

ANNUAL REPORT 2014 - 2015



TAMPA JEWISH
FAMILY SERVICES

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

At the half-way point in my term as Board president, I find myself alternating between past and future. Looking back, I reflect on a year that has been truly momentous for Tampa Jewish Family Services; and looking forward, I anticipate a new year that promises to be equally so!

As many of you know, this past year our agency suffered a terrible loss, when Sofia Maisler unexpectedly and tragically passed away. Sofia was a wonderful therapist, a devoted counselor, and an exceptional person. Her impact on her clients and her colleagues at TJFS was immeasurable. She is deeply missed.

On happier topics, this past year was a year of "firsts." Included among them:

- ◆ We launched our Psychological and Educational Testing program, for both special needs and gifted children.
- ◆ In partnership with Tampa Jewish Federation and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Tampa Bay, we helped create Jewish Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Tampa Bay.
- ◆ We petitioned for and were accepted into the Life & Legacy program.
- ◆ We held our first annual Fall Family Field Day.
- ◆ For the first time in our agency's history, we now have two psychologists on staff.
- ◆ We expanded our food bank distributions, reaching more people than ever before.
- ◆ We helped over 13,000 people in need in our community - a record number for our agency - with food, counseling, financial assistance, referrals and other services.

So what will next year bring? We expect that all of our programs and services will expand significantly as we continue to promote their availability and affordability. We will also be extensively engaged in an ambitious facilities expansion program, as we develop the new TJFS offices at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC. Our new offices - which will supplement our existing North Tampa offices - will help us reach out to many more members of our community, who cannot currently utilize our help primarily for geographic reasons. Construction of this exciting new facility will begin in this upcoming fiscal year. We have now launched a Special Campaign to raise the funds required for the build-out of these new offices.

All of our successes - past and future - would not be possible without our dedicated and talented staff members, as well as our outstanding Board of Directors and Advisory Council, who are wholly committed to making TJFS a phenomenal social services agency! My utmost thanks to all of the staff and volunteers who work so hard not only for our agency, but also for the people in our community who are helped by our agency. It is truly an honor to work with all of you.

Finally, a special thanks to all of our donors...you are the lifeblood of our organization, we could not function without you. Whether you donate to our Friends' campaign; make other donations; attend our key fundraising event, *Tampa Trifecta*, or our other revenue-generating events; you keep our agency afloat. And now you have new opportunities to donate: you can be a Life & Legacy first-year "charter" member; and now you are able to donate to the Special Campaign for our new offices. When you donate to TJFS, you truly make a difference in the lives of so many people in our community. So on behalf of 13,000 people and counting who need our agency's help, and who benefit because of you: Thank you, Thank You!

Jeffrey Berger
Board President



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Counseling

TJFS offers individual, couple, family and senior counseling with expertise in the following areas: *Anger Management, Anxiety, Depression, Economic Issues, Grief and Loss, Marital and Family Issues, Relationship Issues, Stress Management and Life Transitions.*

Psychological and Educational Services

TJFS launched an affordable Psychological and Educational testing program serving children and adolescents of all faiths, ages 2-18. Testing and evaluations include *Gifted, ADHD, Learning Disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder* and more. Supervised by a trained, licensed psychologist.

Community Food Bank

Serving Citrus Park and Brandon

TJFS expanded food bank distributions, reaching more people in more geographical areas than ever before. TJFS offers monthly, emergency and Jewish holiday food bag distribution.

Senior Services

TJFS provides a comprehensive assessment, senior care management and counseling program for senior loved ones and their families including in-home assessments, facility resident assessment, assistance with long-term residential placement and coordination and referrals for additional services. Professional services provided by a licensed psychologist.

Educational Programs

Lori and Alec Sanchez TIKVAH: *A Special Needs Program, held monthly to educate families and professionals on issues relating to children with special needs.*

Financial Assistance

A Hebrew Loan Program for small loans, JELF (Jewish Educational Loan Fund) and Florida Master Money Mentor (financial mentoring provided to families with financial concerns.)

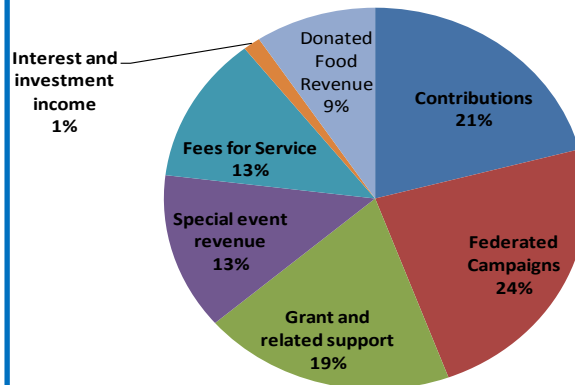
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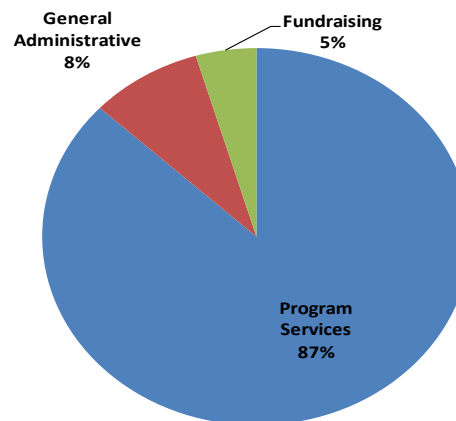
87% of all agency funding spent is allocated to programs and services.

The Independent Auditor's Report & Consolidated Financial Statements for Tampa Jewish Family Services, June 30, 2015, available on the agency's website or upon request by calling 813-960-1848.

Support & Revenue



Expenses



HELPING 13,000 PEOPLE ANNUALLY

- ◆ **1,071 COUNSELING SESSIONS** provided to families, individuals and seniors
- ◆ **7,668 BAGS OF FOOD** given to hungry families, seniors, the disabled and unemployed
- ◆ **1,518 COMMUNITY REFERRALS** for those who call for help
- ◆ **111 families received EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CHECKS** to help pay utilities, rent and car payments
- ◆ **12 FAMILIES RECEIVED FINANCIAL COUNSELING** from the agency's certified Florida Master Money Mentor
- ◆ **\$5,000 IN INTEREST-FREE LOANS** to bridge financial gaps through Hebrew Loan Program

SERVING PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS

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We wish to thank all of our donors for their tremendous generosity and their commitment to ensuring that individuals and families in our community who are struggling with life's changes and challenges have the support that they need.

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