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2021 Annual Report

2021 STATE OF THE AGENCY

Darcy Amiel, President



In the life of every person, every community, and every organization, the question is not if difficult times will arise, but when they will arise. It is at those times that resilience is measured, and ingenuity can be put into action. The last two years of the

pandemic have been difficult for so many in our community, and JFS has worked diligently to fulfill its mission by stepping up to meet the rapidly expanding needs of our clients. Through the hard work of our staff and the wonderful generosity of our donors, 2021 was a stand-out year that allowed JFS to increase support to our community and markedly grow our services.

In the past year, we extended our vital sliding-scale mental health counseling at a time when people continue to struggle with the effects of the pandemic, isolation, unemployment, and an uncertain future. Additionally, since the pandemic began, JFS has been able to distribute over \$1.7 million in emergency assistance to people in crisis. This aid translates to over 1,500 individuals and families who have been able to remain in their homes, rather than end up displaced or homeless. Through the Alex and Sally Lebwohl Food Pantry, we have safely provided food to thousands of people in our community, as well as making available much needed and prohibitively expensive items such as diapers, baby food, and feminine hygiene products.

JFS has rendered all these services, along with so many others during this difficult time, while also working diligently to further our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice initiatives. DEIJ has been a central focus of my tenure as president, and I am incredibly proud of the strides we have made in guaranteeing that JFS is as truly inclusive and equitable as possible, when meeting the needs of our community, staff, and clients.

In addition to all of the kind donations we've received this year, JFS has also been the recipient of several generous grants which we've been asked to put to work. One I'd like to specifically highlight is from the Park City Community Foundation's Women's Giving Fund. Having seen the excellent work JFS does with seniors in Salt Lake, the Giving Fund awarded us a grant to establish support groups, caregiver support systems, and safety net services that would allow seniors, especially those with dementia and Alzheimer's disease, to age in place in Summit County.

As we head into our 150th anniversary year, I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has put their heart, soul, effort, and good work into our beloved JFS to make our community and our world a better place.

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PARK CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WOMEN'S GIVING FUND GRANT

JFS was honored to be the recipient of the Park City Community Foundation's Women's Giving Fund grant in July 2021. The votes of the Women's Giving Fund membership awarded JFS a \$40,000 high-impact grant to create safety net services and support groups for those in caregiver roles, especially those helping older adults. The Women's Giving Fund is an initiative of Park City Community Foundation that includes over 1,400 members who each year make a high-impact grant to help local women and children in need. Members of the Women's Giving Fund voted throughout the month of June and selected JFS from three organizations. JFS was proud to stand beside the other finalists, the Youth Sports Alliance and EATS Park City, who each received \$15,000.

JFS will use the grant to create a support group and safety net services for those in caregiver roles, including those caring for older adults and people with a disability or dementia. JFS



knows that caregivers experience some of the highest rates of emotional and financial stress nationwide. A robust support group will include mental health counseling, restorative activities, and emergency financial assistance for caregivers so that they can keep their loved ones at home.

"We are so grateful for this support and belief in our work," said Ellen Silver, Executive Director. "To have been granted this opportunity to address the needs of a community and a population that really hasn't had their needs addressed is such an amazing gift. I speak for the board and the staff when I say thank you from the bottom of our hearts and we are beyond anxious to get to work."

20 21 IMPACT







2,016

families kept in their homes with emergency assistance

EIGHT HUNDRED clients + 4,243

hours for our affordable Mental Health counseling. Mind Body and Parent Plus educational workshops, Lunch Bunch social groups, caregiver support, older adult care management, dementia-friendly activities, Music & Memory, and Gleeful Choir.

9,960

individuals provided with food by our Alex & Sally Lebwohl Food Pantry

1004

people in Park City were provided with affordable counseling.

\$1,761,165

in Emergency Assistance funds distributed since the start of the pandemic

MIND BODY SKILLS

was offered virtually for two 9-week sessions and one 5-week session. Each workshop reached its capacity of participants. This class was also held for educators in the Park City School District for the first time. A Parent-Plus workshop was offered virtually and helped six families.



participants in caregiver support groups.



participants singing in weekly Gleeful Choir sessions.



groups continue meeting and providing mutual support via Zoom. There are currently five groups with ten members in each.





people provided with care management through phone or email



CLIENT STORIES



"I WILL NEVER FORGET YOUR COMPASSION AND KINDNESS. GRANDMA HANA WAS INSPIRED TO SING OTHER TUNES FROM THIS COLLECTION. MAY WE ALL HAVE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC IN OUR LIVES." The Music & Memory program at JFS has provided personalized music lists to hundreds of participants since 2015. This program specifically helps older adults living with dementia and cognitive decline reconnect with fond memories from their past.

For the family of Hana, the Music & Memory program has provided joy and respite to this 97-year-old Holocaust survivor.

Hana was a teenager in Poland when the Germans invaded her country. One of 11 children, Hana and her family were taken from their home and placed in a ghetto. From the ghetto, Hana and two of her sisters were sent to a slave labor camp, where they were liberated in May of 1945. She was to learn in the years that followed that most of her family didn't survive.

Hana met her husband, also a concentration camp survivor, and they started a family and eventually moved to New York. Her daughter describes Hana as one of the happiest people she knows. Hana says that "every spring, I am happy. I am happy that I survived."

Hana's daughter heard about Music & Memory, and reached out to JFS staff member Rosemary Quatrale, who created a personalized playlist with some of Hana's favorite songs. The music collection is provided on an iPod with Skullcandy headphones and charging equipment.

The family was so grateful for this program and Rosemary's assistance. "You were a champ with this project. You deserve every accolade. You represent JFS with a huge, caring heart. I will never forget your compassion and kindness. Grandma Hana was inspired to sing other tunes by this collection. May we all have beautiful music in our lives." Elizabeth, her husband Juan, and their three young children celebrated the Thanksgiving 2021 holiday together as a family in a new house and with hope for the future, thanks to Jewish Family Service and generous donors.

The family fled political persecution in Venezuela and landed in the US in September of this year with little more than the clothes on their backs. A family member, who lives in Utah, offered a place for them to stay until they could get on their feet. Both Elizabeth and her husband quickly found work while seeking political asylum here, but needed food and to find a permanent place to live. Elizabeth reached out to JFS and connected with Tanya Alvarado, JFS' Safety Net Coordinator.

Tanya and JFS' generous donors mobilized quickly to help them. The family picked up food from the Alex & Sally Lebwohl Food Pantry and received Deseret Industries vouchers to get clothing for the children. JFS helped them financially with rent and another incredibly generous donor matched those funds so they could move into a new home in November, just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

"Truly, the community has come together so beautifully for this family and the clients feel more than blessed," Tanya added. "She is in disbelief with how our organization has worked to help her family navigate and acquire the resources they need to sustain themselves in a new country."

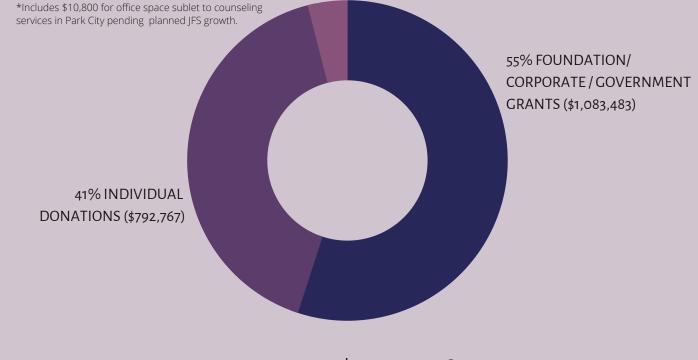


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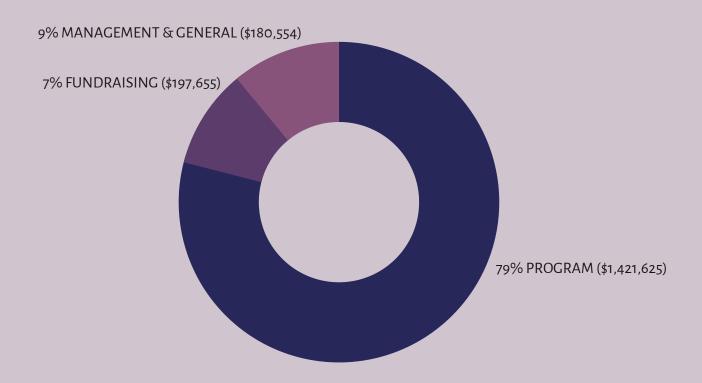
2021 FINANCIALS:

INCOME: \$1,957,333

4% * SERVICE FEES, RENT AND OTHER INCOME (\$81,083)



EXPENSE: \$1,799,834





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