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*Enriching Lives,
Inspiring Hope for All*



Matza & More 2011: Helping Those in Need Celebrate Passover

Since 1970, JFCS' Matza & More project has helped Tucson's Jewish families in need celebrate a traditional Seder with dignity. Last year, volunteers delivered 185 Passover baskets. This year, the Agency brought baskets to nearly 200 families.

Recipients include families, older adults, Holocaust Survivors, immigrants from the former Soviet Union, and people with disabilities. The baskets are filled with traditional Passover food items, including fresh produce donated by Shamrock Foods. Baskets were also sent to Jewish service men and women overseas.

Thank you to our many wonderful volunteers who worked so hard to share the spirit of Passover with Jewish families in need.



JFCS Volunteer Sharon Geiger, left, and Board Member Nancy Robertson haul provisions for this year's Matza & More project.

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About JFCS' Counseling Services

JFCS helps strengthen the bonds of family through family-centered support and counseling services for individuals, couples, families and older adults.

Counseling services address substance abuse, domestic violence, child and adolescent trauma, interpersonal relationships, parenting skills, and mental health issues, including depression, anxiety, and adjustment disorders.

We also offer group counseling to provide an opportunity in a safe environment to share with others who are experiencing similar issues and to assist in accessing other community



Eighth-graders at Temple Emanu-El Kurn Religious School share the spirit of Passover with families in need by labeling and packaging donated Haggadahs for JFCS Passover Seder baskets that were delivered April 17.

resources.

JFCS accepts most major insurances and Medicare and offers a sliding-scale payment option. For more information, call 520-795-0300, ext. 2363.

Agency Now an Arevim Legacy Project Partner

JFCS has been selected, through a new community-wide partnership, as one of 10 local Jewish agencies and synagogues to receive funding, training and support to bolster the Agency's endowment-building efforts. Leading the program locally is the Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona (JCF).

A two-year initiative, the Arevim Legacy Community Project is partnering with JFCS to generate bequests and create endowments to continue the local Jewish legacy in Southern Arizona. For JFCS, in part, this means continuing to enable families to restore their own well-being, cultivate self-sufficiency and reach their full potential. In short, bequest and endowment building ensures that the Agency has the resources to fulfill its mission.

JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA



The Foundation is providing to its partner organizations an annual incentive grant, group and individual training seminars, plan guidance, and consulting and coaching services that include technical assistance in bequests, life income plans, life insurance and other planned giving vehicles. The Foundation is also providing sample marketing and advertising materials.

If you are interested in talking with someone at JFCS about the possibility of including JFCS in your estate planning, contact [Carol Sack](#), VP, Resource Development: 520-795-0300 ext. 2263.

Volunteer Spotlight: Athol Cline Snaps Photos and Helps Out JFCS in Many Ways

This month our Volunteer Spotlight shines on Athol Cline, a man of varied talents and interests, who for the past three years has served as JFCS' event photographer and constant project helper, not to mention his tech skills as a database builder. More than one Agency department has benefitted from his sharp mind and able hands.

Athol, who lives on Sixth Street not far from JFCS, which sits at the corner of Fifth Street and Columbus Road, found himself constantly driving right past the JFCS building. One day he happened to stop in for a visit. That was when he found out about the Agency's need for volunteers. Athol, a retired chemist and former bio-chemistry professor at The University of Arizona, offered his digital photography expertise and quickly became involved in projects like the Matza & More Pesach baskets before Passover and Youth Mitzvot Day. For the past two years, he has served as the Agency's event photographer for the annual Celebration of Caring Breakfast Event, the United Way Days of Caring, annual meeting, volunteer Day of Recognition and other JFCS-sponsored events.

Photography caught Athol's eye years ago when the process went digital. He especially enjoys capturing unusual desert flowers in his lens. He sells cards and prints of them through his

company, The Perfect Image. He recently took on the challenge of being the volunteer archivist for Tucson's Jewish Historical Museum, which involves photographing and cataloging thousands of objects into a searchable, accessible website.

About a year ago, Athol took on the challenge of building Access databases for JFCS' Emergency Financial Assistance program and also one for the Jewish Elder Access program housed here. Working with Intake Case Manager Debbie Crowder, Athol spent several hundreds of hours at home designing a database to track expenditures on clients. He put in dummy names at home and tested the database to make sure it worked as he envisioned it.

Athol is originally from Idaho and spent years in Oregon before migrating to the Southwest in the mid-1960s. From 1970 to 1977, he lived in Israel, where he was employed as a food chemist to help organize and centralize the nation's agricultural feed mills that serve kibbutz and moshav farm communities. After that adventure, Athol moved to Mexico for about five years. In 1980, he returned to Tucson.



Athol Cline, a man with a ready smile and a dedicated heart.

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