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Jewish Federations Announce New Awards for Federations to Offer Critical Supports for Holocaust Survivors and Additional Funding for Innovative Service Models

International Holocaust Remembrance Day is January 27, 2019

New awards will result in \$6.7 million in programming

New York – The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) is proud to announce a new federally-funded program aimed at aiding Holocaust survivors. For the first time, The Jewish Federations of North America's Center for Advancing Holocaust Survivor Care will distribute monies directly to Jewish Federations to coordinate services and prevent emergencies in this vulnerable community. With these funds, six pilot Federations will prevent and resolve crises among Holocaust survivors, thereby increasing the likelihood that survivors will live more comfortably in their homes and communities.

This new funding builds on the Center's success of the past 3 years. The announcement includes the distribution of \$4.6 million in grants to 43 direct service agencies and 6 Federations. When combined with matching funds required by the grant, this funding will result in \$6.7 million in programming for Holocaust survivor services.

Since 2016, the JFNA Center for Advancing Holocaust Survivor Care has awarded 78 grants to service agencies to provide Person-Centered, Trauma-Informed services to thousands of survivors in the U.S. For this 4th year of service Congress has provided \$5 million to deepen the impact on Holocaust survivors. The doubling of funds illustrates the government's recognition of Federations' innovative approach and the value of Person-Centered, Trauma-Informed services to Holocaust survivors.

"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.

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. The Center spearheads the Person-Centered, Trauma-Informed approach which promotes the dignity, strength and empowerment of trauma survivors.

Jewish Federations launched the Center for Advancing Holocaust Survivor Care in the Fall of 2015, following an award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living. In collaboration with the Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, the program advances excellence in service delivery for Holocaust survivors. In addition to this federal effort, Jewish Federations' National Holocaust Survivor Initiative links support from Federations, foundations, private citizens, and federal, state, and local governments to help aging Holocaust survivors. The awards come from the federal funding plus philanthropic dollars raised through Federations' campaign.

New grants awarded to:

Critical Supports

Greater Miami Jewish Federation
Jewish Federation of Broward County
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles
Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ
Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.
UJA-Federation of New York

Direct Service Agencies

Dr. Stanley and Pearl Goodman Jewish Family Services of Broward County, Inc.
Edith and Carl Marks Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst
Elayne and James Schoke Jewish Family Service of Fairfield County
Guardians of the Sick, Brooklyn
Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc.
Jewish Family & Child Service of Portland, Oregon
Jewish Family & Children's Service of Southern New Jersey
Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia
Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland
Jewish Family Service of Atlantic and Cape May Counties
Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles
Jewish Family Service of Orange County
Jewish Family Service of San Diego
Jewish Family Service of St. Paul
Jewish Family Service of Cincinnati
Jewish Social Service Agency, Greater Washington
Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, Inc., New York
MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care, New York
Pesach Tikvah Hope Development, New York
Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services, Palm Beach
Selfhelp Community Services, Inc., New York
The Blue Card, Inc., New York

Renewal grants awarded to:

Year 3 Cohort

CJE SeniorLife, Chicago
Edith and Carl Marks Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst, New York
Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service of Palm Beach County, Inc.
Jewish Community Council of Canarsie, New York
Jewish Community Council of the Rockaway Peninsula, New York
Jewish Family & Children's Services of Southern Arizona
Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay, California
Jewish Family & Community Services, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida
Jewish Family and Children's Services of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties
Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey
Jewish Family Service of Cincinnati
Jewish Family Service of Metropolitan Detroit
Jewish Family Service of Orange County, Inc, New York
Jewish Family Service Seattle
Jewish Family Services Columbus, Ohio
Jewish Family Services of Greater Charlotte
KleinLife, Philadelphia
Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, New York
Older Adults Technology Services, Inc., New York

Pesach Tikvah Hope Development, New York
Selfhelp Community Services, Inc., New York

Previous grant recipients:

Year 2 Cohort

Bet Tzedek, Los Angeles
Edith and Carl Marks Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst, New York
Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc., Clearwater, Florida
Jewish Family & Career Services, Louisville, Kentucky
Jewish Family & Child Service, Portland, Oregon
Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia
Jewish Family and Children's Services of North New Jersey
Jewish Federation and Family Services of Orange County, California
Pesach Tikvah Hope Development, Inc., New York
Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services, Palm Beach
Selfhelp Community Services, Inc., New York
The Blue Card, Inc., New York

Year 1 Cohort

CJE SeniorLife, Chicago
Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service of Palm Beach County
Guardians of the Sick, Brooklyn
Jewish Community Services of Baltimore
Jewish Community Services of South Florida
Jewish Family & Career Services of Atlanta
Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Boston
Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay, California
Jewish Family and Children's Services of San Francisco
Jewish Family Service Agency of Central New Jersey
Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland
Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles
Jewish Family Service of Metropolitan Detroit
Jewish Family Service of Orange County, New York
Jewish Family Service of Rochester
Jewish Family Service of San Diego
Jewish Family Service of Cincinnati
Jewish Family Services of Columbus, Ohio
Jewish Family Services of Greater Kansas City
Jewish Family Services of Indianapolis
Jewish Social Service Agency, Greater Washington
Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, New York
Selfhelp Community Services, New York

This program is made possible by federal funds from a grant through the Administration for Community Living. Approximately 60% of the project, or \$4,935,000, comes from federal sources. Approximately 40% or \$3,317,500 comes from non-federal sources.

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