



Jewish Federation
OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

WE INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY

Spring Highlight: Emergency Response

THANK YOU for supporting our work so that we are there to quickly respond to any crisis or emergency.



When disaster first strikes—be it from a hurricane, a fire, or a terror attack—our network of local and international partners enables us to respond quickly and effectively. We fund urgent needs like food and medicine, and long-term needs like trauma counseling. We provide resources to emergency service providers and enable trained staff to expand their support of the most vulnerable populations.

For decades we've ensured humanitarian relief gets to those in need. Federation holds out a safety net. And we'll never let it fall.

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MEET STACY KAGAN

It happened February 14th of last year in our local high school and changed the lives of so many, including mine. It happened to 14 innocent children and 3 heroic teachers who gave their lives to try and protect them. A hail of bullets shattered the peace and security of our beautiful small town and shook our entire community to its core. And all of this happened only months after the devastating losses from Hurricane Irma.

At the time of the shooting, I was Vice Mayor of Parkland, Florida, and I am currently a Commissioner. I don't think anything could have prepared me for this tragedy. In the days following the shooting, grieving and in shock, we received an outpouring of support from across the country and around the world.

Within days, experts from the Israel Trauma Coalition, a Federation-funded initiative, was on the ground - training our community on how to address the impact of a large-scale attack. The team was nothing short of incredible and their experience was invaluable. But they couldn't have been there without you.

Late last year, at the General Assembly of the Jewish Federations of North America, I was invited to share my gratitude to the Federation movement - like I am today. It took tragedy and loss to bring me to Israel for my very first time.

Being in Israel and with Federation leaders and my husband, Richard, I instantly felt a sense of belonging and connection unlike anything I have ever experienced. My husband and I finally understood what our daughter, Britt felt after her Birthright Israel experience.

I was amazed to learn about the countless ways Federation helps people in need at home and all around the world. I came away truly inspired by the amazing people I met. I made new lifelong friends. Being with the Federation changed me! Before my trip, I never could have imagined that I would be able to speak these words...In Federation I have finally found my Jewish community. And I refuse to sit on the sidelines and watch from afar. The Federation is stuck with the Kagan family!

It is now a year later and our community is evolving, healing, and working together. We are stronger, kinder, and coming out of the dark into the light.

On the 1 year anniversary a few weeks ago, Federation brought our community together to honor the memory of the 17 lost souls. The Israel Trauma Coalition is returning to Parkland to help us continue the healing process.

I am so excited about the future and THANK YOU FEDERATION for showing me the way!

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