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Donor Spotlight

Hertz, 911 Collision Donate OneStop Van

A community-service partnership between Hertz and 911 Collision Centers provided a much-needed transportation boost to a JFCS program on August 24. The program, OneStop Home Medical Equipment, received a refurbished 1999 Ford van to transport donated wheelchairs, scooters, hospital beds and other large items around town. The vehicle was presented to the Agency at a ceremony at the newly opened OneStop center at 3919 E. Pima St.

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Bryan Nann, Hertz Corp.; JFCS Board Chair Liz Weiner-Schulman; Michael Quinn, 911 Collision Centers; JFCS CEO & President Shira M. Ledman and JFCS Board Member Edmund Marquez at the Aug. 24 presentation ceremony.

The donated vehicle, which is equipped with an accessible, electric side ramp and has only 8,000 miles on it, was donated as part of the Recycled Rides program, in which members of the National Auto Body Council (NABC) repair and donate recycled vehicles to families and service organizations across the country. A green program, Recycled Rides recruits auto body shops, insurers, paint suppliers and parts vendors to contribute in their own specific ways.

"Giving back to our communities is an important goal that both our companies share. The Recycled Rides program is a great way we can help organizations like JFCS serve our local community," said Bryan Nann of Hertz and Michael Quinn, co-founder of 911 Collision Centers, in a joint statement. "The OneStop program provides a valuable resource for affordable medical equipment, and we are pleased to contribute to its ongoing success."

JFCS Board Member Edmund Marquez added, "JFCS relies on the generous support of many individuals and businesses like Hertz and 911 Collision Centers. This gift of the Ford van will be a tremendous asset for us and make it more convenient for OneStop volunteers to receive and transport donated medical equipment for our OneStop program." JFCS would like to thank Edmund for making this generous gift possible that will help so many people.

To help support this program, donate gently used or new adult and pediatric medical equipment at the store, located at 3919 E. Pima St. Call 624-3367 for more information or if your donation needs to be picked up. The program also accepts tax-deductible financial donations at OneStop or by calling JFCS at 795-0300, Ext. 2238. You may also donate via our secure [website](#). OneStop is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Volunteer Spotlight

Older Adults in Tucson Get Agency's Help at Two Locations

Did you know that JFCS collaborates with Handmaker Jewish Services for the Aging to provide residents with therapeutic group support? JFCS therapist Rick Leopold facilitates a group for older adult clients at the facility each week.

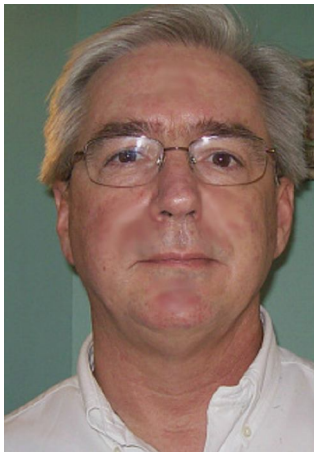
The purpose of the group is to help moderate the negative reactions and processes residents sometimes experience in transitioning into care settings -- depression and social withdrawal, for example. Rick says he encourages the residents to conjure up pleasant memories in order to sharpen their cognitive skills and increase their endorphin levels. Some recent memory topics: What was Tucson like during the WWII years? What did you do during summer vacations when you were a kid? Tell us about how you learned to drive. What kinds of sports did you play as a child?

"I tell them we can talk about whatever you want," Rick says. "Sometimes I just begin with asking about how their week was. The clients enjoy getting socially stimulated, receiving attention and just speaking and being heard. Ten years come off their lives from the beginning to the end of the hour. You can see the light in their faces and how their alertness levels have improved."

JFCS also brings weekly therapeutic services to older adults at the Tucson Medical Center Senior Services

Russian Linguist Helps Preserve Stories of Local Holocaust Survivors

facility at the El Dorado Health Campus on Wilmot Road.



Richard Fenwick

This month we turn our Volunteer Spotlight on Russian linguist Richard Fenwick, who has generously donated his time to the Holocaust Survivor Case Management program for the past year.

Richard started out helping our Holocaust Program Specialist Raisa Moroz with physical and financial assessments of many of the Survivors so that they could receive in-home support services from a grant the

Agency received from The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. Richard also helped Raisa collect supporting documentation from these clients. "There was very little time to do it," Raisa says, "and I would not have been able to do it without Rick. He was truly supportive, really helpful and spent a lot of his time here at JFCS."

Since early 2011, Richard worked on translating the stories of Holocaust survivors from the former Soviet Union. About nine of these comprehensive stories are now complete. Each story is about six pages long, double-spaced.

Richard acquired his Russian language skills while serving in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years. During those years, some of which included the Cold War, he was given advanced language training in the immersion style, and even spent two months in St. Petersburg to hone his skills.

After Richard retired from the military, he was interested in maintaining his Russian skills and began researching how to accomplish that. A friend had volunteered at JFCS in the 1990s helping Russian refugees, and Rick scoured the Web and located the opportunity to work with Holocaust Survivors at JFCS.

"The main thing I love is visiting with the Holocaust Survivors," Richard says. "They tell incredible stories. When you read these stories, you might not be shocked, because we've heard it all before, but it's incredible what some of these beautiful people have gone through and survived."

According to Raisa, "Rick is doing a wonderful job translating very unique stories of Holocaust Survivors from the former Soviet Union." In order to capture the heart of the story, he tapes the Survivors then translates their words, sometimes working from home, sometimes working in the office. The stories are not so

much sad, Richard says, as "passionate." He notes, "I don't think any of them are telling us the whole story. They talk about hangings, executions, ghettos, and they are very passionate" about what happened to them and their families. "They deserve respect."

Raisa estimates there are about 50 Russian speaking Holocaust Survivors living in Tucson today. Interestingly enough, they are able to receive satellite TV shows from Russia. The Survivors gather monthly for educational sessions and fellowship. Many of them are somewhat isolated, Richard notes, because of their lack of extensive English and advancing age. Among them are many who earned advanced degrees before retirement and their minds are hungry for stimulation and companionship.

If you would like to help, please contact JFCS Volunteer Services Manager [Linda Krause](#) at 795-0300, Ext. 2267. No Russian language skills are necessary.

Agency Remembers \$100,000 Reyersbach Bequest

Three years ago JFCS received a wonderful posthumous gift of love from a generous woman named Lotte Reyersbach. Lotte bequeathed \$100,000 to the Agency in her will. She was a former concert pianist who was born in Germany in 1909, escaped the Holocaust in the late 1930s and came to America, eventually retiring to Tucson. Her son, Dr. Peter Ryers, is a local ophthalmologist. Lotte played the piano until she was 98 and was a great lover of the arts. We thank her for remembering us in her final estate plan.



JFCS is partnering with the Areivim Legacy Community Project, a two-year initiative of the Jewish Community

Foundation, to generate bequests and create endowments. If you have not already done so, please consider an estate gift to JFCS when you review and update your estate plans. Even if you prefer anonymity, we would like to know about your gift. Please contact [Carol Sack](#), VP of Resource Development, at 795-0300, Ext. 2263.

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