2022
ANNUAL REPORT
Today, JUF is being called upon to respond to serial crises. Even as the needs born of the COVID pandemic ebb, new realities arise that challenge our community’s resilience.

Over the last year, record numbers of people in our community continued to struggle with their—and their loved ones’—mental health. Incidents of antisemitism surged, creating companion needs for increased security. Then, Russia invaded Ukraine, and the 200,000 Jews of Ukraine faced a crisis the likes of which haven’t been seen for generations.

At the onset of the hostilities in Ukraine, JUF swiftly advanced $1 million in emergency funds to our partners on the ground—soon followed by an additional $6.71 million in emergency allocations—fueling round-the-clock relief to people caught in the crossfire.

Our emergency assistance had a profound impact: our support provided over 1 million pounds of food, medical equipment, and other humanitarian aid; rescued 81,000 people from danger zones; sheltered 47,000 refugees who fled their homes, and fed 175,000 people at their time of need. All the while, we continued to care for 40,000 homebound elderly, many of whom are Holocaust survivors.

In addition, we facilitated expedited aliyah for those ready to immigrate to Israel. During the fiscal year, 24,000 Ukrainian, Russian and Belarusian Jews came to Israel, with thousands more expected shortly.

As tensions escalated in and around Ukraine, there was always the fear that antisemitism would factor into the mix. So JUF funding also bolstered security at 100 Jewish schools, JCCs, and synagogues across the country.

We were already confronting rising antisemitism here at home.

Acts of antisemitism in the US hit a record high last year, with over 2,700 recorded incidents—an average of seven per day. That’s a 34% increase from 2020 to 2021, and the highest number since the ADL began tracking antisemitic incidents in 1979.

In the face of this frightening reality, JUF is significantly scaling up its security operations to ensure every member of our community can safely participate in Jewish life. Last fall, JUF launched a new initiative—Live Secure Chicago—to augment our security expertise and capacity, with the goal of extending our security services to every Jewish institution in our community.

During the last fiscal year, JUF Security provided over 100 security services for dozens of local organizations, ranging from Jewish day schools and summer camps to synagogues and nonprofit agencies.

In the year to come, JUF will provide more security grants, more security audits, more security equipment, more security training, and more peace of mind for everyone in our community.

In today’s world, peace of mind is hard to come by.

Scores of Americans continue to grapple with anxiety, depression, and addiction. In the last 12 months alone, overdose deaths in the US increased by 29%. All of us know of young people in our local community who struggle emotionally. Our JUF agencies say that a week doesn’t go by when they don’t get a call from a local rabbi seeking help for a congregant or a congregant’s child.

A record number of people got mental health support from JUF agencies last year—but it wasn’t enough. One in 7 Jewish households that needed mental health care was unable to access it. The need is particularly stark among young adults. Last year, 36% of young singles in our community said they needed mental health care, as did 45%—nearly half—of young couples.

One of JUF’s strengths is our ability to meet new communal needs as they emerge. Mental health doesn’t always make the news until tragedy strikes; it’s up to us to meet this crying need before it becomes another headline.

Throughout 2022, the balance of the $1 million in COVID relief mental health grants that JUF allocated during the pandemic was put to work by JUF agencies to enhance local mental health and wellness. We simultaneously launched the research and planning phase of the JUF Mental Health Initiative, which will further expand prevention and treatment options in our community over the next two years.

It is community-driven support for JUF’s Annual Campaign that powers our unique ability to pivot and swiftly deliver these critical services as challenges arise—while still meeting the community’s day-to-day needs and providing vital points of connection to Jewish life and learning.

All told, our community’s incredible collective generosity fueled the allocation of $268,378,339 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Highlights include:

- $32,843,923 through the Jewish Federation of Chicago to fund local human services and $23,242,922 to fund Jewish education, continuity, identity-building, outreach, and advocacy programs,
- $30,521,502 through the Jewish United Fund devoted to help millions of Jews in Israel and 70 countries worldwide;
- $6,735,000 of Ukraine Relief emergency funding; and
- $110,739,257 allocated to charitable ventures worldwide in partnership with our 1,000+ Donor Advised Funds and Supporting Foundations.

These extraordinary resources enabled JUF to serve as a lifeline to 500,000 Chicagoans of all faiths and millions of Jews across the globe during an enormously challenging year.

We are proud that Jewish Chicago counts on JUF to maximize the impact of its philanthropy, and we never take that trust for granted. With combined fundraising expenses of less than 5% of total income, JUF is as efficient as we are effective. Our success stems from the exceptional corps of 300 lay leaders who drive our fundraising, planning, allocations, and outreach efforts—beginning with our dedicated board of directors—and our unparalleled partnership with an incredibly dedicated JUF staff.

And none of our work would be possible without the committed, compassionate donors who fuel our lifesaving work with their generosity, enabling Jewish Chicago to come together for good.
JUF stands at the heart of a vast network of agencies that serve people of all faiths with nowhere else to turn—and 2022 presented new service challenges and opportunities across our community.

Our flagship agencies—CJE SeniorLife, JCFS Chicago, JCC Chicago, and Sinai Chicago—cared for tens of thousands of people at every stage of life, regardless of the ability to pay. We delivered health care to people in need, along with specialized assistance to help seniors and people with disabilities live with independence and dignity. We provided human services with respect and compassion, with partners from The Ark, Dina & Eli Field EZRA-Multi-Service Center, and JUF Uptown Cafe to Maot Chitim, SHALVA, and the Norton & Elaine Samoff Center for Jewish Genetics.

Across the local community, JUF fed the hungry, sheltered the homeless, and provided hope and help to people who were struggling. And in Israel, JUF supported essential services for new immigrants, in partnership with the Jewish Agency for Israel—including some 25,000 who made aliyah this year from Ukraine, Belarus, and Russia.

Through JUF’s interagency Holocaust Community Services program, Holocaust survivors like Viktor received emergency financial aid and other critical assistance to sustain them. (Photo credit: Jeff Warner)

Abbie is among players of all abilities who Keshet brought together for non-competitive basketball last winter, building confidence and a sense of belonging. (Photo credit: Savanna Biagioni)

Kelly works at her dream job at Mundelein Animal Hospital, thanks to the partnership between JCFS Chicago and the District 120 Transition Center that helps participants find meaningful employment. (Photo credit: Matthew Reitman)

Ukrainian refugees arrive in Israel in the spring. (Photo credit: Olivier Fitoussi)

At the JUF Uptown Cafe, volunteers serve four healthy kosher meals per week in a restaurant-style setting, fighting hunger while creating a sense of community.
JUF offers pathways for involvement and inclusion in Jewish life and learning that are as unique and diverse as our community members.

We support Jewish day school education across denominations, along with early childhood and synagogue-based education programs, strengthening Jewish learning and identity.

To make Jewish history and identity come alive for the next generation, JUF funds free and highly-subsidized trips to Israel, camp scholarships, and a wide menu of service learning and leadership programs for teens. We create dynamic hubs of young Jewish life through Hillel on college campuses statewide, through Base locations in multiple Chicago neighborhoods, and through our Young Leadership Division, YLD Pride, Russian-speaking Jewish Division, and Back from Birthright programs.

We provide abundant resources that make it easy, fun, and meaningful for young families to build a Jewish home and create a sense of community.

Our TOV Volunteer Network organizes volunteer service projects for people of all ages, from serving meals to sending relief missions after natural disasters.

All told, JUF provided $14 million in funding to the local Jewish day school system in 2022.
Funded Programs & Agencies Across Our Community

Health & Human Services
The Ark
Anna and Jacob Fine Social Services Center, Rhea Segal Pantry Program, Michael E. Schneider Spiritual Enrichment Program, Northwest Satellite Office, Sarroff Levin Residency, Seymour H. Persky Building, Program Support for Holocaust Survivors

CJE SeniorLife
Berman and Hannah Friend Center for Early Alzheimer’s Care, Bernard Horwich Building, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Community for Senior Living, Helen and Norman Asher Day Services Program, Krasnow Residence, Joseph L. and Emily K. Gidweitz Place for Assisted Living, Robinwein Residence, Swartzberg House, Village Center, Program Support for Care Management, Benefits Services, Holocaust Community Services Program

Dina & Eli Field Ezra Multi-Service Center and the JUF Uptown Cafe

JCFS Chicago
Abe and Ida Cooper Center, Community Counseling Centers (City North, Downtown, North Suburban, West Suburban, Downers Grove), Ezra Multi-Service Center, Elaine Kersten Children’s Center on the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus, Glick Center for Early Childhood Services including Virginia Frank Child Development Center, Siegel Campus (Skokie) including Siegel Building (Response for Teens) and Goldie Bachman Lufting Building (Counseling, Career Services, Immigration and Citizenship and other community supports), Joy Faith Knapp Children’s Center and Knapp School and Yeshiva (Skokie), Program Support for: JSVS Chicago Career and Employment Services (Downtown, City North, West Suburban, Northbrook),ハAS Chicago, Response for Teens and Young Adults, Services for People with Disabilities, JACERS, J-CERT, Addiction Services, Illness, Loss and Grief Supports, Jewish Chaplaincy Services, Emergency Financial Assistance and Employment Training Stipends

Maot Chitim
Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Center

SHALVA
Program Support for Legal Services

Community Building, Jewish Education & Culture
Akiba-Schechter Jewish Day School
Arie Crown Hebrew Day School
Associated Tal mudorors (ATL)
Bais Yaakov Girls High School
BBYO
Campus Affairs & Student Engagement: The Hillels of Illinois/Illinois Education Center
Abe and Judy Friedman Center for Jewish Life at the Louis & Saarea Fiedler Hiller at Northwestern University
Bradley University
Harriet & Maurice L. Lewis Family Summer Intern Program in Jewish Communal Service
Illinois State University
Jaffe H. & Norman H. Neuberger Hiller Center at the University of Chicago
Margie K. and Louis N. Cohen Center for Jewish Life, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Metro Chicago Hiller
Columbia College Chicago
DuPage University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Loyola University of Chicago
Northern Illinois University
Oakton Community College
Roosevelt University
School of the Art Institute
Silverstein Bros.—Lincoln Park & Loop
Dappel Bros.—Andersonville
University of Illinois at Chicago
Northern Illinois University
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Western Illinois University

Chicago Board of Rabbis
Chicago Jewish Day School
Hanna Sacks Bais Yaakov
Hebrew Theological College
Bilstein Institute for Women
Faisman Yeshiva High School
Yeshivas Hakayit Camp
Hillel Torah North Suburban
Hillel Program for Young Adults
Honeymoon Israel
Ida Crown Jewish Academy

Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center
Israel Experience Savings Programs Gift of Israel JUF Bnai Mitvah Israel Experience Certificate Send a Kid to Israel Partnership (SKIP)

JCC Chicago
Bernard Horwich JCC, Bernard Weinger JCC, Early Childhood at Beth Emet and Am Shalom, Florence G. Heller JCC, 2’ Frank Apach, Lake County Jewish Community Campus

JCC Camps and Vacation

JCC Community-Wide Programs and Services
J at School, JCC Chicago Jewish Film Festival, JCC Maccabi Games and Artsfest, Jewish Student Connection, Pitzer Center for Jewish Education, Rose and Sidney N. S. Field Ericha, Socialization Services (JCC and Keshet)

Jewish Neighborhood Development Council

Jewish Residential Camp Scholarships
Aguadat Midwest, Beber, Bnos Mizrach, Ch, Habanim Camp Tavor, Mishava, Negdei Mizrach, Olin-Sang Ruby Union Institute, Ramah, Yeshivas Hakayit, Young Judaeas

Joan Dachs Bais Yaakov

Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi

JUF Birthright Israel

JUF Camp Supports
Camp Coupons Onie Happy Camper

JUF Education
EJC Chicago
Jewish Initiative for Supplemental Education Excellence IllinoisNow 8th Grade Israel Experience JUF Staff Education Synagogue Sustainability

JUF Teen Programming
Camp TOV
Diller Teen Fellowship

JUF Jewish Teen Alliance of Chicago

JTFI: The JUF Research Training Institute

TOV Monthly Teen Volunteering (MTV)

Voces: The Chicago Jewish Teen Foundation

Voices Alumni Foundation

JUF Russian-speaking Jewish Division

JUF-TOV Volunteer Network

JUF Young Families

JUF: Right Start Preschool Vouchers

Jewish Community Relations Council

Campus Life

National/Local Agencies
Community Relations & Other

Yeshiva Ohr Boruch

USY

Ohr Torah Stone SAHI

PJ Library Ukraine

Raman Foundation

Schecter Institutes

Shafir Community Center

Shalom Hartman Institute

Schechter Institutes

Ramon Foundation

Socialist and others

Tenufa B’Kehillah

Tzohar

Unistream

United Hatzalah

Union for Progressive Judaism

Voices Alumni Foundation

Voices of Israel Foundation

WIZO

Jewish People Policy Institute

itworks

Jewish Peoplehood Institute

Jewish Sports Center for the Disabled

Israel Trauma Coalition

ITIM

Jewish Peoplehood Institute

Juice Volunteering for Young Adults

Kiryat Gat Community Center

Kot Yisrael Haverim

Krembo Wings

Lachish Community Center

Maagilim

Marian’s Early Childhood Center in Kiryat Gat

Maslen

Mesorot Movement

Meltairim

Molise House Kyiv

NATAL

Neeman/Ne’eman Torah V’Avodah

Neve Hanna

Nirim

Ofanim

Ohr Torah Stone SAHI

PJ Library Ukraine

Ramon Foundation

Schecter Institutes

Shafir Community Center

Shalom Hartman Institute

Sulamot – STEM Education

Tenufa B’Kehillah

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World Union for Progressive Judaism

Yasov Herzog Center

Yachad

Yadid Lachinuch

Yael’s House

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**Total Allocations & Expenses:** $286,378,339
JUF/Federation amplifies our collective strength to make the world a better place—for everyone.

Community powered, we consider the totality of local and global Jewish needs and how to address them. From generation to generation, we help people connect to Jewish life and values, fueling a dynamic, enduring community that comes together for good.