

JFCS



2008 Annual Report



Jewish Family & Community Services is here for you

JFCS is here to provide services to the Jacksonville community and beyond in the Jewish tradition of *tikkun olam* (pronounced tee-KOON oh-LUHM), which means “repairing the world.”

JFCS touches every phase of the life cycle, from birth (adoption) to end of life (Jewish Hospice) and all the life challenges in between. By offering counseling, support groups, children’s case management, financial assistance and senior services including our new Medical Advocate Program (MAP), families - and therefore communities - are strengthened.

On behalf of our board, staff and clients we offer sincere thanks to our donors and funding sources. You empower JFCS to help citizens of all ages and backgrounds.

JFCS exists to change lives, and each life changed touches many others. Your support as donors, volunteers and community advocates makes it all possible.

Thank you
Iris T. Young, Executive Director

Helping People Help Themselves

ADOPTION

First Coast Adoption Professionals helped place 72 infants and children into loving homes and provided 1,456 hours of adoption case management, counseling and home study services.

CHILD SAFETY

JFCS provided case management services to over 500 abused and neglected children in state custody, finalized 175 adoptions and provided prevention services to more than 200 children and their families.

COUNSELING

- **Achievers for Life:** Family Advocates helped nearly 150 sixth-grade students and their families reverse middle-school challenges as demonstrated by increases in GPA's and promotion rates,
- **Mental Health Counseling:** Experienced clinicians provided 1,700 clients with 17,434 hours of individual and family counseling, support and educational groups, custody home studies and comprehensive assessments. Over 96% of counseling clients improved or maintained their level of functioning.



“We would have been lost without [FCAP]” - Adoptive mother

“[Achievers for Life] makes one realize that you’re never too old to make a change.”

– AFL parent



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- **Emergency Financial Assistance:** JFCS distributed federal, state and local funds to 6,177 individuals (a total of 13,837 household members) who had difficulty paying rent, mortgage or utility bills and/or rental or utility deposits. Ninety-one percent of clients achieved self-sufficiency and/or remained in the same residence six months post-intervention.
- **Feed A Needy Neighbor (FANN):** The Winn Dixie Emergency Food Pantry at JFCS nourished 8,766 hungry people. The volunteer-run pantry set a one-day record in October when it provided food to 311 people in two hours.
- **Standing Tall:** This six-part life skills course helped 811 people learn to lead productive, self-sufficient lives. Over 98% of clients reported using skills learned such as household budgeting, job search skills and positive assertiveness.

“It’s good to know that there are people that really care about helping you.”

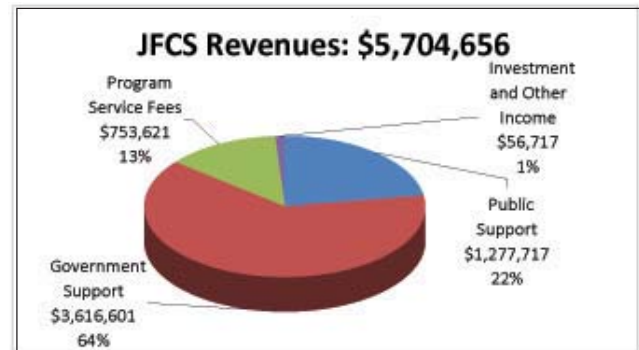
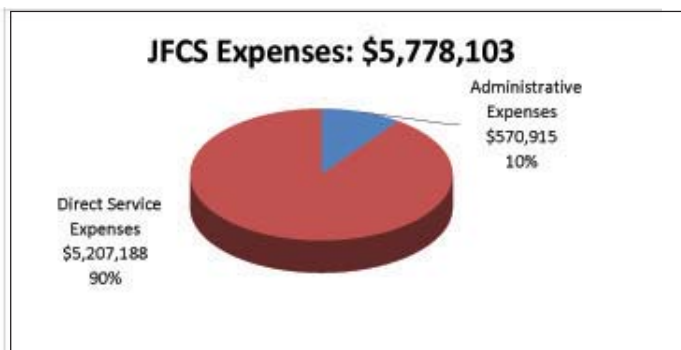
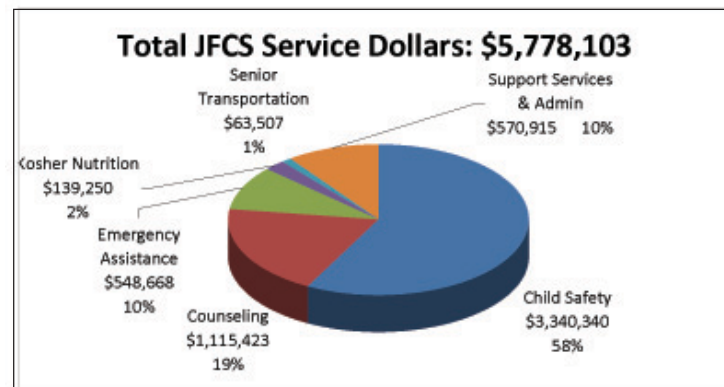
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JEWISH SERVICES

- **Kosher Nutrition & Kosher Kart Program:** These programs provided healthy, kosher meals to 75 older adults in the community.
- **Geriatric Care Management:** JFCS provided care management and medical advocacy services to 79 older adults.
- **Information, Referral & Support:** JFCS provided information, referral, counseling, financial assistance, and additional support services to 439 Jewish individuals.
- **Jewish Healing Network:** Trained and dedicated JHN volunteers visited 43 frail, ill or homebound Jewish individuals in home and hospital settings.
- **Jewish Hospice Services:** Trained staff provided 54 Jewish clients and their families with support, connection to their Jewish roots and guidance in addressing end of life issues.
- **Senior Transportation:** JFCS arranged transportation for 109 seniors to medical appointments, religious services, shopping centers and quality of life activities.
- **Alexandra Miller Speaker Series:** Carol Hausman, Ph.D. was the featured speaker at this 2nd annual speaker series, sponsored by the Jewish Healing Network. Dr. Hausman discussed how the guiding principles of Judaism can help heal estrangement in family relationships.



Financial Report 2008



Financial Highlights – FY ending June 30, 2008

Assets	\$	3,807,367
Liabilities	\$	538,855
Net Assets	\$	3,268,512
Total Revenues	\$	5,704,656
Total Expenses	\$	5,778,103



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The mission of Jewish Family & Community Services is to strengthen the entire community by providing individual and family social services in the Jewish tradition of helping people help themselves.

