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UNITED WE STAND

Unity is the official monthly newsletter of JFSA.

We believe in the power of unity in our community. We believe one of the most vital parts of any community is its people and it's the people who can positively impact their community. In this newsletter, each month we highlight JFSA members who are committed to serving everyone, all faiths, races, ages, and incomes. We are a family devoted to those seeking kindness, love, and dignity.

Here is where you will find the latest good news updates, editorials, and upcoming events. We also take pride in highlighting our volunteers who do a remarkable job every day. It is our wonderful volunteers that make JFSA so special. We hope this helps you gain more insight into what we do and why our care and compassion are so important to all that are in need. **JFSA stands united now and forever in building our community through help, hope, and support.**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

*The 14th Annual
JFSA Tzedakah Event*

Join JFSA as we honor
Elizabeth Blau, Punam Mathur, Julie Murray,
& Delivering with Dignity
for their outstanding achievement in community service.



Save the Date

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

11AM - 2PM at the all new
Resorts World
brunch will be served

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**AN UPDATE FROM:
DR. KEN MOSKOWITZ
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Our Mission

The mission of JFSA is to be the place to go for people of all backgrounds during their time of need. We provide solutions and results to improve the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age.

JFSA is registered with the Secretary of State, qualified by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization, and a member of Guidestar Gold Transparency. Founded in 1977, JFSA has grown to be one of the largest and most respected agencies in the region touching over 25,000 people each year. One life at a time. Your charitable contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Welcome everyone and thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We are happy to officially announce that **The 14th Annual JFSA Tzedakah Event will be Sunday, October 17, 2021.** Join us for the event of the year as we honor Elizabeth Blau, Punam Mathur, Julie Murray, and Delivering with Dignity for their outstanding achievement in community service. Be sure to mark this event on your calendar and save the date. We look forward to seeing you all in person at our spectacular event which **will be held this year at the brand new Resorts World from 11 am - 2 pm and brunch will be served during the program.**

Our Senior Services Department offers senior clients a way to remain independent, healthy and in their own homes for as long as possible. Our **Director of Senior Services, Lisa Popovsky, (pg. 5)** is a real-life guardian angel and once you read our article, you will see why. During the past year, she helped over 700 seniors navigate through the challenges of the Pandemic. On behalf of everyone at JFSA and all in our community, we thank you Lisa for always delivering and being there for those that need us most.

JFSA is excited and proud to be awarded a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. This special rating means we are accountable, transparent, and financially healthy. Thank you for trusting us with your donations, your volunteer time, and your goodwill. We could not have received this top rating without you! Your trust and support mean so much to us and the individuals and families we serve each day.

JFSA is proud of our over 200 local volunteers who are dedicated to helping build our communities stronger than ever. **One of our amazing volunteers is Rob Miller (pg 7.) Rob is proud to be a JFSA volunteer and every month delivers food to Holocaust Survivors through our Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program.** Rob is special to us and his commitment and dedication to JFSA are absolute. We are forever grateful to you for your service Rob. Thank you for bringing joy and hope directly to our Holocaust Survivors' doorsteps.

Our food pantry reveal event was a huge success and we would like to thank everyone who came and participated. A special thank you to Three Square who generously donated the new Food Pantry Rescue Vehicle to JFSA. Thank you to Clark County Commissioner Michael Naft for attending in person. Thank you to Mayor Carolyn Goodman and NV Senator Catherine Cortez Masto for recognizing this historic event. For the first time in JFSA history, we have a Food Pantry Rescue Vehicle. **JFSA fed over 20,000 people last year and this vehicle will help us continue our mission of feeding our community's most vulnerable.**

***For your steadfast support and lifesaving generosity,
we continue to rely and give thanks to you.***

**Ken Moskowitz, PhD
President & CEO**

**Laura Sussman
Board Chair**

CONGRATULATIONS

JFSA IS NOW A 4 STAR CHARITY!



Dear Friends & Community Members,

We have some exciting news to share! The non-profit evaluator Charity Navigator has awarded JFSA Las Vegas our first four-star out of four-star rating!

Charity Navigator bases its ratings on non-profits' financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

We now have one of the best ratings in Nevada and are among the top non-profit agencies in the nation.

We couldn't have received this top rating without you. Thank you for trusting us with your donations, your volunteer time, and your goodwill. Your trust and support mean so much to us and the individuals and families we serve.

Thank you for being a part of our mission to provide help, hope, and support to everyone in our community.



MEET LISA POPOVSKY JFSA'S REAL LIFE GUARDIAN ANGEL AND DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES

Lisa Popovsky was born in Chicago and moved to Monterey, California at a young age. While she attended Catholic Girls high school she began volunteering for a nursing home and realized quickly that the act of serving others was in her blood. Her parents wanted her to be a soil scientist because her dad was a flower grower but for Lisa, the path that would eventually lead to JFSA in Las Vegas is an incredible journey.

Lisa attended Northern Arizona University and worked during the summer with the Jewish Federation of LA, working with severely emotionally disturbed children. At Camp Max Strauss she learned how important Social Workers are and what a positive impact they had on the over 800 children who attended every week.

Lisa graduated from California State University, Fresno with a bachelor's degree in social work and has dedicated her life to helping and serving others. Lisa worked for 15 years as a manager for Headstart then became the director. She worked another 8 years helping others in the rape crisis and domestic violence shelters. "I met my husband at a Headstart conference in Las Vegas and that's why I moved to Vegas." Lisa continued, "I began working for the State of NV with seniors and the disabled and found meaning in my work."

Lisa joined Senior Lifeline at the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas in 2014 which became part of JFSA in 2016. Lisa states, "I immediately felt like Senior Lifeline was home when we moved to JFSA. At the time we only had one program for the Holocaust Survivors." During the next four years, Lisa would add Senior Companion Program, Foster Grandparent Program, Choose Home Program, and NV Care Connections.

JFSA's Senior Services help seniors from every background, religion, race, culture, sexual orientation, and economic status. They are there for the over 700 seniors that depend on them every month. Each has a Case Manager that is assigned to their specific needs and provides JFSA programs and resources accordingly. Whether it's running errands, cleaning their homes, assisting with transportation, and assist with medical expenses JFSA is here to assist our Seniors in our community in every way possible.

Lisa states, **"I love the flexibility of being at JFSA. I love that I can design creative programs that meet the needs of our community."** Lisa continues, "for most Seniors, they want to spend the rest of their lives in their own home and we want that for them too. We want to keep them there as long as they can and live safely. Each of our clients has different needs. Some may be enrolled in 1 of our programs and some in every program. I am super proud of all the programs we have created. Ken has allowed me to be as creative as I want to be and I am grateful for that. JFSA is strong and stable and people have to trust that we are going to deliver on what we promise. And we do. "

JFSA serves 100 Holocaust Survivors every month which the majority are active and independent and meet during monthly socializations. **During the pandemic, JFSA delivered food, and every senior received masks, gloves, cleaning supplies, PPE, and hand sanitizers.** JFSA developed the Telephone Reassurance Program. This is a program that involves seniors calling other seniors to check in on them to see how they are doing and to talk.

"I love my job and working for JFSA. I love to talk to Seniors and hear their stories. I get the opportunity to share their life and their history and that moves me. Every day I am reminded it's not only the big things but it's the small things that matter in life. I'll get a call saying thank you for sending me a birthday card, every little thing is important to them." Lisa continues, "my staff and I treat our clients with care and dignity. Most don't have families, but now they have JFSA and a case manager that can help them. It's our case managers that make all the difference in our seniors' lives. To me, that is what JFSA is really all about. Caring for each other no matter what and making sure that you are ok, is what we are here to do. It all comes back to that 1 on 1 personal connection from 1 heart to the other and if you have that well then our mission is complete."

On behalf of JFSA, we thank you, Lisa, for all the incredible work that you do in our Clark County community, for Las Vegas, the state of Nevada, and for the countless individuals you have served and assisted over the past years. You truly are a guardian angel.

If you are in need of Senior Services or support please visit us at <https://www.jfsalv.org/senior-services>



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For the first time in JFSA history, we now have a Food Pantry vehicle and will continue our mission to feed everyone.

JUNE 9TH, 2021



Thank you Three Square for your generous donation of providing JFSA with a food pantry vehicle.

"JFSA gives me the opportunity to volunteer and give back to the community. It means a lot to me and I love what JFSA does for our entire community. I enjoy helping other people and JFSA has provided me with a way to help as many people as I can and I love it."

ROB MILLER

Up Close With Our JFSA Volunteers: Rob Miller Delivering Meals to Our Holocaust Survivors

Rob Miller joined JFSA in the middle of the pandemic last August of 2020 and has loved every moment of it. Each month Rob loads his truck with bags of food from the JFSA food pantry and delivers them to some of the over **100 Holocaust Survivors in our community.** **The JFSA Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program is the only program in Southern Nevada that is geared to taking care of our beloved Holocaust Survivor community on a regular basis.**

Rob states, *"I enjoy helping other people and I like to serve those who are in need especially through JFSA. My father who was in the Marine Corps for 30 years taught me many valuable lessons and appreciating what we have that others don't was a huge part of my life growing up. It is because of him that I am so passionate about serving others."*

Rob also mentioned that he enjoys working with JFSA and what the agency provides to the entire community. "I have always been pro-community and always want to give back. How important is JFSA to me? I am not Jewish and I have the honor of delivering food to Holocaust Survivors and I look forward to visiting them each month. That's how much it means to me." Rob continues, **"I enjoy going to my Survivors' homes and delivering them healthy meals. When I visit them I feel like I bring some joy to their lives because the look on their faces is uplifting and it makes me feel so good."**

WE THANK YOU ROB, for your consistent dedication to JFSA. WE THANK YOU, for coming every month and assisting us with delivering meals to our Holocaust Survivors. It is because of volunteers like you, that help JFSA make a difference in the community. It is because of volunteers like you, that help us be the best that we can be. Everyone can learn from Rob about what being a true volunteer is really all about. The noble act to serve others in your community and to truly make a difference in people's lives each and every day. **To learn how you can Volunteer at JFSA please contact Sherri Freedman at JFSALV.ORG or call 702.732.0304**



**A special Thank You to
Rob Miller for Volunteering with
JFSA Senior Services every month!**

JFSA'S COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

You are never too old or too young to serve your community.

Visit JFSALV.org/volunteer to learn how you can join us today!



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We thank you!

Serving Our Community With Dignity and Respect

FOOD Pantry by JFSA

PROVIDING FOOD AND NUTRITION



HEY LAS VEGAS JFSA NEEDS YOU!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

In Nevada, 1 in every 8 people struggles with hunger. We need your help to continue our mission to feed everyone. Last year JFSA'S food pantry fed over 20,000 people through our drive up and food delivery services.

There is incredible value in being of service to others.

**TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN VOLUNTEER TODAY
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HOW WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY



JFSA is here to serve everyone, all faiths, races, ages, and incomes. All human beings. JFSA staff and volunteer leadership are totally dedicated to helping people in our community face some of life's most difficult and pressing challenges of the day and we do it with compassion, total commitment, love and care.

Counseling

We are here to listen and provide emotional support through our Counseling program. We offer counseling to children, adolescents, adults, and seniors. Through individual, couple, family and group counseling; services are provided in a sensitive and caring atmosphere.

Emergency Services

We provide hope, through our Emergency Services programs. JFSA provides emergency financial assistance and food for our community's most vulnerable. Our food pantry includes a variety of healthy meals that satisfy every taste including Kosher foods.

The Center for Assessment & Educational Services

Our Center for Assessment and Educational Services offers comprehensive psycho-educational assessments and individualized educational recommendations to enhance academic performance at an affordable cost.

Every child deserves a chance to have a bright future and we are here to make sure that goal is accomplished.

Senior Services

JFSA leads the community in providing comprehensive services for seniors, offering a full spectrum of programs, resources, and opportunities. Our Senior Lifeline program uses a case management model that connects those 65+ with a network of support services to maintain independent living. Holocaust Survivor Assistance Services are based on the individual's needs and wishes and adapt over their lifespan. Services may include in-home care, advocacy, assistance with reparations, and socialization events and activities. Nevada Care Connections is a state resource center that works with older adults, people with disabilities, and family caregivers to explore various long-term support services, resources, and programs. Our Family Care Partnership program offers peace of mind by hiring a professional staff person to coordinate and direct their loved one's care.

We offer seniors the opportunity to remain engaged and contribute to the community in our AmeriCorps Senior programs. Volunteers in the Senior Companion and veterans Choose Home programs are connected with older adults who need one-on-one connections and support. The Foster Grandparent Program connects volunteers with special needs children in the Clark County School District to serve in classrooms as mentors, tutors, and role models.

If you or someone you know needs our help please contact us today.



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