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**[Insert Federation Name] Receives Funds for Critical Supports for Holocaust Survivors International Holocaust Remembrance Day is January 27, 2019**

[Federation Name] is one of six Federations to receive a Critical Supports grant from The Jewish Federations of North America’s Center for Advancing Holocaust Survivor Care. When combined with matching funds, this award will enable [$X] to help prevent and resolve emergencies among Holocaust survivors. Federations will convene community-wide leadership councils that will develop strategies to provide services in a Person-Centered, Trauma-Informed (PCTI) way. In addition, [Federation Name] will receive intensive training on PCTI care.

JFNA received a $5 million grant from the federal government in FY 2018. The doubling of funds for this program illustrates Congress’ recognition of Federations’ innovative approach and the value of PCTI services to Holocaust survivors. With this fourth year of programming, JFNA launched the new Critical Supports program and also will fund 43 direct service organizations to support thousands of Holocaust survivors in the United States. In [Insert Federation location], the following agencies will receive those additional funds directly from JFNA: [Insert names of agencies].

Of the more than 100,000 Holocaust survivors in the United States, approximately one in three live in poverty. Many live alone and are at risk for social isolation, depression, and other physical and mental health conditions stemming from periods of starvation, disease and torture.

[Insert sentence about Federations’ plans in the Critical Support program]

[Insert quote from Federation leader]

“We are grateful for the Federal government’s commitment to helping Holocaust survivors. Together, we are using this window of opportunity to make sure more survivors are connected to their communities and have the social support necessary to age in place,” said Mark Wilf, chair of JFNA’s Board of Trustees and co-chair of JFNA’s National Holocaust Survivor Initiative.

The Jewish Federations of North America launched the Center for Advancing Holocaust Survivor Care in the Fall of 2015, following an award from the United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living. The Center for Advancing Holocaust Survivor Care promotes excellence in service delivery together with the expertise of partner organizations including the Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies and the Claims Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

This program is made possible by federal funds. Approximately 67% of the project comes from federal sources. Approximately 33% comes from non-federal sources.