



Newsletter and Annual Report

January 2026



Volunteers in Kauai

"You taught me many skills to use moving forward with my life, and things have only gone in the most positive direction. The emotional and financial support was lifesaving."

- Maui client

We had a great 2025. The staff worked hard helping more people than ever, the board navigated growth and stability, fundraising, and strategy, and we further explored how to fill gaps in the statewide safety net for those in need.

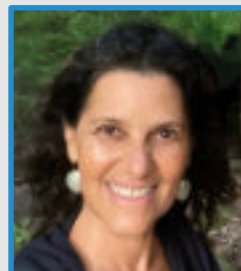
And we have a lot of ideas for 2026! Here are a few of them....

Our first "Memory Café"

Our case manager Dale Rosenfeld is starting Kauai's first Memory Cafe based on a national model of providing social and intellectual activities for anyone concerned about their memory. This supportive and non-stigmatizing model helps caregivers and those they love by providing a place to meet, play, laugh, move, and snack. Specialized activities will include arts and crafts, stimulating games, music, and dance. Look at our calendar online for more details and RSVP for the February 13 event.

Belonging through volunteering

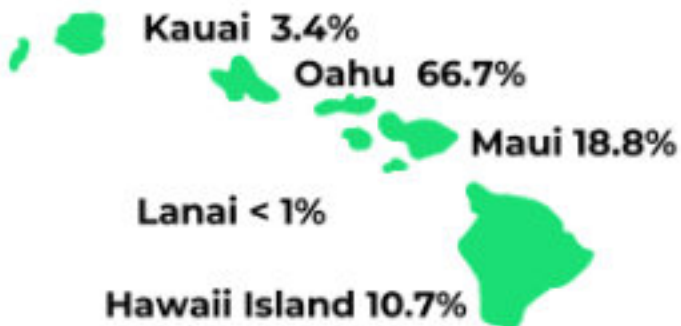
Volunteers across the state provide integral support to JCSH and our clients, so we have created a new staff position for a Volunteer Coordinator. Elycia Fine was hired to bolster our services and organize formal orientations and trainings, monthly volunteer support meetings, and meaningful connections for clients and volunteers alike. Apply on our website if you have time for some tikkun olam.



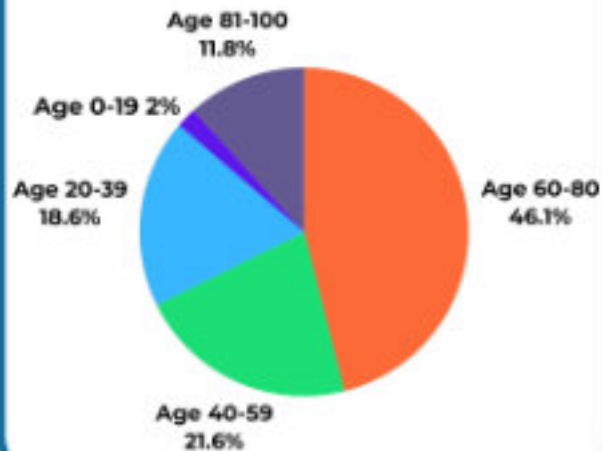
Mimi Lind, LCSW
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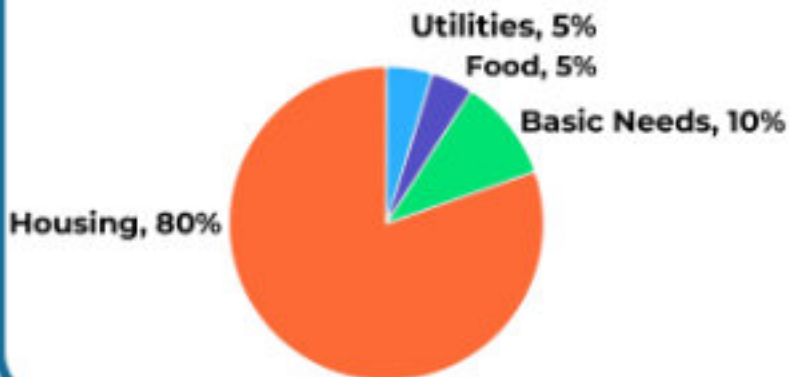
Where Are Our Clients?



Age Groups Served



Financial Assistance Provided



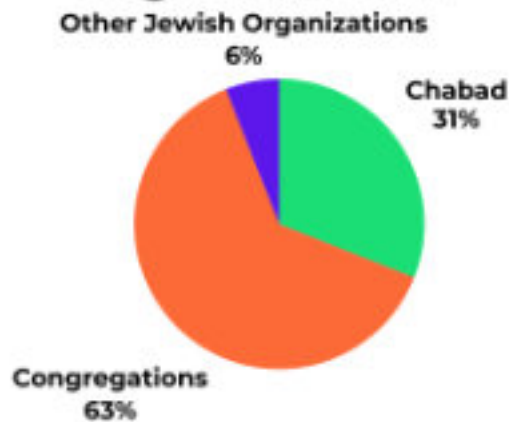
Support groups: **290 meetings**

Antisemitism support: **56 visits**

% of All Referrals



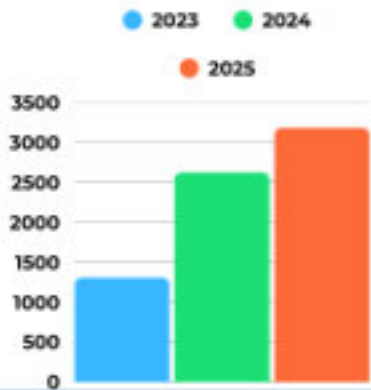
Referrals from Jewish Organizations:



70% of clients were Jewish

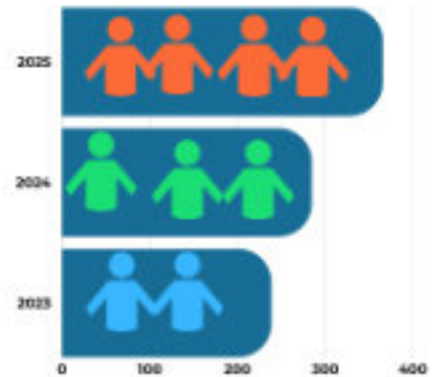
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of Meetings with Clients

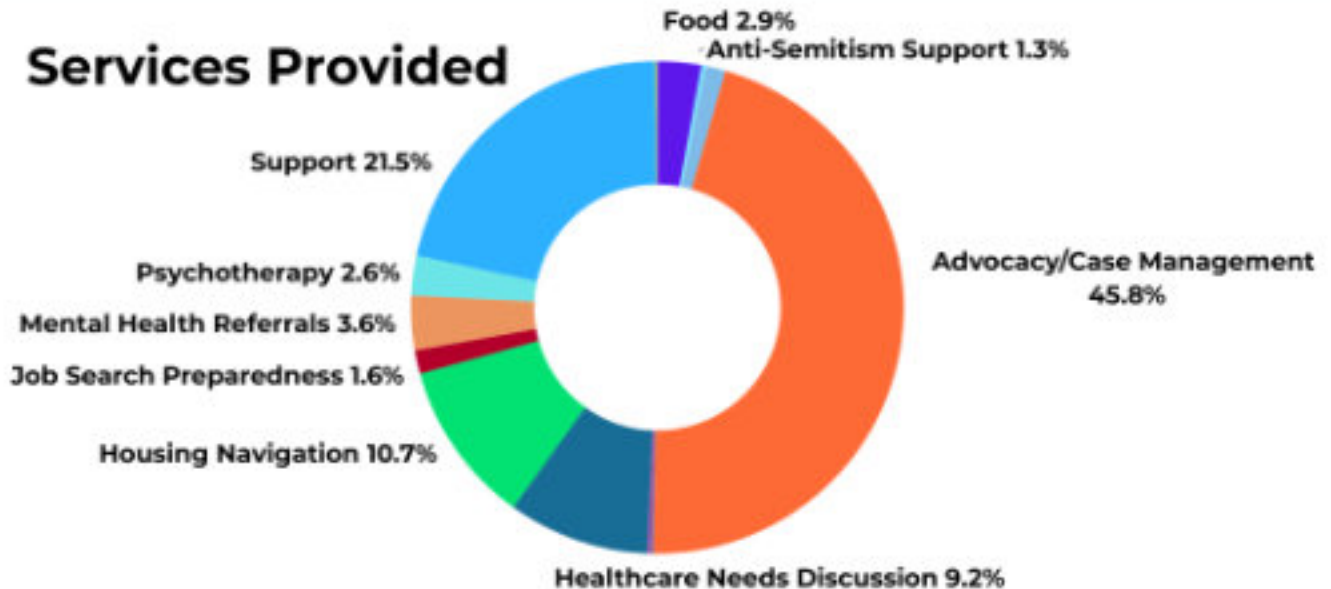


Ability to Help at First Visit:
97% of the time

Individual Clients



Services Provided



Client Voices



A difficult conversation became a genuinely pleasant experience, thanks to a JCSH staff member.

My case manager was gently persistent, and because of JCSH I feel more secure. JCSH was a lifesaver.

Because of your advocacy, I was able to maintain my relationship with my sister.

I'm relieved to have help with the fires from someone who truly understands what it means to be from Hawai'i.

~ JCSH Clients



MAHALO TO OUR 2025 GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

Chakam \$100,000+

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The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

Tikkun Olam \$10,000+

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Volunteers, like Iris, make a difference

A family member on the continent asked for help with their elderly cousin on Oahu who was being evicted and experiencing signs of dementia. Kamala, our case manager, worked against the clock to prevent him from homelessness. Meanwhile our newest volunteer lived close and was ready to jump in. Iris, a videographer in Haleiwa, helped him sign forms online, complete paperwork while Facetiming with Kamala, and help prepare him to move – all so that Kamala didn't spend too much time driving back and forth between town and the Westside. The client moved into affordable housing and is being case managed closely by housing staff at Catholic Charities– one of the largest nonprofits on the island.

Iris said in her volunteer application - "It's important to me to give back to my community. I feel my best when I'm helping others. I knew the JCS in Indianapolis, so I looked up the Oahu version and I found you."



Volunteer - Iris Kosene



Mahalo for Your Ideas

We welcome questions and opinions to help us pause, grow, or stand strong. One example of an example of an idea that helped us grow is from Dan Bender, who has worked in Jewish education for a lifetime, and his wife Valerie Hashimoto, who is a grant writer and nonprofit professional. They encouraged JCSH to think more seriously about using an anonymous donation to fund the Shabbaton for 25 middle schoolers across the state in February. Thank you both for the push to make this happen. And stay tuned for great photos!

What We Are Proud of

- A senior who has been bedridden for years was connected to one of our volunteers who visits regularly and now has a goal for getting out of her home more.
- At least 3 of our seniors who were living beyond their means are now in affordable housing.
- Over 25 volunteers who signed up for our Mitzvah Day activities either packaging food with Nourish Kauai, or assembling hygiene kits for the unhoused.
- Thanks to a grant from the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation, we helped two single moms with rent, one single mom escaping domestic violence, and a single kupuna facing eviction.
- The caregiver support group and the antisemitism support groups helped many with an emphasis on self-care, boundaries, emotional wellbeing, and belonging.
- To avoid living in squalor, a senior agreed to move in with her relatives who were trying to contact her from the continent but could only facilitate that with our help.

Mahalo to our In Kind Supporters

Mahalo to so many businesses and consultants who donated their services or goods in 2025:

Assaggio Hawaii Kai
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Brilhante Custom Picture Framing
Chabad of Hawaii
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College Directions Hawaii
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No Ka Oi Jewelers
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Steve McGee Artwork
Tori Richard Company
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Walking Tours with Veneeta
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2025 Fundraising Dinner Gala





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