

TAMPA JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES IS PROUD TO PRESENT OUR TOP SUPPORTERS

- Allegany Franciscan Ministries Tampa Bay
 - Tampa Jewish Federation/Jewish Community Center
 - Community Foundation of Tampa Bay
 - Junior League of Tampa
 - Sweetbay Supermarket
 - The Gould Family Philanthropic Fund at The TOP Jewish Foundation
 - The Schoenbaum Family Foundation, Inc., of Sarasota
- All American Containers
 - Verizon
 - United Way of Tampa Bay
 - Publix Super Markets
 - Brandeis Women-Tampa

Mission

The Mission of Tampa Jewish Family Services is to provide counseling, community service programming and assistance, consistent with Jewish values, for the purpose of strengthening individuals and families of all faiths in the Tampa area.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

As my journey as president of TJFS comes to an end, I'd like to share some of the many lessons I've learned along the way.

I learned to listen to the people who care about helping. That includes my fellow directors and our smart staff and generous donors. They reminded me time and again that it is immensely rewarding to be a part of a Jewish organization helping many people of all faiths. In fact, our services and programs touched more than 10,000 people this past year.

I learned that values and kindness will propel our vision, no matter the roadblocks. I learned that saying "thank you" a thousand times is not enough appreciation for even the lowest-level supporters. I learned the look of desperation in a client's face, and it convinced me that I am blessed to be a part of an organization that helps people find a refuge of strength during a stormy time in their life.

It's been an honor to work with the best volunteers on the Board, the Advisory Council and throughout our organization. It's been a true pleasure working with our CEO, Michael Barnett, and observing our staff at work, changing lives for the better. It's been a joy to spread the word of this extraordinary organization's work throughout the community in which I live.

I am leaving this top position in good hands, that of incoming president, Stacie Linsky. She has masterfully orchestrated our spectacular Trifecta gala event for the past three years. I know she, along with the Board's very capable leadership, will continue to advance our mission of being there for all who need our help.

I say "shalom" as president, although I'm not going far. I remain a proud director and, with my family, a committed donor. Thank you for this grand opportunity to serve and for teaching me much that has enhanced my view of the world.

Debbie Doliner

Who We Help...

Anita is a mother with two special needs children. She attends our *Lori and Alec Sanchez Tikvah* Talk monthly educational programs that provide specialists who speak on a wide-range of topics unique to these families. *Anita* tells us that through the *Tikvah Talk* program, she has found relief in knowing she is not the only one facing these challenges that sometimes feel insurmountable. She is gaining confidence with each program she attends.



TJFS' Programs and Services

Counseling

TJFS offers individual, couple and family counseling with expertise in the following areas:

- Anger Management
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Economic Issues
- Grief and Loss
- Marital and Family Issues
- Relationship Issues
- Stress Management
- Life Transitions

Community Food Bank

Serving Citrus Park and Brandon

- Monthly food bag distribution
- Emergency food bag distribution
- Special Jewish holiday bags for clients

Educational Programs

- *Lori and Alec Sanchez Tikvah Talk* program for families with special needs

Financial Assistance

- Utility Assistance
- Hebrew Loan Program
- JELF (Jewish Educational Loan Program)
- Master Money Mentor

Senior Services

- Senior CareLink *Care Management*
- Jewish Outreach
- Social Service Coordination

**Tampa Jewish Family Services Touched
10,000 Lives Last Year**

1,500 counseling sessions provided to individuals, families and seniors. **4,000 bags of food** given to hungry families, seniors, the disabled and unemployed. Over **1,008 community referrals** for those who call for help. **268** families received financial assistance. **150 emergency financial assistance checks** issued to pay for utilities, rent and car payments. **\$12,000 in interest-free loans** made to bridge financial gaps. All of this for the **69% of our clients who earn less than \$25,000** per year. **16% of former TJFS donors** are now **recipients** of our services.

