



## JFS AGENCY NEWS AND UPDATES September 2018



### Join JFS at the Joint Agency Annual Meeting (JAAM)

JFS invites you to join us at the Joint Agency Annual Meeting. This important community gathering will usher in the new year by introducing you to the new boards, award winners, and leaders of Harrisburg's Jewish agencies. No need to RSVP! Just drop in and help us celebrate all the important work done by our Jewish communal organizations.

**Joint Agency Annual Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 10th | 7pm**  
**Harrisburg JCC**

[Click for more information on JAAM](#)

### JFS Holds Annual AdoptionLinks Picnic!



On August 16, Jewish Family Service held its annual picnic for foster and adoptive families at Green Hills Swim Club.

Children and families made great use of the pool as summer came to a close, and got to know each other by participating in group games in the pool. Children also participated in arts and craft activities, and had fun having their faces painted by high school volunteers.

We wish to send a big thank you to all attendees for joining us at this year's picnic and for their ongoing commitment to fostering and adopting children. Please consider getting involved with this critical community program. [Click here for more information.](#)

## Make a Difference in the Community Through United Way

The United Way 2018-2019 Campaign is underway and runs up until the week of Thanksgiving. The United Way is instrumental in collecting and distributing funds for Harrisburg-based nonprofit foundations. Through this campaign, United Way works toward finding solutions that more effectively address health, education, income, and basic needs.

Please consider contributing generously to the UW Campaign this year. You can do so either through an employer-based workplace campaign or by clicking [here](#) for an online giving form.

You have the option of making a pledge to the general campaign or designating JFS as the direct recipient of your pledge. The Jewish Family Service account number for designated giving is 7022.

For more information on workplace giving, you can contact [Barry Stein](#) at 717-233-1681 x 3006 or visit United Way's [website](#).

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## Day of Caring at JFS

Volunteers from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence joined us at JFS headquarters for the annual United Way Day of Caring on September 7th.

The team assembled and delivered Rosh Hashanah food packages to community members with limited mobility. They also stocked and organized items in the JFS Food Pantry, provided maintenance on the exterior of the building and scanned JFS records. Thank you to the volunteers for all their efforts in helping JFS and the people we serve.

[Click here for more photos](#) from the Day of Caring. Thanks again to all who helped make this event possible!



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## Sexual Abuse Survivor Speaks at JFS



We extend a warm thank you to Asher Lovy, who shared his story of surviving sexual abuse with local Jewish communal leaders who work with children and youth.

Asher is the founder of the advocacy organization Zaakah, which has been active on behalf of child victims of sexual abuse. Asher was visiting Harrisburg to attend hearings on legislation to eliminate the statute of limitations for perpetrators of child sexual abuse ([SB 261](#)).

Asher's expertise, passion, and message were powerful reminders of the importance of this issue and what we can do to help.

JFS encourages constituents to voice their opinion on the pending Senate bill by calling their state Senators. [Find your senator here.](#)

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JFS helps individuals and families meet life's challenges; we are a forward-thinking mental health and social service agency dedicated to helping people achieve their full potential while honoring choice, diversity, and Jewish values through every stage of life.

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