

Your Dollars at Work

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A monthly eNewsletter sharing real stories of impact from the Federation, and our partner and international agencies.



Local Impact

SHOP TILL YOU'RE STOCKED

Pencils & Paper, a program of Jewish Family Services, benefits 1,600 teachers and 30,000 students within Monroe County. Its volunteers contributed 2,200 hours last fiscal year. But its roots can be traced to a mere fraction—specifically, an anecdote of a classroom teacher forced to cut bandages in half for her supply to stretch further. That kind of desperate measure, reflecting shortages of critical tools in high-poverty schools, is among the catalysts for Pencils & Paper.

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Partner Impact

“SLICES OF HOME” EACH SEMESTER

At the University of Rochester, Hillel connects students with one another, and with Judaism, through celebrations, learning, civic engagement and social action, Israel, community and social connections, and leadership programs. Federation's allocation allows Hillel to develop programming around all these areas; along with professional staff, security and comprehensive resources. That generosity and partnership are essential to fostering vibrant, pluralistic, inclusive Jewish life on campus, in which all students feel empowered to meaningfully engage with Judaism and Jewish living.

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International Impact

THREE CONTINENTS, ONE COMMUNITY

For 18 years, Journey for Identity (JFI) has been a hallmark of the Rochester and Modi'in Partnership2Gether program. For three and a half weeks, Rochester teens and their Modi'in peers visit three continents to dig deep into their Jewish identity and bear witness to the Holocaust through guided exploration, shared immersive experiences, and home-based hospitality. On this past summer's JFI, the experience of emerging from isolation after COVID to travel the world felt even more resonant and powerful. • [READ MORE](#)

