFCO services are available to families in the Northeast.

Above: Montgomery County Officials from the Office of Children and Youth, (L-R) Laurie O'Connor and Peter Spengeman join Director of Northeast Development, Rana Bell, at a small intimate grand opening of the Northeast Communities Office in Bryn Mawr to learn more about the services that JAFCO will be providing to children and families in need in their county and neighboring communities as well.

Below: JAFCO NE Communities Social Worker, Rachel Levy, affixes a mezuzah to the front door of the new JAFCO Northeast Communities office with the help of JAFCO Godparent Harris Brodie and Cantor Elena Zarkh of Old York Rd Temple Beth Am who shared her beautiful voice and blessed the office and its new beginnings.

Above: Director of Northeast Development, Rana Bell, joins Ken Gross and presents him (and JAFCO Godparent Kris Gross, who was not present) with a special JAFCO Recognition Award for providing JAFCO with this spacious office at a discounted rate, making the JAFCO dream of helping children in the Northeast a reality. The beautiful executive office furniture was generously donated by their son and JAFCO Godparent Geoff Gross.
2014 Cocktails for a Cause at the NJ Shore

5th Annual Fundraiser at the Shore Supported by Many Businesses

Amazing Cocktails committee who raised over $20,000 from this special night at the beach. (L-R)
Top Row: Rachel Schwartz, Susan Green, Sally Feldman, Cindy Gerson, Beverly Victor, Jen Toren,
2nd Row: Linda Peltz, Arlene Singer, Susan Lyman, Cathy Backal, Jayne Suskin, Michele Gelman,
Mimi Lapat, Bonnie Squires Front Row: Wendy Ruden, Debbie Casnoff, Debbie Greenwald, Elaine
Silverstein, Deena Cohen, Co-Chair Donna Greenberg, Co-Chair Carol Sussman

(L-R) Co-Chair Carol Sussman, hostess Linda Brodie & Co-Chair, Donna Greenberg join with
Director of Northeast Development, Rana Bell, and greeted over 150 guests who enjoyed a
taste of the NJ Shore with food samplings from restaurants on the island including, Stella’s, Betty
the Caterer, Domenico’s, Aversa, Supper, Red Room, Chef Vola, Sage, Steve and Cookie’s,
Tomatoes, Malelani, Sofia’s, Hannah G’s, Seal Chocolate, Infinity Caterers, Peace Pie and
others. Circle Liquor Store in Somers Point generously provided the wine, with Chester
Malloy serving as bartender, and Beach Buggy donated transportation to the event.

Photos by Bonnie Squires

2014 Fun In The Sun in New York

The 5th Annual Fun in the Sun in Long Island raised over $35,000, and 5
new godparents stepped forward to be pinned to help support the needs of
all of the children of JAFCO, including the children at the Jewish Children’s
Village, the Ability Center, and the Northeast Communities office.

Fun in the Sun provides
much needed funds

Above: The Fun in the Sun Committee join together to start the luncheon
with the Motzi (L-R) Kim Floam, VP of Long Island/NY Chapter Alexis
Fritz, Lisa Levine, Dorine Wulwick, Chapter President of Long Island/NY
Chapter Pearl Halegua, Susan Tashlik, Amy Levy, Stacey Spitalnick, Rose
Scheter and Linda Moskowitz.

Right: These Fun in the Sun special donors
were honored this year with the lighting
of the candle of hope,
a JAFCO tradition
that represents the 5
children that die each
day at the hands of
abuse.

Above: Director of Northeast Development, Rana Bell joins newly pinned
JAFCO godparents who make a commitment of $1,800 per year for 10
years. DeeDee Lovell, Carol Walowitz, Lisa Levine and Judy Pace with
Chapter President, Pearl Halegua.
Right: The 2014 Spring Into Summer Luncheon committee worked tirelessly to solicit sponsors, collect donations, invite friends which all led to a hugely successful day of raising over $70,000 as well as pinning 5 new godparents. Photographed by Lafayette Studios.


Below: Honored with the JAFCO tradition of the lighting of the candle of hope, which symbolizes the 5 children a day who die at the hands of abuse are Jamie Lasky, Jen Stern, Ruthi Cohen, Kris Gross, Jane and Vincent Firth join Director of Northeast Development to take a moment to acknowledge the purpose of the day and the importance of JAFCO’s work.

Below Left: 5 New godparents stepped forward at the Spring Into Summer Luncheon to offer their love and ongoing support to the children of JAFCO. Rana Bell joins new Godparent, Judy Taylor, Terry Auerbach, Kris Gross, Beth Sterling, Vincent and Jane Firth with their daughter Luncheon Co-Chair Jocelyn Firth, Jay and Sara Minkoff joined by their daughter Naomi Minkoff and Michael and Michelle Simon pinned by their daughter Lisa.

Below: Director of Northeast Development, Rana Bell joins with Master of Ceremonies, Philly’s own 6 ABC Action News Reporter Jim Gardner and Co-Chair Jocelyn Firth.
Above: The 1st Annual Live It Up Committee honored with the tradition of the lighting of the Candle of Hope at the 1st annual event on the South Shore of Long Island: (L-R) Michael Sussman, Ilana Sussman, Long Island Chapter VP Alexis Kaminoff, Long Island Chapter President, Pearl Halegua, Chairman Eric Halpern, Lis Beshears, Jackie Gruskin, Director of Northeast Development, Rana Bell.

Below: The 2nd Annual Live It Up Committee joins together with excitement right before the start of the night. This annual event has raised over $18,000 dollars over the past 2 years. Pictured below: (L-R) Director of Northeast Development, Rana Bell, Ilana Sussman, Co-Chairman Michael Sussman, Lisa Bloom, Co-Chairman Eric Halpern, Gesi Goodman and VP of Long Island Chapter Alexis Fritz.

Above: With over 60 people in attendance, Cocktails at Catelli’s in South Jersey was a huge success by engaging new members from NJ to help raise awareness about the Northeast Communities office to support much needed funds for all of the children of JAFCO. (L-R): Josh Brodkin, Beth Brodkin, Haleh Resnick, Steve Klein, JAFCO Godparent, Marc Backal- Bottom row- Joanne Kuhut, Co-Chair, Rachel Klein & Co-Chair & JAFCO Godparent Cathy Backal.

Don and Linda Brodie once again open their heart and their beautiful home in Gladwynne, PA to host the 1st Annual NE Community Recognition event to thank Philadelphia Chapter Board members and those who have taken the lead in helping JAFCO since its inception in the Greater Philadelphia Region in 2007. Gathering for a photo, JAFCO Godparent and Hostess Linda Brodie with Saul Victor, Philadelphia Chapter Sec/Treasurer Beverly Victor, and JAFCO Godparent and Host Don Brodie.

Left: The 3rd Annual City Lights on a Saturday Night was well received by the Greater Philadelphia community, with over 100 people in attendance, fabulous food, a silent auction and live auction that raised over $14,000 to provide support for all of the JAFCO programs including the NE Communities office. Committee (L-R) Standing : Fran Jonas, Linda Sohn, Debbie Casnoff, Jackie Gilberg, Ilene Carr, Wendy Ruden, Beverly Victor, Director of Northeast Development, Rana Bell. Seated: Bonnie Squires, Co-Chair Terry Auerbach, Co-Chair Celeste Rose, Jill Kleeman, Karen Klein. This hard working committee hopes you save the date for this year’s City Lights on a Saturday Night on November 21, 2015

Below: JAFCO Godparent Connie Berg hosted the JAFCO Parlor Meeting in the home of her daughter, Julie Dombar, to introduce their friends to the children of JAFCO and discuss the expansion efforts within the Philadelphia area to help and inform the Jewish Philadelphia community. Connie surprised her daughter as she pinned Julie as a new JAFCO godparent that morning.

Thanks to over 80 golfers, generous sponsors, and many volunteers the 6th Annual Northeast Golf Classic was a huge success and raised $30,000. Posing with his foursome for the day, Scott Slobotkin NE Golf Outing ensures the success of the day. (L-R) Eric Bernstein, Jeff Schwartz, Scott Slobotkin, Scott Shohen.
Meet JAFCO Board Member Glenda Krongold

Glenda Krongold is a native Floridian born and raised on Miami Beach, where she currently lives with her husband Ronnie. Their high school romance began when Glenda was just 16. Glenda went to the University of Miami and Ronnie studied at University of Florida and University of Miami where he received degrees in both accounting and law. Glenda became a special education teacher and Ronnie now owns and manages a diverse portfolio of properties. The high school sweethearts have been happily married ever since, celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary this year. Glenda and Ronnie have four beautiful and talented daughters Allison (and Jerry), Robbie, Randi (and Teig) and Loren (and David) and twelve amazing grandchildren: Jake, Sophie, Caroline, Isaac, Jordan, Alexa, Sam, Max, Mason, Brodie, Olivia and Leo.

Glenda first learned about JAFCO from her daughter Robbie who was asked to host an event in her home by Mara Gober, the founding president of the Weston Chapter of JAFCO. Glenda was deeply moved at the event when she learned of JAFCO’s lifesaving mission and she immediately began using her thirty years of contacts from schools, temples, individuals and groups in the Miami Beach and South Dade Jewish community to fill an enormous Chanukah Wish List for hundreds of children who were being served by JAFCO. That was just the beginning! Glenda has been dedicated and committed to the JAFCO family ever since. Glenda is a valued board member, a member of the Godparent Circle and the former president of the Miami Beach/South Dade Chapter of JAFCO which she founded. For the past two years she chaired the Annual Luncheon, which is attended by 350-500 women each year at the beautiful Jungle Island venue. Glenda and Ronnie are very active politically and Glenda proudly chaired a judicial reception that was attended by all of the Dade County Family Court Judges at the JAFCO Children’s Village, honoring Judge Cindy Lederman.

In addition to her work on behalf of JAFCO, Glenda has been involved in the leadership of other Jewish charities. She was one of the founding Board members of the South Dade JCC, and both she and Ronnie have been involved on the Boards of Israel Bonds, Miami Jewish Federation, and ADL just to name a few.

In her spare time when she’s not golfing, Glenda most enjoys being with her wonderful family. She is fortunate to have all four of her daughters and their families close by – three in Miami Beach and one in Weston. She and Ronnie spend their summers in the Berkshires, and all the kids and grandkids join them for two weeks each year for a true family vacation. Glenda feels truly blessed with everything she has in her life and it’s those blessings that make her want to give back to JAFCO. “Glenda is a compassionate and caring human being who holds the children of JAFCO gently in her heart and in her soul”, says Sarah Franco, JAFCO Executive Director.

How Can I Get Involved?

♥ Volunteer your time with the children by tutoring, mentoring or donating your professional medical, legal or dental services.
♥ Sponsor an annual JAFCO event including our Black Tie Gala, Women’s Luncheon, Golf Tournament, a child’s Bar/Bat Mitzvah or birthday party, a Shabbat dinner or a trip to Disney World.
♥ Become a Godparent by making a financial commitment of $1,800 per year for ten years and join the exclusive JAFCO Godparent Circle. Godparents are pinned at any of our signature events with a beautiful custom made gold pin.
♥ Support the new Children’s Ability Center with a capital gift/naming opportunity or support the programs at the center by joining the Circle of Hope by making a financial commitment of $1,800 a year for ten years. Circle of Hope members are pinned at the annual In My Shoes Luncheon and other events as well.
♥ Make an annual gift to support the children’s needs including food, clothing, therapy, medical care, education, recreation and any other needs they may have.
♥ Create an endowment or special purpose fund in your family name to ensure that JAFCO will be here to save the lives of generations of children and families yet to come.
♥ Make a planned gift – remember the JAFCO children when you are planning your legacy and leave a gift to JAFCO in your will with a gift of cash, stocks or real estate.
♥ Earn a competitive percentage of your charitable donation with a JAFCO Gift Annuity.
♥ Host a Parlor Meeting, Dorm Shower, Baby Shower or Ability Center Shower in your home to make your friends aware of the work that JAFCO does in the community. You provide the guest list and the refreshments and JAFCO will take care of the rest. Have your guests become members with a $36.00 gift and fill our wish list.
We truly apologize for any errors or omissions. Please email janet@jafco.org so we may correct any error in our next issue.

If you enjoy receiving this newsletter, please be sure to keep your JAFCO membership current with a 2015 gift of $36 or more. Please let us know if you are receiving duplicate mailings or none at all. If you are not receiving JAFCO emails please contact us so we may update your email address.

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“JAFCO’s mission is to care for abused and neglected children and those with disabilities in the Jewish community and to work in partnership with families and the entire community. We believe that the care of children in our community is our responsibility, one we accept with joy, pride and love.”
To the world you may be one person, but to a child.....you may be the world

Upon turning 13, children who reside at the JAFCO Children’s Village begin to acquire the independent living skills they need to become healthy and productive adults. The last phase towards independence involves the transition to college. At this point, transportation becomes a critical factor, as our young adults must now figure out a way to get themselves to school, work, doctors appointments and to enjoy time with their friends. As part of our Independent Living training, the children do learn to take the bus, but unlike most major cities, the South Florida public transportation system is extremely limited and is not always safe - especially late at night. Since the annual JAFCO operational budget does not include the purchase of cars for the children, it is nothing short of a miracle when a car is donated! Cars that are donated for use by the children are tax deductible to the extent allowed by IRS guidelines, so the next time your car dealer offers you a minimal trade-in value on your car, or if you want to significantly impact the life of a child, please consider donating your car to one of our children because.....you may be the final missing piece in a child’s world on his or her journey to independence.

To My JAFCO Family,

So....every boy dreams of having his first car. Living at JAFCO for the past six year, I have seen other kids graduate high school and suddenly one day a car appears for them. My graduation came and it was such a great day in my life, one that I never thought would happen. I got my first job to make some extra money before leaving for college. There was some talk about a really nice bike and then one day I walked into Aunt Sarah’s office and she just tossed me a set of car keys. I was so excited I couldn’t move....my own car, no way. After a few minutes of shock, I finally went outside and took it for a test drive around the Village. It was a quite a few years old which I loved about it and it was in great condition – it even had a cassette player which we quickly converted to a Bluetooth connection for my iPhone!

It’s hard to describe in words what owning my first car means to me. First of all it’s mine and that is so cool. Secondly a car gives you the freedom you need to go out, to go to work, see friends without depending on others to drive you. It is just an awesome indescribable feeling. All of my friends have a car and now I do too. And to top it off, someone who doesn’t even know me gave me that car. I am not sure how to say thank you to them and to my entire JAFCO family not just for my car but for everything I have in my life, and most especially.....my future.

With love and gratitude,
Adam