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Jewish Community Programmatic Support 2018 - 2019



With generous contributions made directly to the Jewish Alliance Annual Campaign from valued donors across greater Rhode Island, the Community Development Committee (CDC) makes strategic investments to a range of significant programs and services, offered here at home, in Israel, and around the world. The CDC serves to address critical needs with compassion and purpose while strengthening the resources, partnerships, and collaborations available for the organizations running the programs and services.

The following summary illustrates the Jewish Alliance's distribution of Annual Campaign funds for the 2018 - 2019 fiscal year.

To learn more about the allocations process, please contact Jennifer Zwirn, Director, Community Development: jzwirn@jewishallianceri.org or 401.421.4111 ext. 102.

Local Giving: Did you know there are more than 2,500 children, youth, and their families enrolled in local community programs and offerings each year?

Jewish Collaborative Services:

Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island

An outreach and engagement program for home bound and hospitalized seniors, as well as those living in assisted-living centers to offer spiritual services and counseling, hospitality visits and holiday celebrations to support maintaining a sense of Jewish life and a connection with the community.

Kosher Nutrition/Meals-on-Wheels

Serving the elderly and individuals with disabilities, the meal sites focus on well-balanced nutrition and offer programming to foster community with special emphasis on Jewish themes and culture. Additionally, Meals-on-Wheels provides home-delivered meals along with much needed social interaction to those who are home-bound.

Wraparound Services

Wraparound Services are an umbrella for case management, counseling, and Home Care Solutions, holistically "wrapping" around clients to serve and meet individual needs most effectively.

Full Plate/Kosher Food Pantry

Operating as a largely volunteer-driven program, it provides kosher food to food-insecure individuals and families in the community and serves to refer clients to other community resources.

Kesher

In collaboration with area synagogues, Kesher provides an on-site social worker to offer counseling, information referral, crisis management, and group workshops topical to the congregation's needs in consultation with the clergy.

General Program Support/Scholarship | Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island

The Jewish Community Day School educates students in Jewish tradition, values, and knowledge while preparing critical thinkers for the 21st century through a progressive education approach that nurtures creativity and curiosity while promoting academic rigor and developing personal character.

General Program Support/Scholarship | Providence Hebrew Day School (PHDS)

An Orthodox Jewish day school affiliated with *Torah U'Mesorah*, PHDS is committed to the belief that every Jewish child be afforded the opportunity to have the highest quality Jewish education.

Local Giving (continued)

Student Engagement | URI Hillel

Programming provides a variety of tools to enrich their Jewish experience and offers social, cultural, communal, holiday, and educational opportunities, and engages students on their terms throughout the academic year.

Camp Scholarship Fund | Camp JORI

A Jewish co-ed, residential summer camp located on Worden's Pond with both summer overnight and full day options, Camp JORI serves campers grades 2 to 10 and offers programming for campers with special needs.

Program Expansion | Bryant University Hillel

With the goal of building a formal board and enriching life for Bryant's Jewish student body beyond a "campus club", programming includes an on-campus rabbi, Jewish studies groups, weekly services and activities, as well as increasing outreach campus wide.

Community Education Liaison | Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center

In accordance with the 2016 law in which all Rhode Island public middle and high school students are to receive Holocaust education, funding will support a staff person charged with educational and outreach expansion for direct service in public schools statewide.

Camp Gan Israel Scholarships | Chabad of West Bay

This unique camping experience provides a caring environment that cultivates pride and love for Judaism while serving as a safe space where working parents can send their children throughout the summer.

Student Engagement | Brown RISD Hillel

Hillel works to create engagement for Jewish life on campus and community-wide, and provides meaningful programming throughout the year, bridging the gap between participation and access.

Annual Study Kallah | Board of Rabbis of Greater Rhode Island

The Annual Study Kallah, available to all rabbis and cantors who serve the community, provides an opportunity for learning and collegiality.

Jewish Scouting Chaplaincy | RI Jewish Committee on Scouting

Serving Jewish boys ages 11 to 17, allocations are provided to support the Jewish chaplain and programming at Camp Yawgoog, the Boy Scout Camp in Rhode Island.

Vestnik of Rhode Island

The local Russian newspaper with the goal of helping to educate and inform the Russian-speaking Jewish community about state and national news, job training opportunities, citizenship exams, and events in the area.

Prison Services Program | Chabad of West Bay

The only rabbinic services and visitation to the men's prison at the Adult Correctional Institution of Rhode Island, this program offers Jewish holiday and prayer as well as conversation focused on Jewish values and learning to Jewish and non-Jewish inmates.

Community Programming provided by the Jewish Alliance: *Did you know the Jewish Alliance offers supplemental grant opportunities for agencies as local needs arise? With thanks to our donors, the most recent grant opportunities included the Secure Community Campaign and Innovation Grants—circulating an additional \$200,000 within the community.*

David C. Isenberg Family Early Childhood Center (ECC)

The ECC is a childcare and educational program for ages 3 months to 5 years, fostering a Jewish-focused learning environment and the teaching of Jewish values and traditions. This NAEYC and BrightStars-accredited center is licensed by the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth, and Families to provide full day childcare.

Shalom Family

Programs that aim to attract new participants to fully engage and meet the needs of community members of all ages. Provides greater Rhode Island families with a Jewish lens to enhance their lives, and to strengthen and foster their Jewish identities.

Programs include:

Community Programming provided by the Jewish Alliance: (continued)

Shalom Rhode Island & Shalom Baby: Serving as our community's welcome wagons, Shalom Rhode Island and Shalom Baby provide gifts, community resources, and a warm embrace at important milestones.

PJ Library: Jewish literacy and outreach program for families with children age 6 months through age 8. Children enrolled receive Jewish-content books and music on a monthly basis through the mail and partners with synagogues, agencies, and local commercial businesses to leverage opportunities.

J-Camp

J-Camp is the Jewish Alliance's day camp with specialties and values-based activities incorporated into daily schedules. Camp runs for nine weeks, each focused around a different secular and Judaic theme to best coordinate experiences for campers.

Eides Family J-Space After School Program

The program serves as a safe space for after-school youth, grades K through 5. Participants are offered a range of activities from pottery and swim to basketball and cooking, as well as homework support and healthy snacks.

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Serving individuals in their 20s and 30s, this program provides a comprehensive approach to engaging the next generation through events and year-round programming. The opportunities for engagement center around young Jewish singles, couples, and families interested in local volunteer and long-term leadership capacities. Formal events such as an annual Shabbaton and casual meet-ups like D'var in the Bar take place regularly.

Arts & Culture

Linking Jewish values and traditions, the Arts and Culture program serves the community with a wide variety of activities. Art, music, film, and cultural events provide a means of celebrating diversity, religion, and the community. The last few years of programming have included the Evening of Jewish Renaissance, hands-on classes, films, family-friendly concerts, and speakers through our association with the Jewish Book Council.

Jewish Life and Learning

Educational programs and services that provide all client groups, including educators, the opportunity to promote Jewish teaching and learning and best practices as well as engagement and travel to Israel:

Educational Services

Supports schools and educators in their efforts to provide high quality, dynamic Jewish education in greater Rhode Island and provides professional development, establishes and monitors standards, promotes the status of Jewish educators, helps others to develop educational materials, and serves as a liaison and consultant to principals, educators, and schools.

Israel Desk

The Israel Desk provides a spectrum of services including study and travel grants, Israel-related programming for institutional and community-based events, and educational resources. The Israel Desk also manages the Gift of Israel, a travel incentive savings program for children grades 3 and up.

Community Relations Council (CRC)

The CRC is a central component of the work of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, aiming to heighten community awareness about pressing social justice issues, inspire members of the Rhode Island Jewish community to become civically and socially engaged, and fight for social justice through partnership with key community stakeholders.

Shaliach

An Israeli emissary serves as a living bridge between Israel and the Jewish community locally. Programmatic impact comes from the personal connections between these two cultures. The shaliach serves the entire state through Hillel events, synagogue presentations and films, J-Space activities weekly, and J-Camp throughout the summer.

Overseas Giving: *Did you know the Jewish Alliance has 12 local and 6 overseas partners? Together, these direct service agencies offer hundreds of programs and services.*

Joint Distribution Committee (JDC):

Strengthening Family Ties

A pilot program in Afula, Israel that operates in seven other locations and builds on a JDC pre-pilot that started in three residential youth facilities, reconnecting children with their families to enhance proper development while children are under professional and state care.

Overseas Programs (continued)

Teach-First Israel

Modeled after the Teach for America concept, Teach-First Israel educators undergo learning and training tailored to prepare for placement in Afula's highest at-risk schools.

Jewish Service Corp Fellowship Entwine

An American fellow serves in a year-long placement in Poland, developing new programs that engage and reach members of the Jewish community.

Jewish Renewal/Limmud-Keshet

This 3-day conference is a Jewish study-fest providing a creative and community-building experience, exposing young adults and families to Jewish life.

Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI):

Youth Futures

The program connects at-risk youth with a counselor who coordinates community and educational resources in small group and one-on-one settings while building and maintaining relationships with participant families.

Wings

A program reaching lone immigrant soldiers without family living in Israel to offer assistance with discharge and the transition to civilian living.

Nativ

An educational support program for IDF soldiers with tenuous connections to Israel and their Jewish heritage. Participants are encouraged to adopt their Jewish identities and integrate fully into mainstream society with support from the program.

Global Leadership Institute

GLI serves as an adaptive, portable leadership lab for young emerging leaders throughout Poland. The program focuses on a larger global cohort for long-term leadership, capacity building, and community planning.

Scholastic Assistance | Ethiopian National Project

This scholastic assistance and support program strengthens achievement by providing individualized sessions that address social and personal barriers to academic success for Ethiopian-Israeli students in grades 7 through 12.

Valley Communities Outreach & Support | Haifa Rape Crisis Center

An organization dedicated to opposing sexual violence, focus is on the under-served communities, including Afula and Gilboa. The project facilitates educational and vocational training within the region's academic, health, social, and criminal justice systems.

Impact! Scholarship | Friends of the IDF

Scholarships provided to support soldiers who have honorably completed military service and have been admitted to an accredited program of higher education, but are unable to afford tuition and other costs.

JAFI Core Programming

The Jewish Agency for Israel continues to be a first responder prepared to address emergencies in Israel, and to rescue Jews from countries where they are at-risk. Its primary focus connects the global Jewish family, bringing Jews to Israel and Israel to Jews through meaningful engagement.

JDC Core Programming

Allocations to JDC core programs rescue Jews in danger, provide food and medical relief to the elderly and impoverished, help communities rebuild Jewish life, and work with the Israeli government to respond to social needs. JDC assists Jewish communities in 63 countries. Core funds serve Jewish children born into poverty, Jewish families, the new poor, and elderly or the chronically poor.

World ORT Core Programming

A new core recipient this year, World ORT is the world's largest Jewish education and vocational training non-governmental organization, specializing in technology and training at-risk youth. World ORT is operational in 37 countries and assists over 300,000 young people annually through its programs, services, and support.