

Stronger Together

THIS WEEK IN OUR COMMUNITY



The Federation and Foundation are finding innovative ways to work, grow, and serve our community during these unusual times. Despite the distance between us, there is a closeness and sense of purpose that we are continuing to foster through our philanthropic stewardship, community leadership, and value-driven efforts to plan for the future. Our **Jewish Community Pandemic Relief Fund** continues to meet the immediate and growing needs of individuals and families in Southern Arizona as a result of the global pandemic. We are ensuring the local non-profit community can provide for growing needs as unemployment and economic downturn persist and increase.

As our community adjusts to the growing impact of the coronavirus, all of our Jewish agencies and synagogues have worked diligently to: shift offerings online, support constituents and staff engaging remotely, and take necessary steps to reduce expenses. In parallel, we are also proud to share that all of our Southern Arizona Jewish agencies (JCC, THA, Hillel, JHM, JFCS, Handmaker, Federation, and Foundation) have actively pursued funds through the various U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)/stimulus programs to maximize federal resources for support during the pandemic. The **Tucson Jewish Community Center**, **Jewish Family and Children's Services of Southern Arizona**, **Tucson Hebrew Academy**, and **Handmaker Jewish Services for the Aging**, as well as both the **Federation** and **Foundation**, have thus far confirmed receiving support through the SBA/stimulus. We hope and anticipate that we will be able to share good news in the coming weeks as other organizations that are already being considered similarly receive support to continue their exemplary work in our community.

Of course, federal stimulus dollars afford us some urgently needed support – and it is critical to maximize the impact of these resources together with the charitable donations, membership, and program registrations that fund our agencies and our community. While we continue to focus on supporting our community's adaptation to the evolving "new normal" that accompanies our prolonged recovery from the coronavirus pandemic, the entire non-profit sector must now commence a shift and return to annual fundraising. We will proceed, engaging as many philanthropic partners as possible to stand with us, stronger together, for a brighter future.



We remain committed to sustaining and strengthening our local Jewish community agencies and implore you to join us. Amidst evolving global uncertainty, we must rededicate ourselves to the annual and ongoing needs of our community by resuming the Federation's annual campaign. As of April 27, with your generous support, we have raised **\$1.9M**, which is halfway to our goal of **\$3.8M**. We will continue to advocate and plan for the future of our Jewish institutions as we look to the days, weeks, and months ahead.

Wishing you and your families an wonderful week, full of health, wellness, and self-care,

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In the past month, Federation and Foundation staff and volunteers have made **more than 1,300 phone calls** to community members in need during this challenging time.



The Federation, using its senior transportation provider, enabled **Mitzvah Magic** to deliver gift baskets donated and packed by volunteers to **18 families** in need in our community while minimizing the risk of exposure in the process. Through **Matzah & More**, **130 families** receive gift cards for the purchase of Passover foods.

Are you looking for resources or assistance during this challenging time? Do you know someone who could use help?

This week's featured resource:

The Free Loan at the Jewish Federation, which offers interest-free loans up to \$5,000 with a guarantor or \$750 without a guarantor to qualified applicants.

Visit jfsa.org/pandemic for links and information about offerings from JFSA and JCF and our partners.

Free Loan at the Jewish Federation

Apply for an interest-free loan to enable you to succeed during these challenging times

For more information, call (520) 297-5360 or email yana@thefreeloan.org



EVENT REMINDER

Don't forget! Attend **tomorrow's** global Yom Haatzmaut celebration online at 2 pm.

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