



JFS AGENCY UPDATE DECEMBER 2020



New Year's Means New Beginnings



To view the video version of Steve's Message, click the image above.

I'm Steven Schauder and I'm deeply honored to be the new Executive Director for Jewish Family Service of Greater Harrisburg. I'm proud to be part of such an important agency with a distinguished history and I'm very happy to have joined this very welcoming community. I moved here from Florida in October and the only real trade off I feel I've made is trading the warmth of the weather in Florida for the warmth and kindness of the people who I have met (mostly virtually) since my move. I look forward to getting to know so many of you, so that together, we can build a more vibrant Jewish and broad community and help people who come to us for help achieve health, wholeness and stability.

Click the link below to read more about the things I am hopeful for as we head into 2021

10 Ways to SURVIVE this Latest COVID Surge

With COVID-19 dominating our lives this year, we all know to mask up, keep our distance, and wash our hands. But what about the mental strain of the pandemic?

Click the link below for tips from JFS Post-Permanency Coordinator Kim Kupfer on taking care of your mental and emotional wellbeing during this time.

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Silver Academy and JFS Team Up to Fight Hunger



The Board and Staff of Jewish Family Service of Greater Harrisburg want to express our gratitude to the students at The Silver Academy for their donation of three full carts of food toward the JFS Food Pantry.

This donation will go far to help feed hungry people in our community and as winter sets in, this donation could not have come at a better time. Special thanks to Mr. Ellis Rosenberg who coordinated the food drive. We are indebted to you and your students.

The JFS Food Pantry is available to all those in need in our community. To access the Pantry, call 717-236-9555 or visit our offices at 3333. N. Front St.

Please give to JFS!

Through your generosity, you have helped us meet our obligation to the most vulnerable members of our community by way of the following activities in 2019-2020:

- Over **70 community members** have received thousands of dollars in financial assistance and case management through **Project Lift and the Back on Track Initiative**. One client who was helped commented: “I’ve never been treated with

so much respect.”

- During the COVID-19 crisis, JFS did not have any gaps in service for the **Finkelstein – Cohen Kosher Meals on Wheels (KMOW) Program**, serving **5,715 meals in 2019-2020**.
- In **Adoption and Foster Care Services**, we worked with **49 children** in foster care to prepare them for reunification or adoption.
- We also took **18 new families into our Post Permanency program** that supports families after adoption.
- JFS helped **355 clients** through **our counseling program**, last year with **168 new clients** being helped, **yet we currently have 51 community members on a wait list for therapy including many children and adolescents**.

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