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*Enriching Lives,
Inspiring Hope for All*



Happy 2011 to You All!

The staff of Jewish Family & Children's Services of Southern Arizona wish you the best of everything in 2011. Winter in Tucson is a special time of year, a time when those of us who fled the bleak, cold conditions of the northern climates and sought shelter in the Sonoran Desert enjoy mild, sunny days, gorgeous sunsets and the fun of the various holidays we celebrate -- all without snow!

Thank you so much to our donors and friends for sharing the JFCS vision -- a community in which all families and individuals are empowered, self-sufficient, capable of overcoming challenges, contribute to the community and feel respected and valued.

Thank you for being part of our mission!

Charitable IRA Rollover Extended Until Feb. 1, 2011

On December 16, Congress passed a retroactive extension of the IRA Charitable Rollover for 2010 as well as an extension of the provision for 2011. Donors who are age 70.5 or older are eligible to move up to \$100,000 from their IRAs directly to a qualifying charity without having to pay income taxes on their gifts.

What this means to you, as a JFCS donor, is that you can make a qualified, charitable distribution from your IRA as a gift to our

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Volunteer Update

Volunteers are a big part of the work we do here at JFCS. In fiscal year 2010, which began

agency. Individuals who make charitable transfers before February 1, 2011, will be able to elect to treat them as if they were made in 2010. This will provide additional time for IRA custodians to process charitable transfer requests.

Donors who want to take advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover for 2010 are advised to contact their IRA account custodians as soon as possible so the rollover process can be concluded by the February 1 deadline. Distributions must come to JFCS directly from your IRA custodian. Be aware that donor-advised funds, supporting organizations and private foundations are not qualified charities for the purpose of the rollover.

on October 1, 2009, 144 volunteers donated 6,975 hours of service to the agency.

In the first quarter of fiscal year 2011, 125 volunteers donated 959 hours to JFCS.

Thank you to all our caring, dedicated volunteers! We could not do it without you!

Want to get involved? [Click here.](#)

The Wings Like Eagles Foundation of Golden Eagle Awards JFCS \$10,000

The Wings Like Eagles Foundation, funded primarily by Golden Eagle Distributors' employee contributions, recently awarded a \$10,000 grant to JFCS for Project Safe Place. This award was part of a total grant award of \$65,000 to six Tucson charities.



At the grant awards ceremony, from left are Christopher Clements, President, The Wings Like Eagles Foundation; Lisa Hopper, World Care; Rebecca Tolman, JFCS; Kelly Bequette, Tucson Boys Chorus; Kent Rollins, UMC; Ethan Cox, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation; Tiffany Clauer, GAP Ministries; and Kimberly Clements, Vice President, The Wings Like Eagles Foundation.

Accepting the award for the agency, in the above photo, is Rebecca Tolman, JFCS Project Manager for Project Safe Place (PSP).

PSP is a community-based program that serves girls and young women, ages 8-18, who have been sexually, emotionally or physically abused, and their families.

According to JFCS President & CEO Shira M. Ledman, "This generous commitment from the Foundation will allow JFCS to extend the intensive individual and peer counseling, parent education and mentoring to more girls and their families. Through this work, our young clients and their parents develop positive, healthy ways to manage their feelings and behaviors, which helps build a stronger community. On behalf of the clients we serve through PSP, we deeply thank The Wings Like

Eagles Foundation."

Children's Book Drive Brings the Gift of Reading to Youngest Clients

The children and young people served by JFCS -- ages 5 through 18 -- received the gift of reading this holiday season through the agency's first Children's Book Drive on December 16.

A huge boost to the drive was provided by the Merrill Lynch office at Williams Center, whose more than 50 employees raised more than \$500 for this special event. The Merrill Lynch staff, led by Helen Dugan, made it possible for more than 300 books to be collected and distributed to promote reading among our youngest clients. These youth are from all faiths and ethnic backgrounds. The Drive also included books for our clients' siblings, some of them as young as 5.

One of our therapists who counsels these children, said this about how much these gifts meant: "Thank you so much for the books. The kids tell me that they only go to the school library two times a month, and can only check out one book. I have some voracious readers, so they really appreciate these books."

Another JFCS therapist gave books to the children, ages 10, 5 and 4, of a family who was living in a homeless shelter over the holidays. Our therapist says the kids were very excited as they unwrapped their books.

The reaction from teenage boy clients who were given books was described this way by a therapist: "These boys are usually tough and proud in session, but it seemed to melt their hearts when they received a gift. They were excited. Please thank the donor for me because it was an honor to hand out these books to the children as a way to say I am proud of all the hard work you have done this year. It helped them see me as a person who truly does think about them and some of their needs."



Carol Sack, JFCS Vice President of Resource Development, receives the donation check from Michael Levy of Merrill Lynch. From left are Helen Dugan of Merrill Lynch and Elizabeth Weiner-Schulman, VP of Merrill Lynch and JFCS Board Chair.

Tucson Loan Chest Seeks to Fill Winter 'Wish List' -- Can You Help?

Do you have durable medical equipment to donate? JFCS operates a rental/purchase program for medical equipment that offers high-quality, lightly used (and new!) items at great prices.

The Irving Greenfield Tucson Loan Chest's current "Wish List" includes electric wheelchair batteries; transfer benches; shower chairs; raised seats with grab bars; drop-arm bedside commodes; and 20- and 22-inch bariatric wheelchairs. To fill our Wish List, donate other types of medical equipment or to fill your own needs, contact the TLC at 624-3367 until noon Monday through Friday or loanchest@jfcstucson.org. The program is located at 3303 S. Country Club Road; delivery/pickup services provided. Thank you for helping!

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, March 3, 2011
8:00 am - 9:00 am

Celebration of Caring

**Second Annual
Complimentary Breakfast Event**
Marriott University Park Hotel, 880 East Second Street

Honoring Ruthann Pozez

Special Guest Speaker: George Hanson
Music Director and Conductor
Tucson Symphony Orchestra
Keynote: "Creativity and the Psyche"

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