

# 2018 Annual Report



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*“Our lives are unique stones  
in the mosaic of human  
existence -- priceless and  
irreplaceable.”*

*- Henri Nouwen*



Dear Friends,

In May, JFS celebrated the beauty of humanity at our Mosaic Gala event as we created, piece by piece, a tile mosaic, now hanging in our lobby, depicting the breadth and values of JFS in our community. The idea of mosaic is that we as individuals are united, one by one, with the rich and diverse multitudes of people in our community and across the globe. We are united in helping all humanity toward well-being. This past year, with your help JFS has played a significant role toward this goal by decreasing food insecurity, working to solve issues of aging, unemployment, mental health, providing transportation, among many other services and programs.

As we begin 5780 on the Jewish calendar, we look ahead. The new year is a time to reflect on our role in repairing our world; how do we do our work with caring and compassion? JFS moves forward, every day, with the vital and meaningful work of connecting individuals with health care, jobs, transportation, interpretation, food, therapy, education, and older adult services.

Your support of JFS reflects your own *tikkun nefesh*, repair of the soul/self, and *tikkun olam*, repair of the world. The new year ahead provides an opportunity for each of us to make meaning of our lives. Please help JFS in our efforts to improve the lives of others – be they a homebound older adult, a family struggling through tough economic times, a recent arrival facing the challenges of a different environment, or an individual seeking a qualified professional to help with personal challenges.

Donating money or other resources to JFS helps us build a solid community of productive and secure people. Please return your tax-deductible contribution with the tear-off on the reverse side. Your support offers a new sense of possibility for so many in our community. Let our unique stone, our individual life's work, gifts, and goals, help to create a good and sweet year for all.

Warmest Regards,

Susan Sefansky  
President, Board of Directors

Anya Abramzon  
Executive Director

THE MISSION OF JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES IS TO  
**CREATE SOLUTIONS, PROMOTE DIGNITY AND INSPIRE HUMANITY.**



JFS WON BOTH THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AND INNOVATION AWARDS IN THE GLACIER HILLS LEGACY FUND'S VITAL SENIORS COMMUNITY INNOVATION COMPETITION, ALONG WITH \$150,000 IN FUNDING.

Thanks to support from the Legacy Fund through the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, Washtenaw Integrated Senior Experience (WISE), a coordinated care management system for seniors and their caregivers, was designed with plans to be fully implemented in 2023.



REFUGEES FROM OVER 8 COUNTRIES WERE RESETTLED IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

212

Cynthia, a JFS case manager since 2017, assisted with the resettlement and post-resettlement of a family from Ethiopia. In the ultimate tribute, the parents named the newest addition to their family Cynthia in honor of their case manager.

60



NUMBER OF ASSETS, INCLUDING HOMES, CARS, AND EDUCATIONS, PURCHASED BY PARTICIPANTS IN THE IDA PROGRAM

In partnership with financial institutions, JFS enrolled a young father in the Individual Development Account (IDA) program. After only eight months of homeownership education and healthy savings habits, the young man was able to save enough money to receive matching funds and purchase his family's first home.



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF WASHTENAW COUNTY

10,000 +  
Number of Washtenaw County residents JFS served

11 THERAPISTS PROVIDING COUNSELING IN FOUR LANGUAGES



Thrive is based on the belief that people want to lead meaningful lives. When our clients pay for their therapy through insurance and/or out of pocket, they are providing for the same kind of help to a fellow community member who cannot afford to pay.

The JFS Specialty Food Pantry provides a dignified shopping experience and has a community-wide reputation for fulfilling distinctive food needs such as halal, kosher, gluten free, baby food and formula, low sodium, low sugar and liquid nutrition.

14,569 POUNDS OF PRODUCE PROVIDED BY THE SPECIALTY FOOD PANTRY

Revenues  
\$3,866,492

\$2,546,576  
GRANTS AND  
CONTRACTS

\$1,059,038  
CONTRIBUTIONS

\$260,878  
FEES FOR SERVICES

## 2018 Financials

*Surplus funds reflect future committments.*

\$133,296  
GENERAL AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE

\$107,369  
FUNDRAISING

\$2,837,080  
PROGRAM SERVICES

Expenses  
\$3,077,745

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of WASHTENAW COUNTY

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COMING UP  
Fall/Winter 2019

JFS U Lecture, presented  
by Andrew I. Port, PhD

October 20, 2019  
Mediterrano

Innovations in Aging  
Symposium

November 7, 2019  
Horace Rackham School of  
Graduate Studies

Giving  
Tuesday

December 3, 2019  
Everywhere

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