

JFS

Build A Jewish Legacy Case Statement

For nearly 160 years, JFS has practiced the Jewish value of Tikun Olam; repairing the world through dedicated service, one client at a time. The families, elderly and children we serve often have nowhere else to turn. Well into its second century, JFS's accountability and fiscal responsibility accompany caring as hallmarks of its operations. Today, JFS is the only accredited, comprehensive, health and social services agency in the Greater Richmond area thereby assuring our community of the highest standards of service and administration.

JFS has been committed to ensuring that all residents of the Greater Richmond area have access to needed social and health services regardless of income, affiliation, or circumstances. Over the course of its long history, JFS has adapted and changed to meet contemporary needs leading to personal independence. This ability to recognize changing community needs has allowed JFS to care for orphans, resettle refugees, care for the elderly in their own homes, place newborns with adoptive families, and counsel those struggling to overcome grief, fight depression or reconcile a personal tragedy. The knowledge that JFS will always be there to respond to a personal, family, or group crisis provides comfort to community members and leaders.

For reasons related to age and/or financial circumstances, JFS services are provided to numerous clients at rates below cost. Likewise, fees are frequently constrained by State or Federal program requirements. JFS endowment income plays a significant role in the ability of the Agency to deliver a set of core services and provides the financial flexibility for JFS to venture into more sophisticated levels of services. Endowment funds are an essential component of our operations and provide seed funds for new programs, ensure financial stability of the agency, and support the delivery of quality services to the community.

In an average year, JFS will serve over 1,500 separate clients. Last year alone, JFS provided over 6,000 hours of counseling and 66,000 hours of in-home health care. These services allow people to return to work, preserve their families, and avoid institutional care. The in-home health care services provided last year saved \$1.7 million dollars by avoiding nursing home costs.

Above all a well-funded endowment guarantees that JFS will be there for another 160 years to support the community as it continues to age and require more capacity to deliver services. By the year 2030, over 70 million "Boomers" will be 65 or older. JFS will be called upon to provide services to many of those living in the Richmond area including, perhaps, you or a loved one. Your bequest will help make that happen.