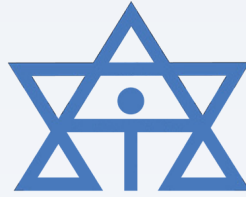




JEWISH CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICE
Strengthening Lives in Keeping with Jewish Values

Annual Report 2022/2023



JEWISH CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICE

Strengthening Lives in Keeping with Jewish Values

OUR VISION

JCFS strives to be the place in the community
where all voices are heard and needs are fulfilled.

OUR MISSION

Strengthening lives in keeping with Jewish values.



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Jewish Child and Family Service is located on original lands of Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories and acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past. We dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of truth, reconciliation, and collaboration.

BOARD

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Charmayne Shmon

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Sierra Trepel, Yorkville University

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



“Seek the good in everyone, and reveal it, bring it forth” – Rabbi Nachman of Breslav

JCFS’ strongest attribute is its goodness. It is known as a safe place for all in the community who need comfort, connection, and support. Many of our clients

walk through our doors feeling isolated, alone, and afraid. And, more importantly, many of our clients walk out the doors empowered, connected to their Jewish community, and feeling heard. JCFS is a good place, staffed by good people, stewarded by a good Board, and supported by a very good community. Whether a client, staff, volunteer, donor, or community member, we are all proud to be part of JCFS.

This past year was marked by innovation and growth at JCFS. We expanded our staffing to better deliver frontline services to those in need, and substantially enhanced our clinical services. The hiring of our Mental Health Support Worker, Youth Mental Health Worker, Clinical Supervisor, and Addictions and Mental Health Team Lead all stand as testament to this. Each day they meet with clients of all ages and abilities and help guide them to their place of wellness. We launched a robust community

engagement campaign. Our social media accounts (Follow us @JCFSWinnipeg) were updated nearly daily, and, in addition to Sherut, our bi-annual newsletter, we began to provide a digital newsletter to the community. We utilized technology more effectively in all our agency operations. From our Older Adult Services Team running a tremendous digital storytelling project to digitizing our JCFS volunteer form, these achievements helped us to promote inclusion and accessibility.

Of note, some special achievements of JCFS this past year, included:

- Delivering services to more than 2000 households
- Impacting more than 5000 lives with the work JCFS does
- Filling more than 7 staff vacancies with talented and dedicated staff, at a time when staffing shortages exist across the province
- Our Digital Storytelling Program being recognized at the annual Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies conference
- Offering exciting groups and workshops, such as Le-dor va-dor for Jewish Ukrainian Seniors,
- Our fantastic Self-Care Series, which provided community members with tangible ways to practice self-care
- And so much more

As Executive Director, I am always humbled and awestruck by the work JCFS does every day in our community. We do amazing work together. To those who help us shine our goodness, I extend all my gratitude.

I want to thank our supporters; we could not do the work we do without people like you - our funders, donors, volunteers, staff, and Board.

Our core funders, like the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg, United Way of Winnipeg, The Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, The General Child and Family Service Authority, among many others, continued to be vital to our service delivery, and strengthen our operations today. Todah Rabah for your unwavering support.

Our donors' generosity is overwhelming. This year, it was demonstrated through our successful Annual Supporters Campaign, our strongest Passover Campaign to date, extensive tribute card mailings, and, of course, the daily donations of items like money, food, hygiene items, and even knitted hats. Thank you so much for every single act of giving.

Our volunteers choose to offer their skills and time to support others. They can be found delivering Passover Holiday Food Baskets, stocking the JCFS Food Pantry, delivering workshops, shopping for groceries, and doing so many other tasks. Your actions are chesed (lovingkindness) exemplified.

One of the key attributes of our staff, aside from their diligence, patience, and resilience, is their kindness. They consistently show kindness for their clients, each other, and our community. Their goodness is beyond measure and embodies Jewish values in everything they do. I am proud to work alongside them each day.

I am deeply grateful for our excellent JCFS Board of Directors. Their ongoing support, vision, leadership, and strategic thinking helps guide the ship. Every Board meeting, I am reminded of their commitment to our community and their wisdom. Their decisions strengthen lives in keeping with Jewish values.

JCFS continues to be a remarkable agency that enhances relationships, connection, and empowerment. Together we are a bright light of community in action. Together we are here for good.

In Judaism we say, *"may you grow from strength to strength."* With all your support, I am confident that we will go from the strength of last year toward further strength next year.



Al Benarroch, MA
Executive Director

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



As I look back on my first year as the Board President of Jewish Child and Family Service, I am pleased to see how the organization continues to grow and change. As the world and our community moves towards a new “normal”, JCFS has done the same.

Staff have returned on a part-time basis back to the working in the office and visiting clients in their homes. The Board of Directors meetings have also changed. During the pandemic, all meetings were held virtually. In this past year we have moved to a hybrid model. Those who are able and are comfortable, meet in person. Those who are not comfortable or unable to meet in person, join virtually. For both staff and Board members, the priority is for everyone to feel safe. Our focus is always to meet the needs of the Jewish community, our clients and our staff.

I am very proud to report on the following work that has been done by our team:

- Concerns over mental health, and especially those of our youth, continue to be a major concern. We have responded by hiring

additional staff with expertise in this area. We are using these resources to provide support to assist individual clients, as well as supporting other Jewish organizations within our community.

- Our staff continue to be applauded and recognized for our programs throughout the social services community. Most recently we were recognized at a North American conference of the Network of Human Jewish Services Agencies for our work with Holocaust survivors. Our programs and processes are regularly under review to ensure they meet the needs of our community, and are performed as effectively and efficiently as possible. Thank you to our staff for all that you do.
- The Board of Directors is currently addressing the need for a new facility to assist people with addiction issues. This continuing problem in our society touches all demographics and all socio-economic groups. As a Board, we need to ensure any move to build a new facility also makes economic sense for the organization.
- The Board of Directors also reviewed the need for additional Diversity, Equity and Inclusion within our Board. To this end, we continue to recruit members who provide us with diverse viewpoints and represent our community.

I want to extend a huge thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers. They continue to assist us in providing the services needed for our community. Whether you volunteer on a regular basis, or for specific programs or committees, we could not do it without you!

Thank you to all our staff. Your efforts in advocating for our clients and coming up with innovative ways to resolve problems are what makes JCFS so important to the community. We recognize it has been a difficult few years. Your dedication during, and after, the pandemic has been, and continues to be, vital to maintaining the well being of our clients.

A thank you is also due to our excellent JCFS Management team. They have done a wonderful job in helping guide staff to transition back to working in the office. They have also made changes to our programs to ensure we use our resources (staff and financial) to meet the changing demands of our clients. And lastly, on behalf of the Board, we greatly appreciate their ability to keep JCFS on solid financial footing so we can continue to be here now and in the future.

I am also very appreciative of our Board members. They continue to volunteer their time and provide expertise to steer our path going forward. The

goal of our Board is to manage the progress of the organization, and ensure we are using all of our resources in an effective manner to meet our mission. They are also responsible for setting the future direction and priorities of JCFS. To that end, we will be reviewing and adjusting our Strategic Plan in the coming year.

And finally, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to our donors, volunteers, and funders. There continues to be much need, within the Winnipeg Jewish community and within the general community. I cannot thank you enough for making us a priority and deciding to support Jewish Child and Family Service. Without your generosity and encouragement, none of the great things we do would be possible.

With that, I join the Board in wishing all the best to our donors, funders, staff, volunteers and Management for the coming year.



Al Shpeller
President

2022-2023 FINANCIAL REPORT



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Report of the Independent Auditors on the Summarized Financial Statement

To the Directors of
Jewish Child and Family Service

Opinion

The accompanying summarized financial statement, which comprise the summarized statement of operations for the year ended March 31, 2023, is derived from the audited financial statements of Jewish Child and Family Service for the year ended March 31, 2023.

In our opinion, the summarized financial statement is a fair summary of the audited financial statements, on the basis described below.

Summarized Financial Statement

The summarized financial statement does not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summarized financial statement and the auditors' report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditors' report thereon.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated June 14, 2023.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summarized financial statement on the following basis:

The summarized financial statement includes the major totals and subtotals from the related complete financial statements dealing with matters having a pervasive or otherwise significant effect on the summarized financial statement.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summarized financial statement is a fair summary of the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

A stylized, handwritten-style signature of "Booke & Partners" in blue ink.

Jewish Child and Family Service Summarized Statement of Operations

Year Ended March 31	2023	2022
Revenues		
Province of Manitoba		
- Program and Other	\$ 995,267	\$ 975,510
Camperships: donations/rebates	15,549	4,774
Asper Helping Hand Initiative	6,519	26,877
Client fees	45,820	46,209
Donations (Annual, Passover and general)	298,841	211,632
- Bequests	150,840	493,557
- Donations - Tribute Cards	22,065	21,915
Donor directed gifts (including GiftPact, Canada Helps, United Way)	56,813	54,182
Financial Assistance	21,992	11,392
Grants - Special Programs	15,947	117,878
Holocaust Survivor support services		
- Cummings - Holocaust Survivor support	142,187	140,823
- Cummings - private pay program	30,540	-
- Asper Foundation - Holocaust Survivor support	35,983	37,794
- Holocaust Survivor Assistance	6,517	4,493
Human Resources Development Canada - Summer Student Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada	3,756	4,662
Jewish Federation of Winnipeg (Operations, Chaplaincy and CJA Designated)	111,978	158,373
	1,028,167	1,082,399
Jewish Foundation of Manitoba	80,131	48,461
- JCFS Endowment fund revenue	146,027	136,638
- JFM Distribution - Unrestricted donations	177,087	131,760
Operation Ezra	151,956	53,878
Other	32,411	23,357
Senior Transportation	37,404	32,169
Tzedakah fund	23,503	-
United Way of Winnipeg	190,709	185,874
Winnipeg Foundation (Admin Support Grant)	1,500	40,000
Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (ASIST Training)	-	3,250
Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (Mental Health and Chaplaincy)	77,256	77,256
	<u>3,906,765</u>	<u>4,125,113</u>
Expenses		
Family Assistance	2,214,734	2,002,702
Child Maintenance	1,075,578	1,080,837
Administration	594,405	498,976
	<u>3,884,717</u>	<u>3,582,515</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses before other items	<u>22,048</u>	<u>542,598</u>
Other items		
Donations transferred to Jewish Foundation of Manitoba	(20,000)	(526,497)
Investment income	5,325	-
Unrealized gain on investments	13,415	-
	<u>\$ 20,788</u>	<u>\$ 16,101</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ 20,788</u>	<u>\$ 16,101</u>

The complete financial statements, including notes to the financial statements and the independent auditors' report, are available upon request by contacting the Agency's office.

OUR IMPACT



IN THE PAST YEAR:

2000

Households
received services
from JCFS



Close to **500**
Jewish Holiday food
baskets distributed



More than
5000
individuals
impacted
positively by
JCFS services



1200

individuals engaged in JCFS group
and workshops services, including
the JCFS Wellness Group, Cafe
Europa, Le Dor Va Dor, and more

Engaged
in more than
50
PARTNERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES
across Jewish
Winnipeg

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

JCFS helps the Winnipeg Jewish community, and all of Winnipeg, flourish. Our agency is proud to empower individuals through workshops, lectures, and social engagement opportunities. Our staff also participates regularly in social action activities that help make our community a better place for all.

MITZVAH DAY



JCFS was proud to participate in the National Council of Jewish Women's Annual Mitzvah Day. This year, our staff supported Mama Bear Clan with the important work they do in Winnipeg. Our staff were pleased to collect socks and other warm items for those in need.

WELCOMING WEEK

Every day, JCFS welcomes newcomer families to Jewish Winnipeg. In September, JCFS participated in Welcoming Week with other communities and settlement agencies across Canada



SELF-CARE COMMITTEE



This year, through a generous grant from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, our Self-Care Committee presented a series of workshops including a Hanukkah Paint Night, Pizza Making Session, and more!



PINK SHIRT DAY

On Pink Shirt Day, JCFS Staff wore pink to demonstrate their support in taking a stand against bullying.

Follow the story of our work, learn about resources, and get the scoop on upcoming events by joining our digital mailing list (e-mail jcfs@jcfswinipeg.org), or by following us on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Youtube (@JCFSWinnipeg)

CHILD WELFARE

JCFS of Child Welfare Services, including Youth Mental Health Support, Foster Care and Adoption, Protection and Prevention Services, and Counselling. Our Child Welfare programs work hard to ensure that children, youth, and families receive the support they need.

ROSH HASHANAH

Each year dedicated members of our Child Welfare Team prepare special holiday treats for our JCFS foster families. Pictured here is Randee Pollock with a sample of the Rosh Hashanah bags.



LAST YEAR OUR CHILD
WELFARE TEAM
SUPPORTED
MORE THAN
95
CHILDREN
& FAMILIES



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We provide a host of services to Jewish Manitobans including the Asper Helping Hand (an interest-free loan program), short-term financial assistance, financial counselling, and more. At a time of rising costs, JCFS Financial Assistance supports matters more than ever.



LAST YEAR JCFS
PROVIDED MORE THAN

\$83,000

IN FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE,
INCLUDING

\$35,000

IN GIFT CARDS
AND

\$3541.75

FOR TRANSPORTATION



"The JCFS Financial Assistance Program helped save my apartment when I lost my job. It was tough for those three months. Having the support of JCFS meant I wasn't homeless."

- COMMUNITY MEMBER

Did you know?

that the Asper Helping Hand initiative offers interest-free loans to Jewish Manitobans who demonstrate need?

The Asper Helping Hand initiative can provide up to \$5000!

To learn more, call 204-478-8592
or e-mail jsfs@jcfswinnipeg.org



FOOD SECURITY

JCFS provides vital food security support to members of the Winnipeg Jewish community. This year, close to 500 delicious holiday baskets were distributed at Jewish holidays like Passover, Hanukkah, and Rosh Hashanah. We were also proud to ensure than more than 600 bags of groceries went to families through our JCFS Food Pantry.

Thank you to our community partners, including B’nai Brith, National Council of Jewish Women, Gray Academy of Jewish Education, and the synagogues for helping us feed our community. Thank you to our community members that consistently help fill our donation bins in the community.

PASSOVER



Our volunteers helped to pack and distribute 160 Passover holiday baskets this year,

“My Passover Holiday Basket reminded me of my Jewish identity, and brought back many childhood memories. Thank you. Many blessings to all involved.”

- COMMUNITY MEMBER

FOOD AND HYGIENE DONATIONS



Youth and families, like Jacob Tenenbien, provided generous tzedakah to the vulnerable in our community

HELP US FEED THE NEED



**HELP JCFS
FEED THE NEED**

Our JCFS Food Pantry Provides 500lbs of Food per Month!

WE CURRENTLY URGENTLY NEED:

- CANNED FISH, SUCH AS TUNA OR SALMON
- CANNED PRODUCTS, LIKE VEGGIES, BEANS, SOUP, LEGUMES, ETC.
- APPLE SAUCE AND CANNED FRUIT
- CEREAL, CRACKERS, AND COOKIES

DONATE AT THE ASPER CAMPUS
(LOOK FOR THE **BLUE** BIN) OR AT JCFS.

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP US FEED THE NEED
(JCFS@JCFSWINNIPEG.ORG, 204-477-7430)



Donations of canned vegetables, cereal, pasta, rice, and tuna are always needed. Drop off at either JCFS Winnipeg or blue bins in the community

PEAK OF THE MARKET



Gray Academy Grade 12 students helped ensure that vulnerable individuals received healthy vegetables

“The JCFS Food Pantry provides me regular access to foods – like cereal or peanut butter – that I can’t usually afford, along with shampoo and soap. Thank you!”

- COMMUNITY MEMBER

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS

JCFS offers a variety of supports to help individuals and families with their mental wellness. Our services include:

- Fee-for-Service Geared-to-Income Individual and Group Counselling
- Socio-Emotional Wellness Groups
- Community Mental Health Case Support
- Addictions Counselling
- Youth Supports
- Public Education Workshops
- Enhances Jewish cultural connections

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- 240 cases receive counselling supports from our JCFS Counselling Program
- Launched our new Youth Mental Health Program
- Launched our Hashivenu Renewal and Recovery Group for individuals struggling with Addictions
- Welcomed new team members including David Coodin, Alana Demler, Nira Diamant, Charmayne Shmon, and Denise Rubin
- Provided supports to 71 older adults struggling with mental health in our Aging Mental Health Program



The Wellness Group created fantastic masks for their Purim Party! Our JCFS Wellness Group builds social connections, focuses on overall wellness, promotes community, and enhances spiritual and cultural connections.

"I have seen a difference in myself after JCFS counselling. I communicate better in my relationships and am less focused on the negative. It's helped make life easier for me."

- JCFS COUNSELLING CLIENT

"JCFS plays such an important role in strengthening the Jewish community. Our programs and services bring Jewish people together and provide education, social engagement, and cultural connection, among many other positive objectives. For some clients, we are their only link to the Jewish community. JCFS recognizes the positive impact that community involvement has on an individual. We are stronger together."

- JCFS MENTAL HEALTH TEAM

OLDER ADULT SERVICES

Older Adult Services (OAS) helps aging Jewish individuals and their families. Our dedicated Team provides a host of holistic services all aimed at helping Jewish seniors to live independently in the community. Some of our supports include our Holocaust Survivor Support Services, Seniors Technology Program, Community Taxi Voucher Program, and dedicated case management.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- In the past year, JCFS provided services and supports more than 575 older adults in Winnipeg
- More than 90 Holocaust Survivors received assistance through our Holocaust Survivor Support Services
- JCFS's Older Adults Digital Storytelling Program was selected to present at the annual conference of National Jewish Human Service Agencies. To take a peek at the Digital Storytelling Video, visit our YouTube Channel
- JCFS Older Adult Services launched its Family Caregivers of Adults with Mental Health Challenges Group
- JCFS launched its Private Pay initiative for Holocaust Survivors

"When I met with my friend yesterday she said that her JCFS OAS Worker has been beyond wonderful and has helped her family so much. She is so grateful and I was so very happy to hear that the agency has provided such care to her and her sister and father. This family has not been connected to the community and this connection, through JCFS, has served our community in many ways. I have always felt that JCFS is best positioned to reach the unaffiliated members of our community and provide a sense of belonging."

- COMMUNITY MEMBER

CAFE EUROPA PROGRAM



Our Cafe Europa Program for Holocaust Survivors runs bi-weekly luncheons and social activities, such as rock painting, music, special guests, and more!

OAS TEAM



In October, our OAS Team celebrated National Senior's Month

SETTLEMENT

JCFS Settlement Services helps Jewish newcomers to Winnipeg. By offering important supports such as pre-arrival help, counselling, referrals, employment assistance, and more, JCFS helps to ensure those first months - or years - in Winnipeg are great!

CULTURAL CARE



JCFS connects individuals to their Jewish culture and the Jewish community. Our Le-dor va-dor for Ukrainian Seniors helps to build the Jewish identity in Canada. Skills and traditions learned in these peer-led classes are connected back to grandchildren and future generations

DISCOVER WINNIPEG



"Every time one of our community's newcomers becomes a Canadian citizen, we are so proud to have been a part of this process."

- JCFS SETTLEMENT TEAM

LAST YEAR,
JCFS SETTLEMENT
SERVICES
WELCOMED

54

NEW FAMILIES
TO WINNIPEG



One of the ways JCFS supports newcomers is by delivering our Discover Winnipeg Group. Each month, newcomers go and visit the sites of Winnipeg, and learn about the history of different locations. Pictured here, participants visit Dalnavert.

SPIRITUAL CARE AND CHAPLAINCY

The Chaplaincy Program provides spiritual care, support, and guidance during those stressful times. Our ordained Rabbi visits the isolated, those hospitalized, incarcerated individuals, and people living in institutions. Our Rabbi also educates community institutions, such as the hospitals, about the spiritual and cultural needs of our Jewish patients and residents.

RABBI IN ACTION



Every Purim, our Rabbi gives out mishloach manot. Our Rabbi is always there for those in need.



Did you know **1905** visits were provided by our Jewish Community Chaplain last year?

“It was helpful and kind when the Rabbi visited my father in the hospital. It made my dad feel like the community was there from him during a difficult time.”

- COMMUNITY MEMBER

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are a vital part of helping JCFS deliver ongoing supports and care to the Winnipeg Jewish community. We welcome individuals of all ages and abilities to come volunteer with us. Some potential volunteer placement activities may include:

- Friendly Visitor/Caller
- Youth Mentor
- Food Pantry Assistant
- Pop-Up Food Drive Organizer
- Event Support
- Client Grocery Shopper
- ESL Mentor
- And more!

**To come volunteer with JCFS,
complete the form online:
www.jcfswinnipeg.org/volunteer**

"It feels good to give back to our community through volunteering. Every time I make my friendly call, I know that I am making a difference."

- JCFS VOLUNTEER



Our friends at Etz Chayim did a "knitvah" project for JCFS! The sisterhood knitted us lovely (and warm) blankets for JCFS families.



Our Volunteers come together throughout the year to bake tasty treats for those in our community



10 EASY WAYS TO DONATE

1

Scan the QR code



2



Visit our website:
www.jcfswinnipeg.org/donate

3



Call Mara at 204-560-6730

4



Visit our offices
Monday-Friday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

5

Support our
Endowment
Fund at
the Jewish
Foundation of
Manitoba

6



Visit our page
on Canada Helps

7



Drop off
non-perishable food items
at our blue bin or at JCFS

8



Send a tribute card to a
friend or family member

9



Email us at
jcfs@jcfswinnipeg.org

10



Start a JCFS
tzedaka box
in your home

JCFS accepts all
major credit cards,
cash, wire transfers,
stock transfers, and
cheques

OUR VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Thank you to all of our devoted volunteers who provided support and helped our community thrive.

Elissa Abrams
Yulia Alperin
Ian Altman
Harvey Appelle
Andrea Arroyave
Danita Dubinsky Aziza & Michel Aziza
Sandra & Ian Barnes
Aaron Benarroch
Gregory Berman
Iael Besendorf
Israel Binnun
Gloria Bixby
Alexandra & Viacheslav Blinder
Amy Brienan
Debby Brown
Joaquina Brunstein
Billy Campbell
Roman Chappel-Charbonneau
Avrom Charach
Katia Anjos & Pérsio Cherman
Anna Chernob
Michael Conner
Dov Corne
Stefanie Cullum
Elona & Itai David
Lisa Diamant
John Diamond
Tinsley Douglas
Dr. Rena Elbaze
Morrie Elfenbein
Mike Erlanger
Diandre Etkin
Jordana Etkin
Jonathan Feldman
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