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# Volunteer Newsletter Summer 2016

## Updates from JFS Volunteer Services

While summer fun may be well under way, JFS volunteers have been hard at work in all of our programs.

We enjoyed celebrating you and your efforts at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. Attendees described the impact that volunteering with JFS has had on them over the years. Overwhelmingly these revelations centered around the joy that comes from seeing clients grow, whether it be through a student's increased mastery of the English language or the bond that inevitably develops between a client and his or her friendly visitor. These stories reminded us of the powerful impact giving back has on both volunteers and clients and how fortunate JFS is to have community members willing and able to dedicate their time and energy to bettering the lives of others.

Thanks again for your ongoing support! If you are looking to get more involved, please contact us as our volunteer opportunities are expanding. We need you to do the good work we do!

To ask about our current  
volunteer opportunities...  
Call 734-769-0209  
or email  
[volunteer@jfsann Arbor.org](mailto:volunteer@jfsann Arbor.org)



*"Never doubt that  
a small group of  
thoughtful,  
committed citizens  
can change the  
world. Indeed, it is  
the only thing that  
ever has." -  
Margaret Mead*

**Welcome to the  
volunteers who joined  
JFS Summer 2016**

**Rama Z.**

**Zachary C.**

**Mary J.**

**Cynthia W.**

**Greg J.**

**Jordan T.**

**Danielle P.**

**Help Spread the  
Word!**

**It's never been easier to  
introduce your friends to  
volunteering at JFS.**

**Please share our email  
address widely:**

**[volunteer@jfsannarbor.org](mailto:volunteer@jfsannarbor.org)**

**Spotlight on "Mitzvah Mail"**

Mitzvah Mail is a monthly exchange of letters between older adult and youth pen-pals. Each month (October 2016-May 2017) participants will write and receive a letter from their assigned youth pen-pal. You will be provided "conversation starters" monthly to help facilitate the dialogue and all letters will travel via JFS to recipients. In May, participants will meet their pen-pals for the first time at the "Pen-Pal Party", a joyous celebration of the relationships built through the course of the program. By participating in Mitzvah Mail, young students can create a friendship with someone who is not in their "world" and learn the fading art of letter-writing and long-hand communication. Participating adults can become a wise friend to a local student, enriching their lives. Adults have also enjoyed gaining fresh insight into the lives of modern young people.

**JFS is currently recruiting for Mitzvah Mail writers. For more info, contact  
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