

A photograph of two young girls. The girl in the background, on the left, has long brown hair and is wearing a white t-shirt with a red graphic. She is holding a silver and black vintage-style camera up to her eye, as if taking a picture. The girl in the foreground, on the right, has shoulder-length brown hair with bangs and is wearing a bright pink sleeveless top. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile and is making a peace sign with both hands. The background is a simple indoor setting with a white wall and a hint of a doorway.

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Annual Report Enclosed

**A Picture is Worth
a Thousand Words**

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Abandoned and then
adopted at age 5



Bar Mitzvah Age 13



Married Age 36



College Graduation Age 22

Andrew's JAFCO Journey

The first child we ever served.
Born into a life of danger.
Adopted by
Cara and David* Osborn.
Just married.
A total mensch.

*of blessed memory

Picture this...

Dear JAFCO family,

We can all agree there are moments in our life, where everything feels right and good, and it overshadows all of the craziness that is present in our world today. It sometimes happens when we are off traveling in some exotic location or get to witness a wonder of nature for the first time. It can literally take our breath away and the feeling is indescribable. We will take a photo and try and share it with friends and family, but the photo simply cannot capture all of the feelings we had in that moment. We try to describe it, but truthfully there are no words.

The same is true for JAFCO. This latest edition of the JAFCO Journal is filled with hundreds of photos of our JAFCO family - our precious children, families, volunteers, donors and staff. Every single photo in this newsletter is like that beautiful vacation moment that changed your world. Every single day, there are dozens of moments where the world is changed and it could not happen without you.

Clapping as our precious babies take their first steps in the shelter or in their foster home, celebrating with our high school and college graduates who beat all of the odds against them, watching our JAFCO Alumni getting married and having their own children and becoming board members and donors to JAFCO, seeing the growth in our children at the Ability Center as they learn independent living and social skills, some even working at the Ability Center, being grateful that families in crisis at all four of our sites having a place to turn to keep their family together, and that the community and the victims' families at Eagles' Haven are finding a path of wellness in their search for a way to live with the tragedy of a mass shooting in their hearts, and expanding our life-changing JAFCO model to Philadelphia with the exciting possibilities of a permanent home in our future.

You will see in this annual report that we are now serving 3,000 children every year at all of our 4 JAFCO sites and we are approaching 20,000 children since our founder, Dr. Ron Simon, had the vision 32 years ago that our community needed JAFCO. And you will see some of the those faces as well. Every photo is a life, a life that has been forever changed, and very often, a life that has been saved.

We would think it is safe to say that in the course of a single day at JAFCO there are hundreds of breathtaking moments, created by all of you, where the world changes for the better. We try our best to describe our gratitude, but truthfully there are no words. Please take a moment to truly feel all the love that is contained in this journal, it is dedicated to you.

Wishing everyone a very Happy and Healthy and Sweet New Year.

With deepest gratitude,



Sarah Franco
Chief Executive Officer



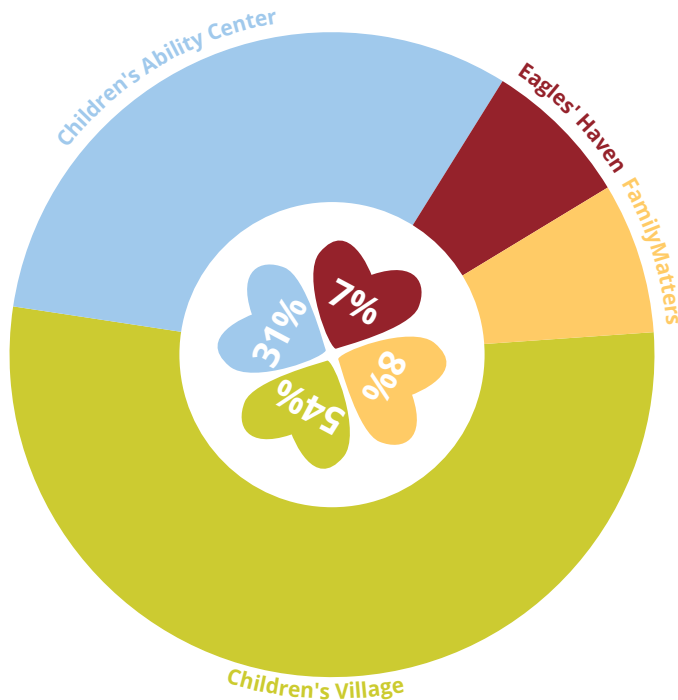
Wendy Jenkins, LCSW
Chief Clinical & Operations Officer



Sarah Franco & Wendy Jenkins

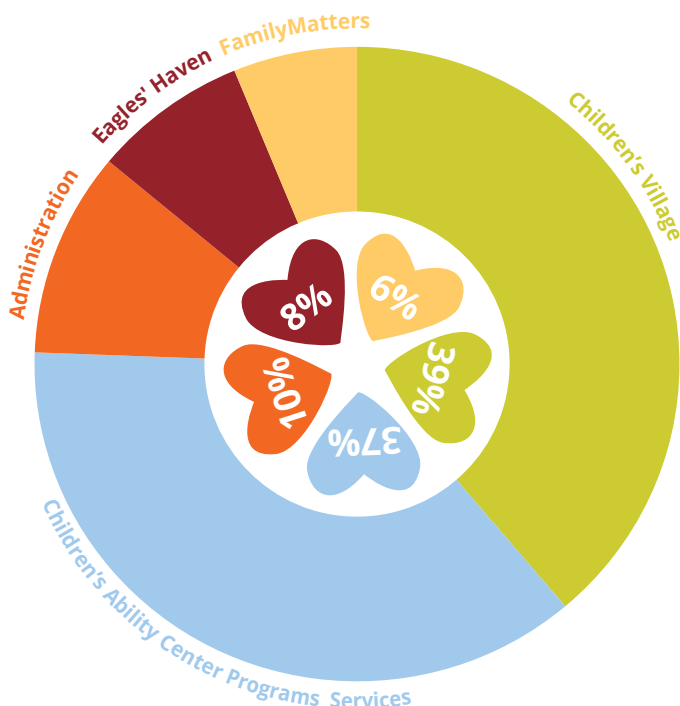
JAFCO 2022 Financial Performance

90 cents of every gift you make goes directly to change the lives of the children and families we serve. Thank you.



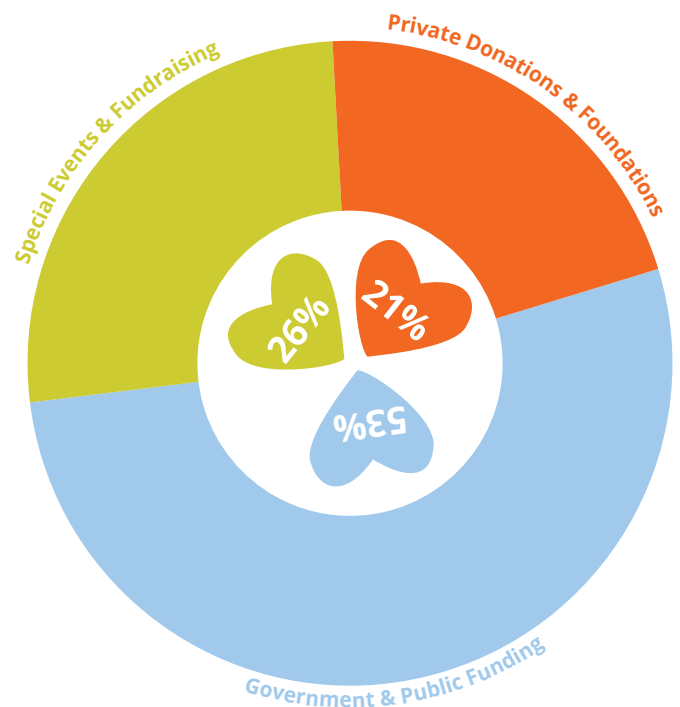
Revenue Sources

▶ Government & Public Funding.....	\$7,217,000
▶ Special Events, Fundraising.....	\$3,566,000
▶ Private Contributions.....	\$1,395,000
▶ Private Foundations, Grants.....	\$1,356,000
▶ Jewish Federations	\$140,000
Total Revenues.....	\$13,674,000



Agency Revenues

▶ JAFCO Children's Village	\$7,316,000
▶ JAFCO Children's Ability Center	\$4,305,000
▶ JAFCO FamilyMatters.....	\$1,034,000
▶ Eagles' Haven	\$1,019,000
Total Revenues.....	\$13,674,000



Agency Expenses

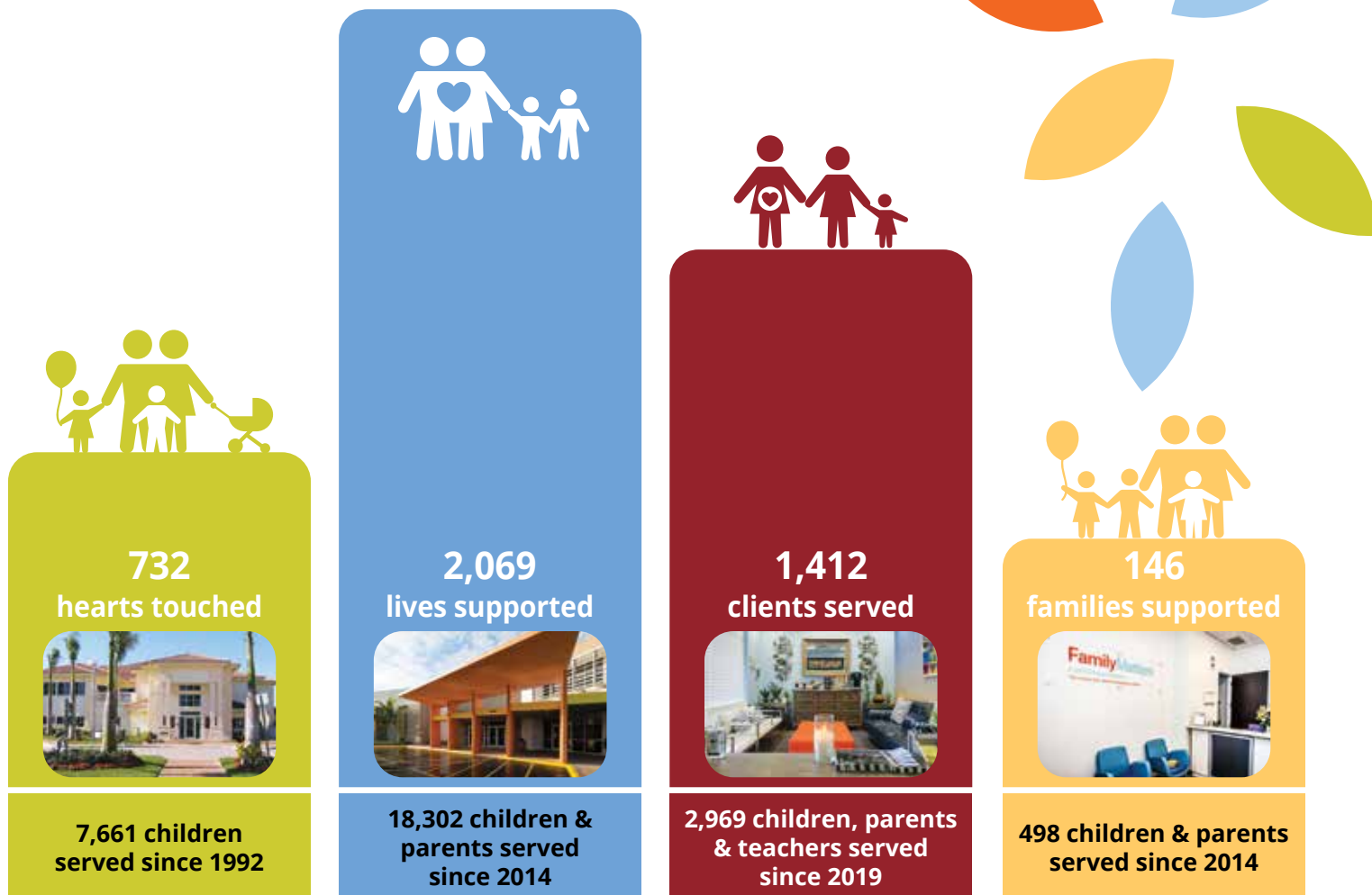
▶ JAFCO Children's Village	\$5,029,000
▶ JAFCO Children's Ability Center	\$4,762,000
▶ Eagles' Haven	\$1,005,000
▶ JAFCO FamilyMatters	\$804,000
▶ Agency Administration.....	\$1,353,000
Total Expenses.....	\$12,953,000
Net Revenue Over Expenses.....	\$721,000*

* ERC Credit and PPP2 Forgiveness

JAFCO's full consolidated financial audit and our 990's are available on our website
www.jafco.org/accountability

Impacting Our Community with Love

Thanks to your generosity we were able to serve 4,359 children and their families in 2022.



JAFCO Children's Village programs touch the lives of children who have experienced abuse or neglect. The JAFCO Children's Village campus provides an actual home to over 100 children each year in our emergency shelter or group homes, and is the only center of its kind in the Jewish community in the nation. Another 600 children each year find safety in either our foster care, adoption or family preservation programs.

JAFCO Children's Ability Center provides family enrichment, resources, and respite to families raising a child with a developmental disability. The center is open seven days a week to provide support to over 500 children a year starting on the day of diagnosis up to age 22. We are there to support the entire family including parents, grandparents and typical siblings. The Children's Ability Center also houses **Illuminate... a venue with a cause.**

Eagles' Haven Wellness Center opened in March 2019 to rediscover wellness and restore hope to the Parkland/Coral Springs community following the tragic school shooting. To begin the healing process, our compassionate clinical team provides wellness experiences, yoga, creative art classes, meditation, dance, crisis support, case management, and support groups, free of charge to over 1,400 students, parents and teachers, all in one beautiful spa-like setting.

FamilyMatters, a JAFCO Support Network, offers specialized case management and support services to assist families in times of crisis in Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey. We serve families who are facing the impact of trauma and challenges including: mental health and substance abuse issues, divorce and custody issues, grandparents or relatives caring for children, single parenthood, or those raising children with special needs. We focus on strengthening and empowering families to overcome these challenges.

JAFCO Children's Village



Safety • Love • Hope

Weicholz Family Campus of the David Posnack Jewish Children's Village

The Jewish Children's Village is the only village of its kind in the Jewish community in the entire nation. Our beautiful 5.6-acre campus consists of our children's emergency shelter and our six group homes which provide safety to up to 50 children at one time. Our foster care, adoption and family preservation programs and staff are also housed in the Kaminoff Children's Center on the Village campus and collectively our Children's Village programs serve over 700 children and their families each year.

Our Programs

Marsh Children's Emergency Shelter

This life-saving part of our village is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to offer an immediate safe and loving placement for a child who has been a victim of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. Children (ages birth to 12) are placed in the shelter by state protective investigators often in the middle of the night or by parents and family members who themselves are in crisis.

Group Homes

Our six beautiful 4,000 sq. ft. group homes are designed to provide a safe home-like environment for up to 30 children who need a safe place to live on either a temporary or permanent basis. Each child has their own bedroom and bathroom for privacy and dignity, they go to local schools and participate in sports, dance or after-school activities of their choice. Up to six children live in each home and are cared for by a loving house parent.

Independent Living

All of the children residing within the group homes are prepared for eventual independent living and if they choose, they may continue to reside at the JAFCO Village until the age of 24 while they attend college and work part/full time. For our children who are away at school, we keep their rooms intact so they can come home for breaks. JAFCO is their family, and we will be there for them for as long as they need us.

Foster Care & Adoption

JAFCO foster families are loving substitute families that open their homes to children in need of care for a temporary period of time, up to two years on average. JAFCO assists with adoptions through the foster care system and also works privately with birth parents in need of a safe placement for their child.

Family Preservation

JAFCO is committed to keeping families together whenever possible. The JAFCO Family Preservation Program provides immediate, intensive, in-home support, clinical case management and referrals to families who are in crisis and are facing issues related to shelter, food and clothing, divorce situations, parent incarceration, mental health and addiction, court ordered supervised visitation and more.

Trauma Informed Therapy

JAFCO therapists are trained in best practices and use a Trauma Informed Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Approach in working with the children, helping them learn coping skills and resiliency to more effectively manage and overcome the trauma in their lives. Our children participate in individual therapy, group therapy and wellness activities including meditation, mindfulness and yoga, equine therapy, and when medically necessary, medication management provided by our JAFCO medical director.

Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) In-Home Family Therapy

The MST Program is an intensive research-based 3-month in-home therapy program. It supports the entire family and teaches parents the necessary skills to manage their children's behavior (ages 10 to 18) when they are engaging in truancy, aggression in the home, and early drug experimentation. The goal of this program is to prevent out-of-home placement for the child.

Senior Caregiver – Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

This program provides much needed supportive services and guidance to seniors who have taken on the challenging and unexpected task of raising their grandchildren by providing case management support services to the senior caregiver in order to stabilize and strengthen the placement.

To make a referral or for more information about our programs and services, please contact JAFCO Clinical Director Shea Pucci, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist at shea@jafco.org or 954-315-8683.

Saving One Child at a Time



A JAFCO Alumni Family, Stephen, Ariella and Captain Shalom Neistein honored with lighting the menorah at the JAFCO Chanukah Party.



Happy Adoption Day for Nathan Elijah Golinko, thank you Judge Surber for protecting little Nathan!



A JAFCO group home family vacation....



Maya's first pony ride at the annual back-to-school picnic.



Our Passover traditions continue at the Village.



Born fragile and substance exposed, Cataleya is now healthy and adopted by her forever parents Amanda and Blake Simmons.



Our two 2023 amazing high school grads. Way to go Yoni and Rafi!



Tarek and Nathan Naser - proud adoptive dads for baby Matthais who was abandoned at birth.



From the NFL to our Emergency Shelter, Akeem Spence and his wife Brittany treated all the kids to a fun-filled field day!

JAFCO Children's Ability Center



Providing whole family support, child enrichment, and respite to children with developmental disabilities... giving every child a place to belong.

Who Do We Serve?

The JAFCO Children's Ability Center is committed to serving children from birth to age 22 who have been diagnosed with a developmental disability or developmental delay. Working together to develop their cognitive, verbal, fine and gross motor and social skills, we hope to also enhance their performance and independence at home, in school and in the community. We provide family support and strengthening, child enrichment, out-of-home day and overnight respite and community engagement programs. We are here to support the entire family.

Family Support and Strengthening

JAFCO is committed to supporting families from the moment of diagnosis throughout their journey. Our team works in partnership with families to create an individual plan. Parents and family members are offered support groups as well as training and education classes to better understand their child's diagnosis, to advocate for them and to assist them to reach their potential.



Child Enrichment Services

Our organization recognizes the importance of social and recreational activities for children with developmental disabilities. We offer specially developed social skills and life skills classes targeting children of all ages and ability levels. Our social skills activities focus on structured play and specific skills, while our life skills program addresses the skills needed for children to transition into independent adults. Additionally, we provide a wide range of fun activities including art, music, dance, sports, fitness, yoga, science, and more. Graduates from our life skills program also have the opportunity for paid employment at our Illuminate Event Venue.

Respite and Community Engagement Services

The Ability Center understands the challenges faced by parents and caregivers of children with developmental disabilities. That's why we offer various programs to provide support and fun for families, including Parents Evening Out, Moms Retreats, and Family Fun Day. During these programs, we provide babysitting services, allowing parents to connect with others who understand their daily challenges. We also offer individualized childcare for date nights and up to two weeks of respite per year in our respite homes.

Our respite program offers a comfortable and welcoming home for children. Parents can take advantage of up to two weeks of respite per year, allowing them to spend quality time with their spouse, partner, friends, or typical children. Respite is available for any school days off throughout the year, providing much-needed breaks for parents. In emergency situations, we are here to provide assistance and support.

Camp Kehilla

Camp Kehilla offers a fun and safe summer camp experience where campers can enhance their social and life skills, make new friends, and enjoy exciting activities. With up to a 1:1 camper to adult counselor ratio, we ensure individual attention and support. For parents looking for a sleep-away camp closer to home, our overnight camp provides a comfortable and secure environment with private rooms and bathrooms. Our dedicated staff is available 24/7 to ensure the safety and well-being of the campers, giving parents the opportunity to recharge and relax.

Come visit us soon and meet your new "JAFCO Children's Ability Center Family".

**Simply call 954-315-7033 or email
Director of Community Engagement
Devin Butler at devin@jafco.org to schedule.**

Life Is So Much Fun



Our teens building a maze and friendships at the same time.



We are in the kitchen with Chef Michael!



Shabbat Shalom – we love to sing and dance with Miss Tracy.



Serriyah meets Mickey for the first time (and then she gets adopted!).



Life is good, just taking a ride.



Presenting our amazing Ability Center team – always smiling!



Inhale, Exhale, Make New Friends. Moms Retreats are life-changing.



Is it snowing in Florida? Or is it a crazy foam party?

Eagles' Haven Wellness Center



Rediscovering wellness and restoring hope in the Parkland/Coral Springs community.

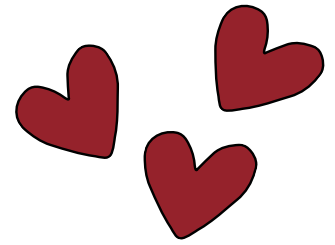
Our Eagles' Haven commitment honors the lives of the victims and survivors of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas tragedy, and will remain in place as our community continues to heal. We provide wellness experiences, crisis support, case management, trauma education, support groups and access to therapy, free of charge, all in one beautiful wellness-inspired setting.

Since opening in 2019, over 3,000 students, teachers and parents have been served in one of our programs and they've walked through the door over 30,000 times for one of our wellness activities. As the sign on the door says, Eagles' Haven is here for our community..... "8 days a week".



Wellness Experiences provide a safe space for children, teens, and adults to participate in a variety of our health and wellness activities.

- Breathing & Meditation
- Yoga & Pilates
- Sound Healing
- Qi Gong/ Tai Chi
- Exercise & Nutrition
- Creative Arts
- Therapy Dogs
- Acupuncture
- Crafting
- Aromatherapy
- Drumming Circle
- Family Fun Night/Games & Giveaway
- Floral Arrangements
- Smoothie Bike
- Therapeutic Guitar
- Self-Care Strategies
- Mind-Body Medicine



Family Strengthening in-home and private consultations are available free of charge to individuals and families for as long as necessary to provide ongoing care. Immediate walk-in crisis intervention, school advocacy, safety plans and clinical referrals are also available.

- Family and Individual Consultation
- In-Home Private Consultations
- School Advocacy
- Crisis Support
- Private and Group Walk-Ins

Workshops and Support Groups provide trauma information and education on topics such as communication, parenting, understanding trauma, loss and grief, survivors' guilt, self-care, wellness, the value of therapy, breath work, and more. Support groups for teachers, students and parents take place throughout the year. Specialized groups for grandparents, alumni, injured survivors, and the families of the victims are also available.

- Parent Guidance Sessions
- Support Groups for Students, Family and Extended Members, and Teachers
- Wellness & Resiliency Workshops
- Community & School Outreach

If you or someone you know who was impacted by 2-14 is in crisis and needs help you can dial 211 or 988 or simply walk into Eagles' Haven. We are open every day, no appointment necessary and services are free of charge.

For more information and to access our services contact Eagles' Haven Director Rebecca Jarquin at 954-618-0350 or rebecca@eagleshaven.org.

To see our amazing free wellness classes visit our website www.eagleshaven.org or download the MindBody app and enter Eagles' Haven.

Communal Love, Communal Grief, Communal Healing

5 Year Commemoration of 2-14 at Eagles Haven.



Starting with a Commemorative 17 Dove Release, guests moved through 17 experiences, each depicting the life of one of the 17 children or faculty members who were taken on that tragic day.



Sound Healing can heal the soul.



Drumming brings relaxation and creates community.



Yoga and meditation help us learn to let go.



Flowers bring happiness to our day.



Candle lighting ceremony and some heartfelt words from JAFCO CEO Sarah Franco

"This coming together as a community on this day is about love... to share our love, our strength, and a very clear message that we have not forgotten those who were taken, those who were injured, those who were impacted. This is known as communal grief. It is hard but it is healthy for us to gather together, grieve together, and begin a lifelong difficult journey of healing together. Gathering collectively to grieve publicly and to cry publicly helps to bring us closer together as a community and makes us stronger. To the families of those who were taken, we pray that you feel the love today as you are surrounded by your community who stands united with you today."

FamilyMatters

A JAFSCO Support Network



When families find the courage to open up and ask for help, we are there. We are At Your Side.

We serve families who are facing the impact of trauma and challenges including: mental health and substance abuse issues, divorce and custody issues, grandparents or relatives caring for children, single parenthood, or raising children with special needs. We focus on strengthening and empowering families to overcome these challenges.

Empowering Families:

- **Family Strengthening Program**
- **SibShops™: The Sibling Support Project**
- **Parent & Relative Caregiver Support Groups**
- **Supervised Visitation Program**

Family Strengthening Program

Free case management services to support families in times of crisis. Our participants can use our services as often and for as long as they need them.

SibShops™: The Sibling Support Project

A safe space for siblings of children with developmental disabilities to talk about their feelings.

This group offers opportunities for siblings to gain support and meet new friends in a safe and fun environment. Through group activities, children are able to understand more about disabilities and learn how they can have a more meaningful relationship with their sibling.

Parent & Relative Caregiver Support

An opportunity for parents and relative caregivers to share their feelings, fears, and experiences. This group is a safe space for parents and relative caregivers of children with special needs. Topics range from self-care to sibling dynamics to preparing for your child's future. Sessions end with mindfulness relaxation exercises.

Supervised Visitation Program

We provide a safe and structured environment and ensure that all guidelines set by the court or referring agency are followed. Each visit is supervised by a master's level social worker at an hourly charge with sliding scale availability. Reports can be provided to the court upon request.

FamilyMatters offers specialized case management and support services to assist families in times of crisis in Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

For more information, please call 610-525-1040.



What Matters

Sharing the presentation of our exciting new campaign

We need to take a moment to begin with a thank you. A thank you to all of you who, over this last decade, helped FamilyMatters make a profound difference in the lives of countless families in our Philadelphia community. Lifting them up in times of crisis and trauma and being by their side when it matters most. To these families, and to us, you matter so much.

Over this last decade, we've learned a lot about what this community needs. The challenges it faces, where our place within it lies, and the opportunities to do even more. And now, all of this, all of you, has led us to this exciting moment.

We are energized and humbled as we announce that FamilyMatters is receiving a transformational donation that will dramatically impact the future of our organization. This gift defines what matters and will become the foundation for what's next. This gift of \$10 million dollars is coming from two incredible people, Linda and Don Brodie.

Linda and Don, there aren't enough words to properly express our tremendous gratitude and sincere appreciation for allowing us to create a powerful and permanent home for FamilyMatters

here, in Philadelphia. Our search for the perfect home has already begun!

This amazing gift puts us well on our way to our own FamilyMatters center, but we still need all of you in our community. We still need your help, no matter how big or how small. Today we also introduce our capital campaign... What Matters. This campaign will power our future space with the people and programs it needs to make sure it's everything our community wants, needs, and deserves. The opportunity to strengthen more families, expand our existing programs, and create new ones, all in an effort to deepen our ties and relationships within the community and to do more of what matters.

So please stay tuned for updates in the coming months and thank you for continuing to support us, and stand with us, no matter what.

Naming opportunities are now available. To join this incredible project or for more information please contact Jill Lapensohn, Executive Director at jill@familymattersnetwork.org or at 484-385-0726

Our JAFCO Alumni Circle Make it All Worthwhile



Frequently emceeding our JAFCO events, former IDF soldier Becky Saka is currently a Development Associate for the Friends of the IDF in South Florida.



Loving father of Emma and Jackson and husband to Michelle, Police Detective, JAFCO Board Member, Safety Committee Chair, and JAFCO Godparent, Justin Leo manages to do it all.



Austin Katz received his Master of Fire & Emergency Sciences degree from UF.



Kayla Katz is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who works as the Associate Director of the Domestic Abuse Program at Ruth Rales JFS. She has also found the love of her life Jordan Abramczyk.



Ahron Levin is now in his 5th year as the Associate Director of HR & Operations with StandWithUs, a non-profit fighting Antisemitism around the world.



With your love and support of the children during their foundational years, you helped create opportunities for them to succeed in life.



Nicole and Cole (what a coincidence) Shagena are madly in love as they exchange wedding vows and also work side by side as Neurology ICU Nurse and Paramedic, saving lives each and every day.



Our very first child in our foster care program, Rivkah Halpern is not only a loving wife to Eric and mother to two adorable boys, she is a social worker and program director at the JCC in Merrick, Long Island and also just completed her first marathon. Rivkah and Eric are JAFKO Godparents and Rivkah is a former board member of our FamilyMatters Board of Trustees.



Sachi is an amazing loving stay at home mommy to beautiful little Mena and loving partner to daddy Kyle.

They're engaged!
Mazel tov Reilly and Sabrina.



Welcoming his new baby Joshua at his bris, U.S. Army Captain Sholom Neistein is ready to deploy and leave behind his loving wife Ariella and 3-year old son Stephen who just had his first haircut. Sholom is on the JAFKO Board of Trustees and he and Ariella are JAFKO Godparents. Thank you Sholom for protecting our country and may G-d keep you safe.

Showing Up for the Ones We Love!

By Lissette Tiburcio, MSW, JAFCO Social Worker

I am so honored to share with you my life-changing experience travelling to Illinois for the Navy Bootcamp Graduation of one of our children, Jay, who grew up at the Village. Before I begin, I wanted to mention that I have always known about JAFCO's high standards when it comes to taking care of our children, but never was it more apparent than during a this brief but powerful trip.

I landed in Chicago and my first Uber driver was a nice young man named Dan. We had the usual polite Uber conversation about the nature of my trip to Illinois and I shared that I was a social worker attending the Navy Bootcamp Graduation of a child in foster care who grew up in our Children's Village in Florida. Dan's initial response was silence and I assumed he wasn't that interested. But after a moment I could see that he was completely overwhelmed by my story.

There were tears in his eyes as he proceeded to disclose to me his own story of being abandoned in the foster care system. He recalled his own Navy Bootcamp experience and shared his vivid memory of graduation day and what it felt like when no one showed up to be with him. He desperately wanted someone there to be proud of him. What he did next brought me to tears. He said, "Thank you for coming all this way to be there for a child in foster care who feels all alone in the world." When he thanked me, it was such an emotional moment of gratitude for me as well, as I was feeling so thankful to work for such an amazing agency, that truly does what is best for our children. My heart broke for him and his experience, and I will never forget him. He could have easily been one of our kids and I kind of wish he had been.

The next morning at breakfast in the hotel, I met Theresa, the mother of one of the recruits. We struck up a friendly conversation during breakfast about why we were both in Illinois, and she explained to me that her son was graduating from bootcamp. I then explained to her why I was in Illinois... and it happened again... she immediately told me about her own personal experience growing up in the foster care system! She discussed feeling so lost when she was young and being so thankful to have found the Navy which helped her put her life into order. She was so surprised to hear that JAFCO sent me to Illinois for the graduation ceremony. Theresa got to meet Jay and Gabe, one of our kids at the same base who graduated last month and gave them both hugs and congratulated them for their accomplishments.

The connection between people who have been through similar trauma is incredible, it's immediate, it's strong and it is filled with compassion. Meeting Theresa and her son felt like we were all one family standing there together on the graduation floor after the ceremony, all connected through the foster care experience.

A retired Navy officer I met at graduation let me know that 70% of recruits come from the foster care system or were in foster care at some point in their lives. Before he walked away, he stopped, faced me, and then saluted me in military style. He said, "Thank you for what you do!" I have never been saluted before, and yes, I was crying yet again, never prouder to be a social worker than in that moment.

When we were finally alone, Jay also thanked me for coming and reminded me that I had been part of his life as far back as he could remember. I had forgotten that I was there for his 5th grade graduation and also his high school graduation, and he said he felt so lucky to have me be part of these big moments in his life. Jay also expressed gratitude for the JAFCO staff and donors realizing that they made all of this possible. Through my tears, while all the other parents were hugging their kids, we had a huge hug too and then of course we went out to dinner JAFCO style, where we ordered almost everything on the menu.

As I take a moment to reflect on the trip, I realize how important our work is, how being consistent and present for the children matters to them, and how what we do at JAFCO is so special. The gifts and the dinners that were part of the trip of course mattered too, but what the kids appreciate most is a warm hug from someone familiar... and every child deserves to be seen and feel loved like that.



Jay, Lissette & Gabriel

JAFCO Alumni Jay Saka graduates Navy Bootcamp supported by JAFCO staff member "Miss Lissette" and fellow JAFCO Alumni and Navy seaman Gabriel Allnut.

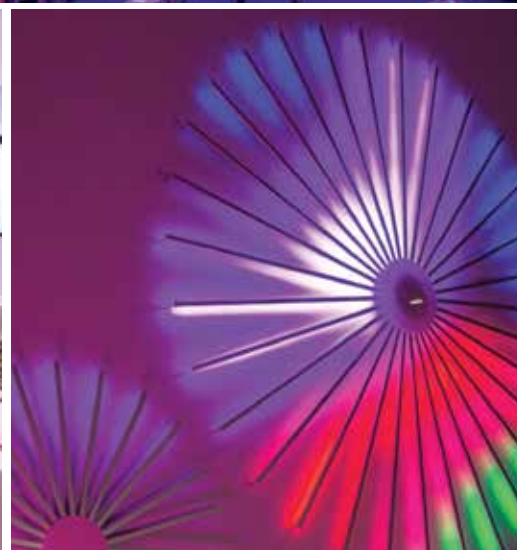


Illuminate



...a venue with a cause

Imagine that your event will help support children who have developmental disabilities, those who have experienced abuse and neglect, and the trauma of a mass shooting — all part of the mission of JAFCO, the non-profit that powers the Illuminate venue.

In moments big or small, our breathtaking Illuminate event venue will literally light up your wedding, bar or bat mitzvah, birthday or anniversary celebration, fundraising or corporate event for up to 300 guests.



For more information contact JAFCO Venue Manager Michael Moran at 954-226-9925 or michael@illuminatevenue.com.

Located within The Shirley & Barton Weisman and Family Event Center
JAFCO Children's Ability Center | 5100 North Nob Hill Road | Sunrise, FL 33351
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The Founders Circle

Lifetime Giving of \$100,000 or More

\$2,000,000 +

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Linda & Don Brodie
Ann Jacobs Estate
Posnack Foundation of Hollywood
Myrna Posner Estate
Helene & Stephen Weicholz

\$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999

Adele & Samuel Borger
Sandra & Paul Goldner
Kimberly & Leslie Kaminoff
Jerry Lindzon
Jim Moran Foundation
Sandi & Robert Morris
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Sandi & Lenny Solomon
Anita & Norton Waltuch
Shirley & Barton Weisman

\$250,000 - \$999,999

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Godparents make a commitment to support the children with a gift of \$18,000 payable in one payment or \$1,800 a year for ten years. Two special 14K gold pins have been created for our Godparents featuring the JAFCO logo which symbolizes our mission - a child swinging joyously on the Tree of Life. Since it is the perfect birthday or anniversary gift to yourself or a loved one, you can become a Godparent (or make someone a Godparent) at any time of the year and it would be our honor to pin you at one of our events. Your name will be inscribed on our Donor Wall of Honor at the Jewish Children's Village. Our **Recommitted Godparents** commit to making a second pledge of a minimum of \$18,000 payable in one payment or over the next ten years. They receive a specially commissioned candle holder created exclusively for JAFCO by artist Yaacov Heller. Our **Godparents for Life** donors pledge to donate \$1,800 a year as long as they are able. They receive two Yaacov Heller candle holders as a gift from the children. This commitment offers the children of JAFCO even greater security for their future.



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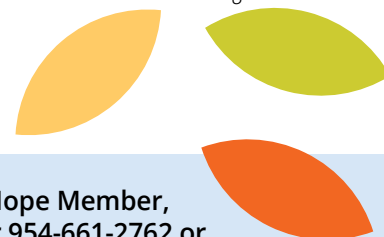
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Endowments & Special Funds

To secure the future of the children of JAFCO, Endowments and Special Purpose Funds were created. 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. A minimum gift of \$50,000 establishes a restricted or unrestricted (endowed or unendowed) family fund for any of the services offered at the Children's Village, the Children's Ability Center or the FamilyMatters Office.

College & Educational Endowments & Funds

Paul & Sandra Goldner MENSCH Endowment
Alan & Noni Aufzien College Graduation Gift Endowment
Lois & Stephen Kaufman College Endowment
Roslyn Prevot College Scholarship Fund
Lebbin-Spector Educational Support Endowment
Vicki & Steven Stolberg College Scholarship Endowment Award
Jesse Diner & Adele Stone New Beginnings Educational Endowment

Jewish Identify & Cultural Arts Endowments & Funds

Norman & Stephanie Altman Cultural Arts Endowment
Chelminsky Family Hebrew School Fund
Barry & Myra Cohen Cultural Arts & Music Endowment
David Isenberg & Ronni Isenberg Birthright and March of the Living Endowment
Tami & Perry Isenberg Bar/Bat Mitzvah Endowment
Krongold Family Jewish Identity Endowment
Lederman-Wolfe March of the Living & Birthright Fund
Eric & Debbie Nemiroff Music Education Endowment
Patti Plichta Sukkot Celebration Endowment
Congregation Yemei Teshuva of BWCC Bar Mitzvah Fund

Ability Center Scholarship Endowments & Funds

Dara & Alan Berger Ability Center Scholarship Fund
Goldner Scholarship Fund
Cindy & Harold Guttman Ability Center Program Endowment
Fred Katzin Transportation Fund
Rita Carole Messner Endowment Fund
Walter & Leah Ruderfer Art Enrichment Endowment
Stefanie Watkins Memorial Endowment

Jewish Children's Village Endowments & Funds

Leslie & Kimberly Kaminoff Children's Village Endowment
Alan & Noni Aufzien Ice Cream Fund
Estelle Berliner Children's Discretionary Endowment
Sam & Adele Borger Birthday Fund
The Sam & Rose Riemer Endowment Fund
Jonathan E. Cohen Therapy & Wellness Fund
Gayle Coleman Rader Scholarship Fund
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Marge Flanz Alumni Circle Endowment
Eileen Garlick Godparent Endowment
Michelle Herman Goldstein Emergency Fund
Jeffrey Gruber Recreational Fund
JAAM Emergency Fund
Gerald Kessner Outdoor Experience Fund
Clare & Richard Lesser Children of JAFCO Endowment
Lawrence S. & Helene Price Family Endowment
Rona Roth Adoption Fund
Dr. Abraham & Dorothy Shapiro Family Fund
Amy & Barry Sylvetsky Village Discretionary Endowment
Brenda Wallach Forever Friends Endowment
Two Ziegler Boys Camp Scholarship Fund



To discuss creating a
family fund or an endowed
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Godparent Endowment contact
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Adorable!

Capital Donors Gila & Allen Chelminsky



"I know that any success that I have comes from G-d and thus Hashem is my partner in anything I do," says Allen Chelminsky. "On the first of the month I give a significant portion of whatever I make to Tzedakah."

Allen and Gila Chelminsky are a deeply spiritual couple, in fact it was their devotion to Judaism that brought them to JAFCO. After Allen retired as president of his synagogue he felt a void in his life and asked the advice of his Rabbi. The Rabbi told him about JAFCO and that very day he visited, took a tour and met with Sarah Franco. "I fell in love with JAFCO at first sight," Allen said. "Not only did I want to give my money but also my time to such a worthy charity."

Gila and Allen have been generous supporters of JAFCO since 2006. They established the Chelminsky Family Hebrew School Fund to enrich the lives of the children of JAFCO by exposing them to the beauty of Judaism. Last year the Chelminskys made a generous capital gift, naming a Group Home at the Children's Village in honor of their beautiful family: ***The Chelminsky Home, for the blessing and success of all their children.*** Allen has served on the JAFCO Board of Trustees since 2007, and Gila and Allen are members of the Founders Circle, Silver Heart Society, Godparent Circle and have served as JAFCO Gala Chairs.

Allen was born and raised in Toronto and moved to Florida upon college graduation. He has had a successful career in real estate acquisitions and management for the past 30 years. Gila was born in Israel and grew up in New York, then moved to Florida. They are proud, loving parents of five daughters: Leah (21), Sarah (18), Eva (15) and 12-year-old twins Leora and Rebecca.

Silver Heart Society

We invite you to join the Silver Heart Society, an exclusive group of 100 families each donating \$25,000 to a special endowment fund. The \$2.5 million raised for this fund will be used to support the future of JAFCO's lifesaving work.

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Tammy & Richard Morgenstern
Sandi Morris
Marjorie & Maurice D. Plough, Jr.
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of Ellen Pomerantz
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JAFCO Capital Naming Opportunities

Grow With Us and Honor Your Family

JAFCO Capital Donors build dreams by providing capital funds and endowments that secure the future of our children's lives. We offer a wide range of ways donors can pay tribute to their loved ones and make a meaningful impact. Your name will be a permanent part of JAFCO where every child has a place to belong.

The JAFCO Jewish Children's Village Capital Rededication Opportunities

Children's Village Protection System.....	\$720,000
Entrance Garden.....	\$540,000
Gatehouse	\$540,000
Entrance Circle	\$540,000
Village Generator Station.....	\$540,000
Auditorium.....	\$540,000
Playground	\$360,000
Meditation & Relaxation Room.....	\$252,000
Boulevard Name.....	\$252,000
Chief Clinical Operations Officer's Office	\$180,000
Philanthropy Director's Office.....	\$180,000
Serenity Garden	\$180,000
Children's Shelter Library/Computer Room.....	\$108,000
Children's Shelter Crisis Care Office.....	\$108,000
Children's Shelter Playground.....	\$108,000
Clinical Offices (7)	\$108,000
Development Operations Center	\$108,000
Torah Ark	\$108,000
Torah (2).....	\$108,000
Vegetable Garden.....	\$108,000
Outdoor Fitness Circuit.....	\$108,000
Tree Sculpture.....	\$108,000
Therapy & Wellness Center Great Room.....	\$72,000
Children's Shelter Family Room.....	\$72,000
Children's Shelter Dining Room.....	\$72,000
Event Mission Control.....	\$72,000
Group Home Kitchen (3).....	\$54,000
Therapy & Wellness Center Office (5).....	\$54,000
Children's Shelter Bedroom & Bath (6).....	\$54,000
Children's Shelter Safe Room.....	\$54,000
Basketball Court	\$54,000
Bicycle Sculpture.....	\$54,000
Chanukah Menorah	\$54,000
Group Home Child's Bedroom & Bath (30).....	\$36,000
Group Home Family Room (3)	\$36,000
Group Home Dining Room (4)	\$36,000
Group Home Laundry Room (6)	\$36,000
Children's Shelter Laundry Room.....	\$36,000
Eternal Light	\$36,000
Human Resources Offices (2).....	\$36,000
Fitness Equipment (8)	\$36,000

The JAFCO Children's Ability Center Capital Naming Opportunities

2nd Floor Parent Wing	\$540,000
Children's Therapy Wing.....	\$540,000
Research & Training Wing	\$540,000
Ballroom Catering Kitchen	\$500,000
Large Center Ballroom.....	\$500,000
Hurricane Generator Power Zone.....	\$360,000
Ballroom Furnishings	\$250,000
Lodge Vista Drive	\$180,000
Event Center Sound & Lighting Zone	\$180,000
Clinical Staff Think Tank.....	\$108,000
Parent Lounge & Art Studio Overlook Balcony.....	\$108,000
Parent Lounge & Speech Therapy Overlook Balcony & Therapy Room	\$108,000
Clinical Therapy Environment.....	\$72,000
Parent Observation Gym Overlook.....	\$54,000
Confidential Records Room	\$36,000
Guest House Bedroom (1).....	\$36,000
Guest House Laundry Room (2)	\$36,000
Ability Center IT Headquarters	\$36,000
Staff Work Stations (6)	\$36,000
Playground Chin-Up Bar	\$36,000
Playground Epi-Center	\$36,000
Playground Whirl & Twirl Spinning Bowls	\$36,000
Playground Arch Swing.....	\$36,000
Playground Saucer Swing.....	\$36,000
Playground Play Gym	\$36,000
Hydration Station.....	\$36,000
General Store Supply Room.....	\$36,000
Catering Kitchen Magic Oven.....	\$36,000
Soda Machine.....	\$36,000



Smile!

For more information on giving opportunities
contact Philanthropy Director Janet Epstein
at 954-315-8696 or janet@jafco.org.

We're in the "HOME" Stretch!



The JAFCO Children's Ability Center

Construction of the new Lindzon and Berman Guest Homes at the Children's Ability Center is in the "home" stretch! These two new respite homes, standing alongside our first beautiful home, the Sandi & Bob Morris Guest House, will increase our overnight capacity from 6 to 18. We will now triple the number of children and parents we can reach, extending our hands and our hearts to even more incredible families raising children with developmental disabilities.

The respite program was designed to give families a break of up to two weeks per year, allowing parents to travel, take their typical children to college, attend a wedding, or just a staycation at home. All the while their children who are staying with us at the Ability Center are having so much fun and above all they are safe and cared for by our loving childcare and nursing staff. We are hoping that construction will be completed by the end of 2023!

Construction Checklist

- ✓ Drywall installed
- ✓ Priming & painting interior
- ✓ Priming & painting exterior
- ✓ Floor tile delivered; installation in progress
- ✓ Cabinets being built
- ✓ Appliances on site
- ✓ Electric fixtures delivered



The JAFCO Children's Village

At the JAFCO Children's Village we are making improvements to keep the Village looking as beautiful as it did on the day we opened in 2002 in order to provide the best possible childhood experience for our children who come here to heal from the trauma of abuse, neglect and abandonment. Thanks to the generosity of big-hearted donors who contribute to the Rededication and Endowment Campaign, we installed new roofs and hurricane-impact windows and doors. The project will continue to its next phase with a brand new kitchen in the Emergency Shelter and new floors, kitchens and baths for the children in the Group Homes.

We need your help funding these exciting projects and hope you will consider a gift or pledge in your family name or perhaps in honor of your children or grandchildren or someone you love or may have lost. Your name will forever be a part of JAFCO, a sacred safe space where every child in our community has a place to belong. Naming opportunities start at \$36,000 and are listed on page 35.

For more information contact Philanthropy Director Janet Epstein at 954-315-8696 or janet@jafco.org.

Nothing to watch on **NETFLIX**

Well, if a picture is worth a thousand words, then a JAFCO video is priceless!

Watch some of the classic JAFCO videos by hovering your camera over one of the QR codes. Wait a moment for it to load, grab a tissue, learn about JAFCO's mission, and meet some of our children.



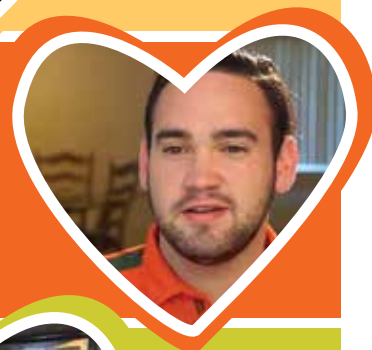
2009 Every child deserves a safe and loving home



2013 JAFCO Heroes



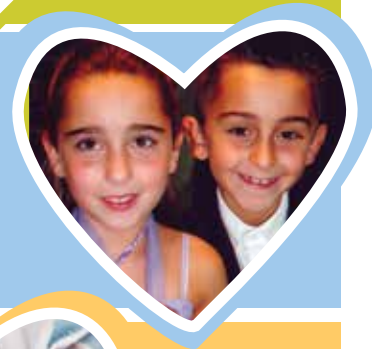
2015 Celebrate



2016 JAFCO Shining Stars



2018 JAFCO Imagine



2019 JAFCO Love



Thank You! to Our Legislative Elected Officials.



It is with a grateful overflowing heart that JAFCO received life-changing funding for our children and families from the Florida Legislature. We extend our appreciation to Governor Ron DeSantis for safeguarding the appropriations obtained by our dedicated and amazing sponsors, Florida Senator Tina Polsky and State Representative Michael Gottlieb for securing \$850,000 again this year for the Children's Ability Center and to Senator Polsky and State Representative Christine Hunschofsky for securing \$600,000 for our Eagles' Haven Wellness Center.



**Senator
Tina Polsky**



**Representative
Christine Hunschofsky**

**This means more
services for all of our
families, making our
community a safer,
happier place to live.**



There are no words to express our gratitude to Attorney Ellyn Bogdanoff, former Florida Senator, former JAFCO Founding Board member (now a member of our Honorary Board), Founders Giving Circle member, and former JAFCO foster parent for donating her life-changing lobbying efforts on behalf of our JAFCO community over the past three decades. Fun fact, if you love our JAFCO logo (a child swinging on the Tree of Life), it was Ellyn who created it for us!

**Former Senator
Ellyn Bogdanoff**



**Representative
Michael Gottlieb**

Thank you to so many pro-bono professionals in our community who have donated their services to the children and families.

Thank you to all of our **board members** who share their various professional skills with us on behalf of the children
Security: **Justin Leo**

Legislative Funding and Lobbying: **Senator Ellyn Bogdanoff**

Legal Consulting: **Harry Friedman, Rick Allen, Stewart Greenberg, Marci Langley, Stuart Rader, and Michelle Kenney**

Financial Planning: **Doug Vogel and Keith Singer**

Accounting: **Larry Herrup**

Pediatric Medicine and Spiritual Guidance: **Dr. Lisa Sirota**

Therapy and Life Coaching: **Marianne Altschul**

Spiritual Leadership: **Ann Bloom and Rabbi Shmuli Heidigsfeld**

Nutritional Guidance: **Alex Frizzelle**

HR Consulting: **Donna Horkey**

Risk Management Consulting: **Anita Byer and Martin Salcedo**

Massage Therapy: **Matthew Hamburger**

Healing Arts Instruction: **Sabrina Zhang, Babs Walter, Anne Warren, Randi Ifcher, and Evelyn Ballin**

Grant Writing: **Jo Ann Arnowitz**

**We are looking for pro bono services in South Florida and Philadelphia. Services needed are:
Pediatric doctors and specialists, dentists and orthodontists,
eye care, barbers, hair stylists and braiding professionals**



Business Circle Partners

When you partner with us, you are connecting to a vibrant community that is committed to giving every child a place to belong.

When you join the JAFCO Business Circle you are joining much more than a charity. You are joining a big, loving family of volunteers, families, staff and donors dedicated to helping improve the lives of children impacted by abuse, neglect, or developmental disabilities. JAFCO has an extensive database, 9 chapters across South Florida and the Northeast, and dozens of events annually with attendance of 200 to 850 guests.

Our Business Partnership packages can be tailored to any budget allowing you to attend and sponsor multiple events throughout the year in your area. You will also receive recognition in this printed newsletter which is posted on our website, mailed and emailed to all of our donors.



For more information about how you can join the JAFCO Business Circle and connect with this vibrant community, contact JAFCO Philanthropy Director Janet Epstein at 954-315-8696 or janet@jafco.org

JAFCO Legacy Circle

What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.

Albert Pike

The JAFCO Legacy Circle honors those donors who have included the Children of JAFCO in their estate planning, thereby assuring that JAFCO's life-saving work will continue forever. If you have done so and are not on this list, please be sure to let us know so that we may welcome you to our Legacy Circle. JAFCO Philanthropy Director Janet Epstein is available to help you. Contact her at janet@jafco.org or at 954-315-8696 for more information about leaving a legacy gift in your will with cash, real estate, life insurance policy, IRA, appreciated stock, Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Remainder Trust.

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There are many simple ways for you to fulfill your charitable desires with a gift that will continue your legacy for years to come. Please contact your personal financial advisor to discuss your legacy.

**Leaving a gift in a will or a bequest • Leaving a gift of life insurance • Giving a gift of IRA or retirement assets
Making a gift of cash or appreciated stock • Creating a Charitable Gift Annuity or a Charitable Remainder Trust.**

Volunteers

We thank our JAFCO volunteers for so generously sharing their time, light and love supporting our children and families. We would not be the same without you!

Volunteers are an important component of the JAFCO continuum of care, offering their time at our 4 sites. Volunteers perform a variety of tasks including cooking, homework help, organizing, clerical tasks and more. Our Forever Friends program provides a 1 to 1 mentor for a child in need of additional support and guidance. Professionals willing to offer pro-bono medical, dental, orthodontic and eye care or legal, tutoring, psychological evaluation or therapy services to JAFCO's children are also needed.

**Please visit our website and attend the next monthly tour to begin the process.
For more information on volunteering please contact JAFCO Community Outreach Specialist
Linda Sachs, at 954-315-8664 or linda@jafco.org.**



JAFCO 30th Anniversary Gala

An Evening of Celebration & Gratitude... Our JAFCO family enjoyed an unforgettable night as we celebrated life, friendship and JAFCO's lifesaving mission. The Polo Club ballroom was filled with love as we presented the Jacob's Ladder Award for Child Advocacy to Becky & Laurence Herrup and Carole & Mel Kantor. The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Sandra & Paul Goldner. We congratulate and appreciate all our honorees.

This special Gala touched the hearts of 300 guests. Through the support of our Gala honorees, guests and sponsors, we raised over \$800,000 net for the children of JAFCO.

1. Moshe & Lana Biton, Gila & Allen Chelminsky
2. Stephanie Bielenberg, Linda & Don Brodie and Frank Bielenberg
3. Todd & Kim Weicholz with Helene & Stephen Weicholz
4. Andrew, Lily & Rachel Schwartz
5. Richard & Tammy Morgenstern
6. Brenda & Larry Robinson
7. Marshall Blau, Francee Ford, Herschel Fink, Adrienne Ruby-Fink, Rochelle Sampson & Jeffrey Snyder
8. Gala Committee; Bernice Wenger, Joan Gedanksy, Nanci Beyer, Helene Weicholz, Stewart & Maggie Greenberg, Marci Langley, Christine Miller



2022 Jacob's Ladder Award Recipients



Becky & Laurence Herrup

As the current treasurer of the JAFCO Children's Foundation Board of Trustees, Larry Herrup has tirelessly donated his vast experience as a CPA to ensure that JAFCO's fiscal transparency, investment oversight and accountability meet the highest possible standards. His passion for this role comes from his compassion and respect for the children JAFCO serves and also for the generous JAFCO donors and benefactors.

After Becky attended the 2016 JAFCO Mother's Day Luncheon the couple decided to take a tour of the Children's Village. Seeing the Village in person and learning what JAFCO does in our community made Becky and Larry decide to step up and get fully involved, using all of their resources and contacts to help the children of JAFCO. In Larry's role as director of the Judge Aaron B. Cohen Charitable Foundation, he has directed donations in excess of \$160,000 to the children JAFCO serves.

Larry was born and raised in Connecticut, and Becky, a native South Floridian, has spent more than 45 years in the healthcare field; she is a registered nurse and a licensed Board-Certified Health Care Risk Manager. They have been happily married for over 45 years and are the proud parents of two wonderful and talented children.

Larry's donation of time and talent to the JAFCO Children's Foundation, the entity that protects our assets and investments for the future, is invaluable. His official role is "treasurer," but Larry and Becky are also both "treasures" for this organization.



Carole & Mel Kantor

A wonderful life has led the Kantors on many roads, and JAFCO has been one of their paths filled with love and compassion. Twenty years ago, they recruited the King David Bikers to sponsor the annual Back to School Picnic at the Children's Village, giving the children the first motorcycle ride of their lives and they have continued this ever since. This year, Mel and Carole donated six fully refurbished vehicles the moment they heard they were for our high school graduates. In addition to their leadership in the Valencia Reserve JAFCO Club, they are members of the JAFCO Founders Circle and are Godparent and Circle of Hope members for Life.

Family is the number one priority for Carole and Mel Kantor. They both grew up in Bronx, New York, have been married for 56 years and raised their family on Long Island. They are proud parents of Zena, married and operating her own party planning business; and Marc, founder of South Florida Intervention and also married.

Carole and Mel first heard about JAFCO when they moved to Florida 25 years ago and decided to volunteer as JAFCO Forever Friends. They were matched with a six-year-old boy, Patrick, whose mom was having a difficult time, then became his (unofficial) foster parents, raising him as part of their loving family. Patrick, now 27, is married and owns his own business.

We are so grateful to Carole and Mel, one of the most loyal, dedicated and compassionate members of the JAFCO family.

2022 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients



Sandra & Paul Goldner

For Paul Goldner education was the key to his personal success, to the success of his children and grandchildren and he also wanted the same opportunities for the children of JAFCO. He knew that with so much trauma and hardship in their lives, the children living at the JAFCO Children's Village would require additional time and educational support in order to succeed. The Goldners created the MENSCH Endowment 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."

In addition to this incredibly generous gift, the Goldners also funded a stand-alone gas generator that can provide 100% power to the children living at the Village during a power outage. They are members of the JAFCO Founders Circle, the Circle of Hope and are Godparents for Life. Paul is a long-time member of the JAFCO Board of Trustees as well as the JAFCO Children's Foundation.

Paul and Sandra Goldner both hail from New York. They have been together for 36 wonderful years and combined have 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren — all are Sandra and Paul's pride and joy.

JAFCO expresses our heartfelt gratitude to Paul and Sandra Goldner for their support and generosity and helping us raise an entire generation of "Menschen," our JAFCO alumni. The Goldners have changed their lives with the opportunity to have a bright future through education.

All in for JAFCO Poker Tournament

The All in for JAFCO Poker Tournament was back and better than ever in the fall of 2022, this year taking place at JAFCO's Illuminate Venue. The evening started off with cocktails and delicious food, as well as a silent auction. The night continued with our competitive Poker Tournament, where one lucky guest left as the big winner followed by 2nd and 3rd place prizes! Sponsors and guests raised \$35,000 net for the Children's Ability Center.



Sammy Schulman of the Miami Heat and Event Chair Perry Isenberg.



In My Shoes Luncheon

Although the event did not take place in Italy or Holland, over 600 guests were very happy to be part of the fabulous In My Shoes Luncheon at Boca West Country Club honoring Randi Winter for her dedication to families raising children with developmental disabilities. Nearly \$130,000 was raised to support the life-changing services provided at the JAFCO Children's Ability Center including 10 new Godparent and Circle of Hope members who ensure we continue... giving every child a place to belong.

1. In My Shoes Luncheon Committee.
2. Godparent and Circle of Hope pinning ceremony
3. Co-chairs Debra Faren and Terry Menas
4. Welcome to Holland Honoree Randi Winter and family
5. Keynote Speaker and CAC parent, Gina Guzman



Chanukah Miracles Luncheon

The Aventura Chapter continued their tradition of creating miracles for the children of JAFCO with this year's Chanukah Miracles Luncheon! The well-attended event returned to the JW Marriott Turnberry Resort with 500 guests. A record-breaking 28 donors either joined the Circle of Hope or Godparent Circle...or recommitted for another 10 years to support the next generation of children. At the end of the day, the miraculous committee raised over \$340,000 to brighten the holidays for the children.

1. Miraculous Committee
2. Candle of Hope Honorees & Board Chair Stewart Greenberg
3. Co-chairs Sasha Goldsmith & Lauren Faith
4. Capital Donors Jenny & Kevin Faith receive specially commissioned menorah.
5. Honoree and Chapter President Alexandra Bergman



Name Your Game at Illuminate

The first official game day at the beautiful Illuminate Venue was a sold-out event of 130 eager Canasta and Mah Jongg players! Everyone enjoyed the games, lunch, auction, and tournament successfully co-chaired by Vicki Stolberg and Melissa Ackerman.

Congratulations to all the winners!



Monte Carlo Night

This year, the North Palm Beach Chapter of JAFCO threw a Monte Carlo Night at The Club at Ibis. Guests enjoyed an evening filled with an elegant cocktail reception with a custom "French Riviera" cocktail, delicious buffet stations, our premiere JAFCO video and surprise guests. The rest of the night was spent gambling away! With the help of our incredible North Palm Beach Donors, we were able to raise over \$200,000 for the children.

1. North Palm Beach Committee
2. Candle of Hope Honorees
3. Larry & Brenda Robinson with CEO Sarah Franco



Mom Squad Superhero Evening

When the Mom Squad gets together, amazing results occur! After 3 years, our Superheroes returned stronger than ever, raising over \$40,000 in one night. They may be the youngest organized group of JAFCO fundraisers, but their reach spans across all county lines through their personal connections... and of course, social media. #jafcomomsquad

1. Live artist creates masterpieces during event.
2. Guests are thoroughly entertained by the live painting display.
3. Co-chairs Haley Walker and Jackie Arboleda with JAFCO alumni Steven Weiss.
4. New Godparents, Ted & Jackie Arboleda and Eli & Galit Lipnik.



Have a Heart Luncheon & Card Party

The North Palm Beach Chapter of JAFCO threw its Have a Heart Luncheon & Card Party at The Country Club at Mirasol with over 330 people in attendance. Guests enjoyed shopping at the boutique and a beautiful lunch while learning important updates about the JAFCO sites. Afterwards, the card games began, and a mixture of Canasta, Mah Jongg and Bridge were played for the rest of the afternoon. This event raised over \$75,000 net for the children of JAFCO.

1. Candle of Hope Honorees
2. Fun with Friends
3. Co-Chairs Barbara Rothman, Beth Frank, and Leni Cohen
4. Card Play
5. Capital Donor Vicki Wolff receives her menorah



Four Board Retreat

This year's four-board retreat included 36 board members gathering at the Village to meet, share, and learn about everything from seeing through the eyes of autism to posting on social media, to the habits of happy people!

1. Honored with the Candle of Hope were FamilyMatters Board Trustees David Levy, Linda Brodie, Rana Bell, Mark Taplinger, and Michael Simon with Executive Director, Jill Lapensohn.
2. Champagne toasting the board announcement of the Brodie gift for a FamilyMatters center in Philadelphia are Rana Bell, Sarah Franco, Jill Lapensohn, and Linda Brodie.



Breakfast at Tiffany's Luncheon

This year, the South Palm Beach Chapter threw a darling event at Polo Club of Boca Raton. Over 500 Audrey Hepburn lookalikes came together to shop at our boutique and silent auction, enjoy the gorgeous Tiffany's themed ballroom, learn more about JAFCO's mission, and listen to an inspiring history of Audrey Hepburn's glamorous and philanthropic life presented by René Silvin. With your help, we were able to raise \$200,000 for the Children of JAFCO.

1. Tiffany's Committee
2. New Godparents and Circle of Hope Members
3. Co-chairs Susan Lyman and Elise Repath
4. Presentation by René Silvin
5. Our Audrey look-alike winner Gail Zafran



Seeds of Love Luncheon & Card Party

North Palm Beach went back to where it all began at Admirals Cove for their annual card party. This year, the theme was Seeds of Love. Co-chairs Dara Berger and Suzi Herrendorf created this successful event along with Event Underwriters Carol & Dan Strickberger. Over 350 ladies enjoyed shopping, a delicious lunch and card play all while raising more than \$155,000 net to help the JAFCO Children Grow.

1. Carol Strickberger's table.
2. New Godparent pinning ceremony.
3. Margie Greenspan, Dara Berger & Helene Newman



Major Donor Reception

185 of our major donors enjoyed a lavish Sunday brunch overlooking a beautiful marina and stately yachts at the Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club in Boca Raton on April 2nd. The event was lovingly sponsored by Barry Cohen & Caren Weinberg, Lois & Stephen Kaufman and Dennis & Julie Ratner (in absentia).

1. Our generous chairs, Stephen & Lois Kaufman and Caren Weinberg & Barry Cohen.
2. Honored with the lighting of The Candle of Hope was Gayle Moskowitz, Ed Koenig, Mishelle & Keith Singer, Brenda & Larry Robinson, Eleanor Schick, Maggie & Stewart Greenberg, Helene & Stephen Weicholz and Shelley Pittleman.
3. Our new JAFCO Godparents, Circle of Hope and newly recommitted Godparents who received their pins and candle holders at this special ceremony: Deborah Glick, Bernie & Sandra Meyers, Iris Weingarten, Barry Green, Helene Weicholz (Godparent Circle Chair), Larry & Brenda Robinson, Gerald & Olivia Shapiro and Helene & Robert Gottlieb.



Live, Laugh, Lunch

It was a beautiful day at the Rusty Pelican in Key Biscayne when the Miami Chapter hosted their Live, Laugh, Lunch event for the first time in 4 years. Guests enjoyed reconnecting while enjoying the boutique and auction at this intimate, heartwarming luncheon that raised \$80,000 for the children.

1. Our breathtaking room overlooking Biscayne Bay.
2. Our Live, Laugh, Lunch Committee including Chair Bonnie Weinberger and Co-Presidents Heather Sosler and Elyssa Lewis.
3. The Miami Chapter adds 12 new and recommitted Godparents and Circle of Hope members.
4. Jenny & Kevin Diemar honor both sets of parents by including them in the Godparent Circle.



Mother's Day Luncheon

This year's Mother's Day Luncheon was held at Boca West Country Club. We were back better than ever with 520 guests joining us for a very special afternoon honoring Woman of the Year, Barbara Reich. The day was filled with delicious mimosas, fabulous shopping at the boutique and silent auction, VIP and Grand Raffle Prize winners, and an abundant amount of new Godparents. Thanks to all of our supporters, we were able to raise a record breaking \$320,000 net for our children!

1. Honoree Barbara Reich and her family
2. Mother's Day Committee
3. New Godparents and Circle of Hope members
4. Stewart Greenberg, Barbara Reich and Stuart Rader



Central Palm Beach Chapter

This growing chapter includes 6 separate communities that work hard all year round to support the children of JAFCO. Under the leadership of Wendy Galit and Dave Epstein, the Central Palm Beach Chapter advocates for the children through fundraising events and sharing the amazing stories of JAFCO with their members.

Community Leaders

Valencia Bay: Linda Rosenzweig & Hillary Silverstein

Valencia Cove: Melanie vanderValk & Norlyn Poto

Valencia Isles: Robbie Gimpel & Janet Hardbrod

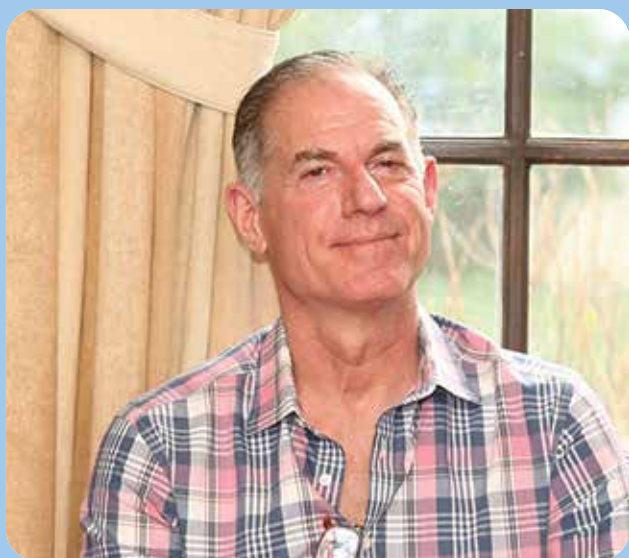
Valencia Reserve: Harriet Sandler & Carol Wisner

Villaggio: Ingrid Jaffe & Nancy Brounstein

Wycliffe: Eileen Blau

1. An evening of fun and games at Valencia Bay's Casino Night with record-breaking fundraising results.
2. Valencia Cove hosted a sold-out event with 228 people including a silent auction and over 65 raffle items!
3. It takes an army to coordinate the well-attended annual Valencia Isles Walk.
4. A Valencia Reserve tour after a season of fundraising and theater events.
5. Villaggio Wine Down Thursday event raised awareness about JAFCO.
6. After a successful, sold-out luncheon, this Wycliffe group toured JAFCO.





Long Island Poker

Many thanks to Michael Feldstein and his amazing friends who donated \$7,000 from their poker game to FamilyMatters!



Neiman Marcus Fashion Presentation & Brunch

Thank you to Neiman Marcus King of Prussia for hosting the Spring into Summer pre-event brunch and fashion presentation by TOCCIN (NY). Neiman Marcus also generously donated 10% of all private shopping sales from the event to FamilyMatters. Spring into Summer Event Chairs Dara Goldstein, Dayna Benn, and Melissa Grodofsky enjoyed a day of shopping along with the event committee members.

Long Island Golf Classic

The second Long Island Golf Classic was truly tee-rific! 99 golfers participated in this wonderful day of golf, camaraderie, and philanthropy at Meadow Brook Club, raising over \$70,000 in support of the children and families served by JAFCO FamilyMatters! We are so thankful and appreciative to all the Underwriters and Sponsors, golfers, chairs, committee members and volunteers who made this a tremendous success.

1. Guests were honored with the lighting of the Candle of Hope
2. Pearl Halegua, Michael Feldstein, and Nathan Halegua
3. Susan & Ted Tashlik
4. Jeanne Goldman, Amy Levy, Stacy Spitalnick, Dorine Wulnick, Susan Tashlik and Pearl Halegua



Spring into Summer

We are so grateful to our event chairs, Dayna Benn, Dara Goldstein, and Melissa Grodofsky, along with their incredible event committee, who made Spring into Summer a tremendous success! The event honored Julie Nagorsky and Jennifer Toren as the 2022 Women of Valor. This event raised \$70,000 and welcomed 4 new members into the Godparent Circle. Many thanks to Jamie Apody from 6abc, our incredible emcee.

1. The beautiful Spring into Summer Committee
2. Event Chairs Melissa Grodofsky, Dara Goldstein, Dayna Benn
3. Honorees Jennifer Toren and Julie Nagorsky
4. Honored with the Candle of Hope are Meredith Finn, Judy Lundy, Jill Jacobson, and Marisa Cohen.



Name Your Game

Co-Queens Terry Auerbach, Beth Fox, and Renee Kiejdan kicked off our Jersey Shore summer event season with a must-attend card party at The Golden Nugget. The proceeds from this event help the children we serve have an incredible summer and experience the unmatched joy of summer camp! This annual event also benefits Golden Slipper Camp, a not-for-profit overnight camp in the Pocono Mountains that enriches the lives of children and young adults from varied backgrounds.

1. Committee & Chairs Marla Rosenthol, Beth Fox, Terry Auerbach, Renee Kiejdan, Kris Gross, Beverly Victor, Wendy Ruden, Fran Jonas
2. Penny Robinson, Gil Cohen, Andrea Schwartz, Ellen Strauss, Debbie Borman, Sherri Anapolle
3. Kris Gross, Beverly Victor, Lori Pashow, Carol Sussman
4. Renee Kiejdan, Susan Kleiman, Amy Chipetz, Dolly Mendes, Fern Klein, Sarah Franco, Jill Lapensohn, and Beverly Victor



14th Annual Golf Classic

We are so grateful for the record number of golfers who joined us and supported our 14th Annual Golf Classic at the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club, Lafayette Hill, PA!! Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to our Event Chairs Jason Hersh, David Rounick, and Jared Zeisler, to Golf Tournament Underwriters Clear Path Financial and Philadelphia Kids in Care Foundation, and all of the other underwriters and sponsors who helped make the event a huge success. This day of friends, food, and philanthropy raised over \$70,000 for our programs and services in Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey. Guests enjoyed a post-tournament fun cocktail reception featuring tequila, hand-rolled cigars, delicious dinner, awards and prizes – this was an event golfers won't soon fore-get!

1. Brian Gilberg, Jason Hershman, Brett Sandler, Paul Markowich
2. Chairs Jason Hersh, Jared Zeisler, David Rounick
3. Brett Hersh, Keith Singer
4. Frank Seidman, Jacob Talley, Brandon Levithan, and Jason Goldstein



Cocktails for a Cause

Event Chairs, Donna & Lou Greenberg, Carol & Stanley Sussman and the amazing committee had over 120 men and women who gathered for an incredible evening at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ for cocktails, delicious food and an incredible silent auction where every item sold! A special thank you to Lori Kaplan, Stacy Claywell and Linda Brodie for the gorgeous décor. This extraordinary event raised over \$60,000 in support of our programs!

1. Donna Greenberg, Carol Sussman, Jill Lapensohn and Emcee Ted Greenberg
2. Henri Levit, Linda & Don Brodie, Keith & Mishelle Singer
3. Candle of Hope: Mike Bell, Stacy Claywell, Lori Kaplan, Beverly Victor, Susan Lyman & Jill Lapensohn
4. New Godparents, Barbara & Irv Braunstein



Fun in the Sun

After several years, Fun in the Sun was back at Glen Head Country Club in Long Island, NY! Over 115 women shopped, ate, and played games while raising over \$32,000, with 2 guests joining the Godparent Circle and 1 joining the Circle of Hope. A huge thank you to Pearl Halegua and her incredibly dedicated and extraordinary committee, as well as all the sponsors and ladies that made the day possible. It was inspirational to hear from Becky Saka as she shared her JAFCO journey and success story and expressed her gratitude to each person in the room. It was a beautiful day filled with lots of hugs and emotion.

1. Judi Dines, Marlene Silver and Bernice Wenger
2. Fun in the Sun Committee Members
3. Jeanne Goldman, Amy Levy, Dorine Wulwick, Stacey Spitalnick, Susan Tashlik
4. Pearl Halegua, Rivkah Halpern, New Godparent Dorine Wulwick



Cherry Hill Game Day

We had a beautiful day at The Legacy Club at Woodcrest in Cherry Hill, NJ with 111 women enjoying a day of shopping, lunch and games, which raised over \$10,000. A special thank you to our incredible Co-Chairs Carol Hirsch, Shari Smith and Caryn Weiss for all of their efforts.

1. Carol Hirsch, Cindy Epstein, Eileen Gross, Laura Heller
2. Event Chairs Caryn Weiss, Shari Smith and Carol Hirsch
3. Debbie Silverman, Shari Smith, Melissa Herskowitz, Helene Rubin and Sue Polikoff
4. Candle of Hope Honorees Melinda Kane, Janet Katz, Tiffany Mogell, Barbara Pick and Connye Weisman



City Lights Casino Night

Event Chairs Michele and Mark Taplinger, along with their fantastic event committee, did it again! City Lights was a huge success and brought in a lot of new men and women who learned what FamilyMatters is all about. The "At Your Side" Award recognized Honorees Jamie and Brett Sandler for their above-and-beyond commitment to the children of FamilyMatters and it was so touching when Brett surprised Jamie and they became Godparents. With record attendance and the generous support of the attendees, Sponsors, Underwriters, including Event Underwriter the Brodie Family, this year's City Lights event raised over \$52,000 to support programs for the children and families we serve!

1. Honorees Brett & Jamie Sandler, Linda Brodie
2. Candle of Hope, Amanda & Jason Schwartz, Jamie & Jason Hersh, Steven Hersh, Paul Lipowicz, Randi LoPreto, Jessica Hersh, Lauren Lipowicz, Jill Lapensohn
3. Linda Brodie and Mark Taplinger



FamilyMatters Event & Contact Information

2023-2024 Events

Thursday, October 5, 2023
Aston Martin Extravaganza
Ardmore, PA

Thursday, November 2, 2023
City Lights
Hotel West & Main, Conshohocken, PA

Wednesday, January 31, 2024
New Event Coming Soon
Ardmore, PA

May 2024
Spring into Summer
Philadelphia, PA

June 2024
Name Your Game
New Jersey

July 2024
16th Annual Golf Classic
Pennsylvania

July 2024
Cocktails for a Cause
New Jersey

September 2024
Fun in the Sun
Glen Head County Club, Glen Head, NY

November 2024
City Lights
Pennsylvania

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Florida & Philadelphia Communities Share Their



▲ Sarah Akiba and volunteers from AWOM beautifully packed 50 bags and boxes of food donations for Thanksgiving, along with gift cards for turkeys to help our families enjoy the holidays!



▲ Jennifer Toren hosted a Baby Shower at Boca Bridges to introduce her community to JAFCO. The overwhelming outpouring of love and support included many carloads of much-needed items for babies and toddlers in the Emergency Shelter, plus over \$3,000 in gift card donations! They followed up with a tour of the JAFCO Village and Children's Ability Center.



▲ Ayala Gross's son Sammy celebrated his 5th birthday and donated 90% of his gifts to JAFCO. His little sister, Bria, also helped deliver the gifts!

▼ The Hutzler Family has produced piano recital fundraisers to help send the children of JAFCO to summer camp for over a decade! Ilana invented the idea and her brother continued the tradition that sadly ended this year as Aidan heads to college. Thank you Sheri, Chip, Ilana, and Aidan!



▼ Lea & Gabriel Goldenberg continued their annual school supply drive to ensure the children of JAFCO are equipped with all the tools needed for success.



▼ The JAFCO Kings Point Chapter works hard all year round raising funds and awareness for the children through luncheons, card parties, and events. President Ellen Bernstein and Treasurer Charlotte Friedman enjoy this year's Annual Membership Luncheon at the Cabaret Room.



▲ The Jewish Federation of Broward County and Palm Beach worked together to help the children of JAFCO celebrate Chanukah by hosting a pajama drive.



▲ The Aventura Teen Chapter created cards and packed gifts to make Valentine's Day special for the children.



▲ Jessica Klein and her daughter deliver beautiful Shalach Manot goodies from many families in Aventura. JAFCO Family Support Specialist Sydney Weber is happy to welcome them.



▲ For the second year in a row, 5 year old Mason Geller donated his birthday gifts to the children of JAFCO! Happy Birthday Mason, what a beautiful mitzvah!

Love with the Children of JAFCO & FamilyMatters



▲ The GreenTones of Paul Green's Rock Academy, played in Rana and Jordan Bell's backyard to a bunch of friends, family and fans & raised \$1,200 for FamilyMatters.



▲ The crew from Bake A Wish makes sure the children in the Village receive a freshly baked cake for each of their birthdays!



▲ Temple Beth El's Mitzvah Day project focused on making baskets of camp supplies for the kids.



▼ The Lehrman Day School 5th grade class had a Jogathon and raised \$24,000 for our Chanukah Drive!



▲ The Marvelous Miami Mitzvah Makers help wrap hundreds of Chanukah presents every year to assist the staff prepare 8 nights of gifts for all the children!

▼ Thank you to Jacoy of the Gordon School in Miami for delivering such awesome baskets of camp supplies to the children at the Village. We appreciate the new towels, sunscreen, goggles, and assorted summer items they collected.



◀ Ilanit Zohar Abati, Posnack East community service liaison, and Gili Kotler, Oshrat Edri, Sherri Gaylis, PTO volunteers from The Hochberg Lower School, donating pajamas and a big check towards our Chanukah drive!



▲ Jill Lapensohn, Executive Director of JAFCO FamilyMatters presents the Golden Slipper Camp President, Dean Siegel with a check for \$5,000 as a donation from their annual Name Your Game Event that was held in August 2022. It is always heartwarming when our two communities come together to provide summer camp experiences for our children.



▲ Rachel Roseberg donated beautiful handmade blankets to our Chanukah Drive from her business Comfy Covered. These soft and fluffy blankets are really one of a kind!



▲ Rita Carole Messner was officially adopted by JAFCO during her 90th birthday celebration in the Village where she volunteered for many years!

JAFCO's Mitzvah Kids



▲ Violet Fishman

Violet created a Go Fund Me page that generated \$2,500 in donations to fulfill children's wish list items.

▼ Eytan Plotkin

Eytan decided to raise money so that kids his age could experience all the same fun things that he likes to do. With his family's assistance, donations totalled over \$20,000! Eytan's vision for the children of JAFCO to enjoy fun experiences will become a reality!



▲ Noah Weissman

Noah partnered with JAFCO to raise \$2,500 so a child living in the Village could experience the meaningful Jewish tradition of a Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

More Mitzvah Kids

- ♥ Natalie Guelman ♥
- ♥ Shayna Posner ♥
- ♥ Lila Shane ♥
- ♥ Brittany Temares ♥



▲ Joey Schneider

Joey helped JAFCO collect items for the kids who don't have all the gear they need to go to summer camp. Summer camp has always been the very best part of Joey's year and she wanted to help other kids experience that too!



▲ Ben Friedlander

Ben organized a Back to School drive to ensure the children would have plenty of supplies to start the new school year.



▲ Charlotte Perkins

Charlotte created a video to share with friends and family expressing her interest in raising money to sponsor a child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah at JAFCO.

JAFCO's Mitzvah Kids



▲ Jace Bell

For his mitzvah project, Jace Bell took his love for FamilyMatters and passion of baking to bake and sell homemade treats throughout the year to benefit FamilyMatters raising and donating over \$2,500.

▼ Noah Cantor

Noah collected over 50 Chanukah presents for JAFCO's Independent Living program.



▼ Alejandro Carreno

Alejandro has so much compassion in his heart for the children of JAFCO that he donated a portion of his gifts to help support them.



▲ Aaron Glasser

Sharing his love for sports, Aaron raised over \$3,000 for the children to also enjoy sporting activities and have the sports equipment they need. Aaron follows in the philanthropic footsteps of his family, especially his amazing grandfather Attorney Gene Glasser who is not only a major donor to JAFCO but in 1991 he personally drafted the Articles of Incorporation for a new charity that would be known as JAFCO.

▼ Natalie Schur

For her Bat Mitzvah project, Natalie reached out to her community and friends to acquire Chanukah presents for the Children of JAFCO.



This page is dedicated to the creator of the first JAFCO Journal in 1995, the late Madelyn Weil, a founding board member who believed that children are our future. ♥

All gifts directly benefit the children of JAFCO. All "Mitzvah Kids" and their families are invited to the JAFCO Village where they are presented with a beautiful certificate honoring them for helping children impacted by abuse, neglect and developmental disabilities.

To plan your JAFCO Mitzvah project in Florida, contact JAFCO Director of Special Events, Rebecca Drescher at rdrescher@jafco.org

In the Northeast, contact FamilyMatters Executive Director, Jill Lapensohn at jill@familymattersnetwork.org.

Chapter President Spotlight

An Interview with South Palm Beach Dynamic Duo



Linda Beermann and Francee Ford

When did you two meet and fall in love with JAFCO?

Francee: I actually got introduced to JAFCO by Flora Zadoff. She invited me to a JAFCO Author's Luncheon. If you have a heart, you can't go to any JAFCO event and not end up in tears. Then I was invited on a tour of JAFCO. Linda and I first met at Polo Club, where we ended up in the same bridge group. Next thing I knew, I was on the board with Linda. We connected and started doing everything together, from soliciting raffles to working on events.

Linda: I had a tour at JAFCO and was BLOWN AWAY. I couldn't get over what I was seeing. I came back, then started telling friends. It was such a rewarding experience. We all became Godparents, and it was so thrilling that I could contribute to JAFCO in such a meaningful way. Once Francee and I met, it was easier to do everything as a duo. One time we went to a jewelry store in east Boca, and the woman was so nice, and she asked us to model, and it was just a great experience. Francee and I both think alike in that we need something more in our lives. We've had a lot of fun together over the years! Next thing we knew JAFCO asked us to be President/ Vice President. We work best together so decided to be Co-Presidents.

Francee: We were both flattered that we were asked.... and we became the duo!

How does your involvement impact your families?

Francee: My family knows I am very passionate about JAFCO! They live out of town but have made donations in honor of my big birthday I had a couple of years ago. I hope to take my children on a tour the next time they are in town.

Linda: My husband, Jon, is very proud of the fact I am so involved in JAFCO. He is a big supporter, and we got our friends to come on a tour of JAFCO, and all became

Godparents! I've always been involved in the Chanukah program, and I try to show my grandson how important it is to give back. When my grandson was 8 years old, I told him that I was shopping for Chanukah gifts for the children of JAFCO, and I hoped that would have a lasting effect on him.

When and how did you decide to become leaders and how has this impacted you?

Francee: I think one of the things I really enjoy about being a leader is doing something worthwhile with my time that benefited other people. The events under our leadership were very successful and raising money for the kids was just very rewarding.

Linda: There is a lot of recognition - I've had several people say as soon as they come back from the summer, they want to take a tour of JAFCO. You are doing something you are really proud of, and maybe new people we've introduced will also become involved. We want more people to see it. One of our big goals is really to make JAFCO a part of Polo Club.

Francee: I'm in Michigan right now, and I just told my friend about JAFCO...she is so interested that she has put JAFCO in her will and is a Godparent but hasn't even seen it. I love sharing JAFCO with other people.

What has been your favorite event so far?

Francee: Linda and I talked about this, and our favorite was the Breakfast at Tiffany's Luncheon. There was such a positive buzz in the room. I had a neighbor drop off a check to me because she heard about what a great event it was. It wasn't just the money we raised, but it was the incredible turnout and all the love you could feel in the room.

Do you have a personal or philanthropic philosophy?

Linda: Growing up my father always said, "it's nice to be important, but it's important to be nice." I've always said this quote to my great nieces and nephews. The goal is not just to be there to grab the money but it's because we really care. The passion for the cause really comes across.

Francee: I love giving to organizations that benefit children and Jewish causes as they impact me personally. JAFCO checks both boxes.

What would you like your JAFCO legacy to be?

Francee: I want to be remembered as a kind, compassionate person who cares about the world and did something about it.

Linda: Ditto! I couldn't have said it better myself!

Francee and Linda will remain active advisors to our new South Palm Beach President Joan Gedansky and Vice President Rochelle Sampson, ensuring the legacy of JAFCO...giving every child a place to belong.

Florida Event & Contact Information

2023-2024 Events

Thursday, September 28, 2023

All In For JAFCO Poker

JAFCO Illuminate Ballroom, Sunrise

Thursday, October 19, 2023

In My Shoes Luncheon

Boca West Country Club, Boca Raton

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Chanukah Miracles Luncheon

JW Marriott Turnberry Resort & Spa, Aventura

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Fire & Ice Gala

Eau Palm Beach Resort, Manalapan

Thursday, January 11, 2024

Cocktails & Conversation

An evening out with Erica Milsom

JAFCO Illuminate Ballroom, Sunrise

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Have a Heart Luncheon & Card Party

The Club at Admirals Cove, Jupiter

Thursday, February 29, 2024

Hollywood: The Golden Age

Featuring the Iconic Life of Elizabeth Taylor

St. Andrews Country Club, Boca Raton

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Have a Heart Luncheon & Card Party

The Country Club at Mirasol, Palm Beach Gardens

April 2024

Live, Laugh, Lunch

TBA, Miami

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Mother's Day Luncheon

Boca West Country Club, Boca Raton

TBA

North Palm Beach Mystery Event

Details to follow

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Board Member Spotlight



Larry Robinson, Chairman, JAFCO Children's Foundation

Larry Robinson is an amazing human being who was introduced to JAFCO by wife Brenda who was blown away after attending a JAFCO card party at Admirals Cove in North Palm Beach in 2014. They have been "all in," since that day, as Larry likes to say, chartering multiple bus tours to introduce their friends to JAFCO. Larry and Brenda are Capital Donors, Endowed Godparents, members of the Founders, Legacy and Godparent Circles and the Circle of Hope. They are the proud parents of Mandy (Justin) and Eric and have 2 precious grandchildren. In addition to serving on the FamilyMatters Board, Larry is presently Chairman of the Board of the JAFCO Children's Foundation. He is also a member of the North Palm Beach Chapter Executive Board where he helps raise awareness and funds. Larry is most impacted by the success of the JAFCO alumni and truly believes, "when you save a child, you save the world."

Stewart Greenberg, Chairman, Jewish Children's Village Board

Stewart Greenberg first learned about JAFCO in the mid 90's when he heard our CEO Sarah Franco speak at a parlor meeting. He then joined the Board of Trustees and led the capital campaign committee to raise \$6 million to build the JAFCO Children's Village. Stewart joined the JAFCO Children's Foundation Board where he continues to serve in addition to his current position as Chairman of the Board of the Children's Village. As Chairman of the Construction Committee he proudly completed the Illuminate Event Venue and is now overseeing the construction of two new respite homes at the Children's Ability Center and the twenty-year renovation of the Children's Village. As an attorney Stewart often donates his legal counsel to JAFCO. Together, he and his beautiful wife Maggie have 7 incredible loving and successful children and 10 precious grandchildren. They are members of the Founders, Godparent and Legacy Circles and the Circle of Hope and Silver Heart Society. Stewart believes that "JAFCO changes lives every day, and it is an honor to play even a small part in that".



Melissa Barnhardt, Chairwoman, JAFCO Children's Ability Center

Melissa Barnhardt was introduced to JAFCO 9 years ago after serving on the Florida's Children First board for 10 years. As an attorney, she previously represented children and families in domestic violence and family law cases and acquired a vast knowledge of clients living with diverse abilities. While working in Chicago, she learned about government benefits and special needs trusts that help families plan for their loved ones' future. Melissa currently works as a Fiduciary Leader with Inspire Trust Company using her expertise with special needs trusts to maximize resources for families and find solutions to complex issues. Melissa and her husband Shawn are Circle of Hope Members and proud parents of a beautiful teenage daughter, Rylie. Melissa believes that "history will judge by the way we make a difference in the everyday lives of children" (Nelson Mandela).

Linda Brodie, Chairwoman, JAFCO FamilyMatters

Linda Brodie's involvement with JAFCO started 20 years ago both in Philadelphia and Florida after her dear friend Bernice Wenger invited her to a JAFCO luncheon in Florida. She started chairing the FamilyMatters board in 2017. Linda and her husband Don are major benefactors of the JAFCO Founders Circle and are also members of the JAFCO Godparent Circle, the Circle of Hope, and the Silver Heart Society, in addition to providing generous event sponsorships and significant operational funding to the entire agency on an annual basis. Linda and Don have 3 children Rachel (Andrew), Harris and Peninnah and 5 adorable grandchildren. Linda and Don are making a transformative seed gift of \$10 million to help create a permanent home for FamilyMatters in Philadelphia. Linda's main goal is "to see JAFCO FamilyMatters grow in Philadelphia and be able to help every child and family that needs our services."



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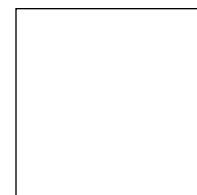
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for our older children.**

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enough. I am so excited to drive it
all summer and to UCF where I will
be going to college. This gift changed
my life and I cannot believe that you
bought three cars for the kids at
JAFCO this year and a bunch last
year too! When I grow up I hope I am
just like you.

Love, Rafi

