



Jewish Family Services

of Washtenaw County

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Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County enhances the lives of individuals and families through social services, education, and advocacy.

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Dear Friends:

Surround yourself with people you love – and who love you. Surround yourself with community. Look for all of the good in the world and try to give some of it back.

Why does a community engage in services and programs to help others? What obligation do we have to ensure that everyone is able to live a life of dignity and purpose? JFS responds to these questions as part of our mission of *tikkun olam* – repairing the world – by providing services and programs to community residents who need support during a time of difficulty or special challenge. Many have been hit hard by the economy and struggle to make ends meet. Others have personal, family, social, physical, and/or medical challenges. They are our neighbors, our colleagues, our family members, and our community partners.

When JFS presented Judie and Jerry Lax with the Claire & Isadore Bernstein Leadership Award, they stressed the importance of giving back to the community that nurtured them. Judie and Jerry recognize that a community provides support, love, and opportunities to grow and contribute, along with a sense of belonging and a spirit of obligation to help others in times of need. And in this time of need, JFS is proud of the following accomplishments:

- In 2009, the JFS Crisis Management and Community Services Department served more than 1,000 clients, a 400% increase compared to the previous year.
- JFS distributed more than \$68,000 in direct cash assistance to prevent evictions and utility shut-off, and for emergency automobile repairs, medical bills, and funeral expenses.
- The JFS Transportation Program provided more than 1,000 rides to over 200 older adults, accompanying them to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and social and cultural activities. Last year JFS provided 530 rides to 92 seniors.

Now is the time to act on your commitment as a community member. Now is the time to recognize Jewish Family Services as **your family in the community**, the agency with a superb professional staff that is there for your neighbors and that is there for you. Please contribute so JFS can continue to maintain and improve community life for all.

Sincerely,

Steve Gerber
President, JFS Board of Directors

Anya Abramzon
Executive Director

P.S. To enable young people to join their parents in responding to urgent needs beyond their own, we encourage you to inform them of the JFS Children's Afikomen Fund and to specify this fund as part of your donation to the agency.

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