

mission

Strengthen Jewish identity, energize the relationship with Israel and meet human needs that are uniquely the obligation of the Jewish community

vision

Developing the human and financial resources necessary to ensure a vibrant Jewish future

This is the story of a community that joined together – even when we had to be physically distant – to care, heal, overcome, and stand up to a truly enormous and unique set of challenges.

We experienced so much together over the past 16 months: a pandemic, economic challenges, an emotional health crisis, the continued rise of hatred. This year has tested each of us with our own personal struggles. What stands out the most is that we have been there for one another.

Through your leadership, volunteerism, and philanthropy, you have fed those who were hungry and lifted up those who needed help getting by. You have continued to provide Jewish experiences for families and education for children and teens. Through it all, you continued to make Palm Beach County one of the strongest, most supportive and welcoming communities in North America.

As the needs of people in our community grow and evolve, together we respond to each challenge with strength and unity. This past year, your generous contributions enabled Federation's partners and programs to help those who needed it most. This report highlights the remarkable impact you made possible over the past six months.

The following pages include data, insights and stories that demonstrate the overwhelming impact you have fueled. You'll get a deep dive into shining examples of the impact you created through your giving to the Annual Campaign, Jewish Community Foundation, gifts designated to our partners and programs, and our J-Help Coronavirus Emergency Response efforts.

Together, we have proven that we are an extraordinarily resilient Jewish community, while building toward a future that looks brighter than ever. That's true here at home, in Israel and in Jewish communities around the world.

On behalf of Federation's Board of Directors and dedicated professional team, thank you for all you have done this year and all you will continue to help us accomplish into the future.

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Understanding our Community's Needs

Throughout this report, you will see data to help you better understand the emerging needs that exist in the community and the breadth of your impact. This data is provided by a variety of trusted and reliable sources – including leading researchers at Brandeis University, partner agencies and programs that regularly track their services and beneficiaries, as well as reports from reputable organizations in the broader community. This information allows you to see a key part of how your generosity is making a profound and far-reaching difference on our community's greatest areas of need.

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In total, you enabled us
to distribute more than
\$23 million
this year.

Most of this total comes from your contributions to our Annual Campaign. These funds powered Federation's network of partner agencies and programs (see page 16) to address the most crucial needs of our community, while continuing to create powerful Jewish experiences for all ages, combat antisemitism and bigotry, and strengthen younger generations' connection with their Jewish identity.

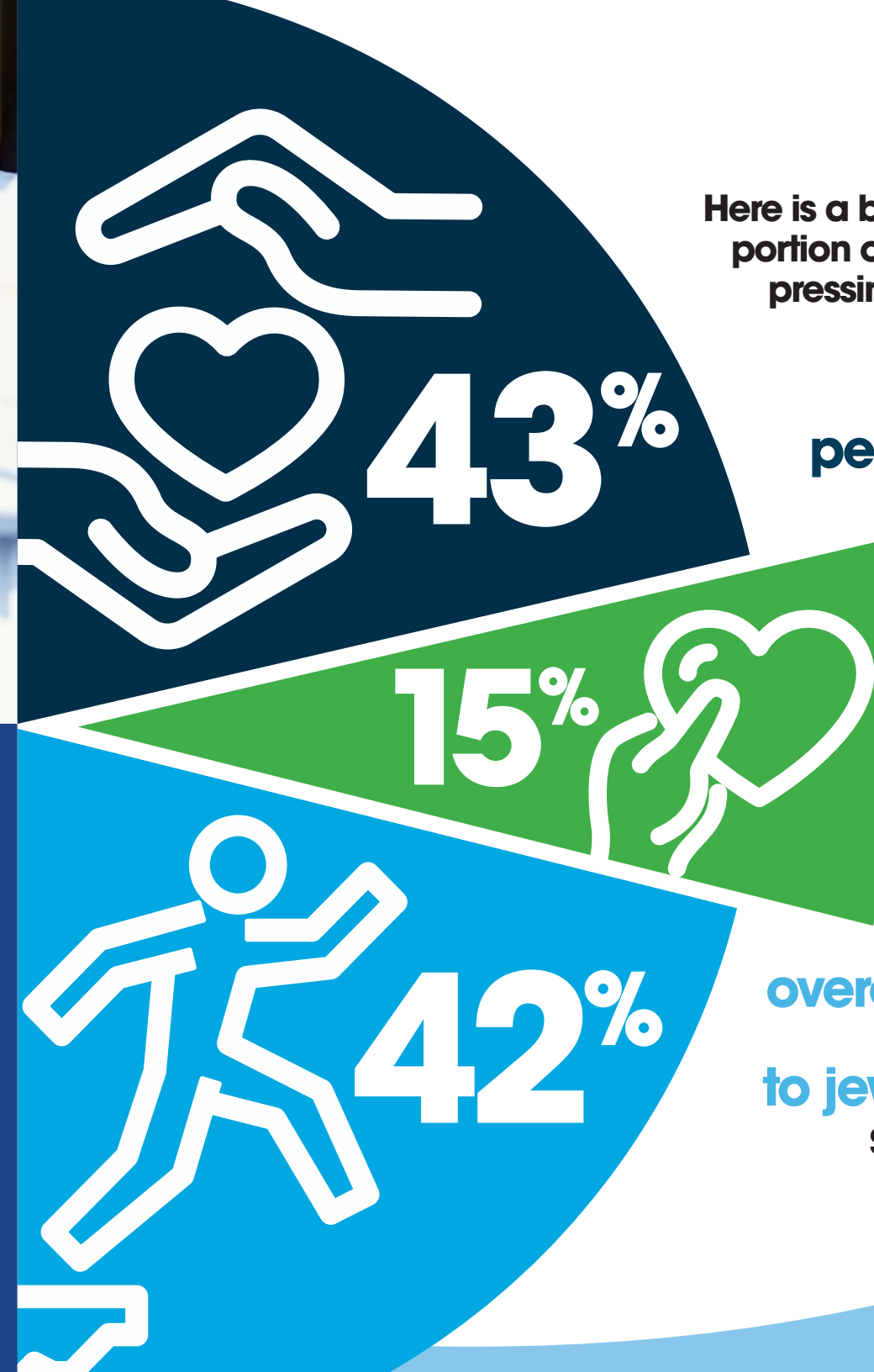
Visit jewishpb.org/financials to see a detailed breakdown of how this \$23 million was distributed to address a variety of vital causes this year.

uses of funds



Of the total distributed,
\$6.5 million
fueled an emergency response
to urgent needs.

Through timely and targeted grants, we responded to emergency needs that arose throughout the pandemic and quickly created and expanded critically-needed services. These grants were fueled by contributions to our J-Help Coronavirus Emergency Response, designated giving through Federation and our Jewish Community Foundation, and strategic investments funded through our Annual Campaign.



Here is a breakdown of how the emergency response portion of our total was used to specifically address pressing needs that emerged over the past year.

**caring for
people in crisis**
\$2,798,212

- Emergency financial assistance
- Expanded meal distribution and delivery
- Career services and support for the unemployed
- Humanitarian aid to global communities in need

**healing
emotional
trauma**
\$995,205

- Telehealth services and virtual counseling
- Enhanced companionship for Holocaust survivors
- Support for victims of abuse and addiction during lockdown
- New emotional support program for children and young adults

**overcoming
barriers
to jewish life**
\$2,771,247

- Scholarships and financial aid for Jewish life programs
- Technological upgrades for schools
- Added health measures for in-person children's programs
- Increased virtual community engagement efforts and events



As part of our Jewish Volunteer Center's Good Deeds Day event, volunteers packed hundreds of meals for food-insecure families.

caring

You are providing vital care for people at risk and putting those struggling on a path to recovery.

the needs of our community

1 in 3

Jewish adults say they're in a worse financial situation since before the pandemic ¹

1 in 5

Jewish professionals have lost their job during the pandemic ¹

1 in 4

children in South Florida go to bed hungry every night ²

how you have responded

nearly

30,000

meals delivered to frail seniors and families through our service partners and volunteer programs ^{3,4,5}

3,000

people facing financial challenges received emergency monetary assistance through various programs in our local community, Israel, the former Soviet Union, Argentina and Israel ^{6,7,8}

50+

unemployed people received support from the new Jewish Community Career Services ⁹

\$100K

provided to service partners for protective equipment that allows frontline workers to safely care for frail seniors ⁶

1,200

volunteers participated in Federation service projects to care for those in need ⁴

Feeding Families Faced with Challenges

With more families seeking assistance with meals, you helped launch a partnership with The Kind Kitchen of Palm Beach to provide food for those struggling to get by. This new partnership is providing thousands of meals to people dealing with significant challenges, including those who are grieving, in the hospital or recovering from an illness. These meals are doing more than helping families get by – they are instilling a sense of pride in those who need it.

Helping the Unemployed Get Back on their Feet

Your generosity created Jewish Community Career Services, offering résumé writing support, interview coaching, and guidance with unemployment benefits for those who faced job loss and underemployment. You may have seen an interview with local community member Suzette, who appeared on an episode of Federation's TV news magazine *mosaic* to describe the challenges of finding employment during the pandemic. As a result of her participating in the career services program, Suzette has since been hired by a local company thanks to the support that you made possible.

J-Help Spotlight

Nearly overnight, the pandemic and economic crisis created increased needs for basic essentials, such as weekly groceries. J-Help Coronavirus Emergency Response met this surge in demands by restocking community food pantries and distributing grocery store gift cards to those affected.



healing

**You are helping so many people
experiencing emotional difficulties
heal from the intense effects of the
health and economic crisis.**

Helping Younger Generations Cope

Working families with young children have been especially hit hard by the effects of the pandemic. This includes emotional struggles related to job loss or reduced income, increased stresses on parents for childcare and remote learning, and coping with a lack of interaction and connection. Your giving helped launch Alpert JFS' new LINKS program, which is now providing individualized emotional support to people under 55 with affordable and accessible services.

Companionship for Survivors in Israel

During lockdowns in Israel, the country's large population of Holocaust survivors has been faced with heartbreaking loneliness and isolation. Through your generosity, Federation's global partner the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) has ensured weekly visits by volunteers to nearly 6,000 survivors through the innovative Hand to Hand program. The program included dozens of survivors who live in Jewish Palm Beach's partner region of TZAHAR.

J-Help Spotlight

Through your giving to Federation's J-Help Coronavirus Emergency Response, you supported our Jewish community's hotline. The "Chai Line", operated by our partners at Alpert JFS, has offered 24/7 resources for people seeking mental health care, trauma support, counseling and more.

the needs of our community

**nearly
half**
of people under 55
report feeling increased
emotional difficulties ¹

8 in 10
employed Jewish adults
reported increased
job stress, with
businesses and schools
operating virtually ¹

1,100
emotional support
requests during pandemic
from people struggling
with the negative effects of
social isolation and fear ³

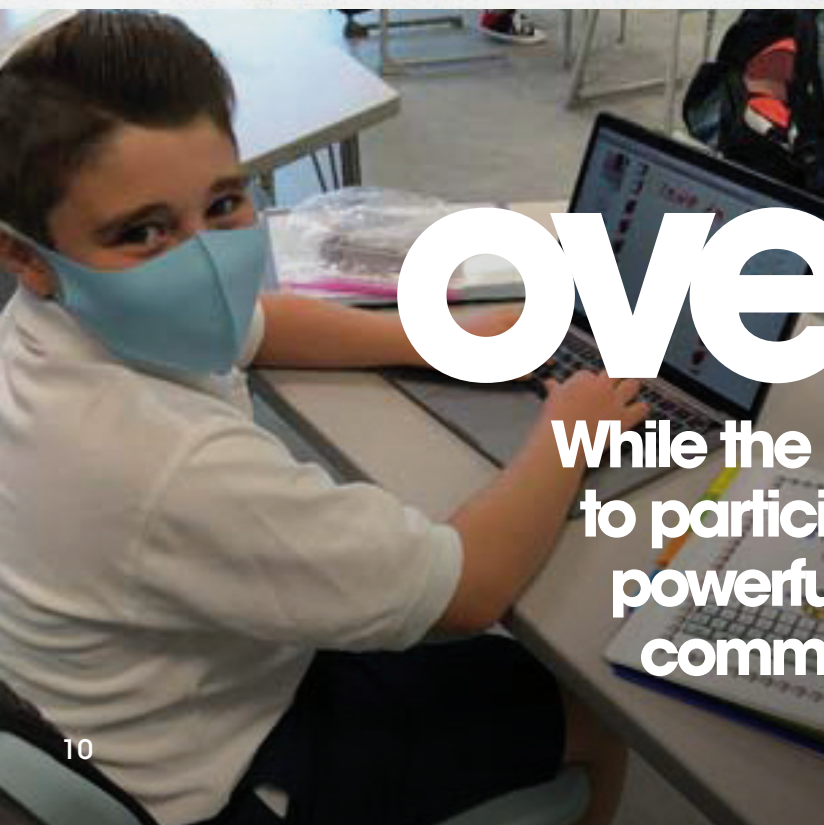
how you have responded

1,600
participants of Alpert JFS'
Coping with Our New Reality
emotional support programs ⁷

7,200
isolated seniors and Holocaust
survivors have benefited
from companionship services
locally and in Israel ^{3,11}

17,000
check-in calls made to lonely
seniors by Alpert JFS and
Jewish Volunteer Center ^{3,4}

600
children are participating
in Mandel JCC programs that
offer activities to connect
with one another and give
parents a reprieve ¹⁰



overcoming

While the pandemic has created barriers to participating in Jewish life, you are providing powerful Jewish experiences that connect our community with Jewish values and each other.

the needs of our community

2 in 3

Jewish adults say they are worried about affording basic living expenses, making participation in Jewish life programs difficult ¹

1 in 5

people who participate in Mandel JCC programs received a scholarship ^{10 14}

2 in 3

people who participated in online Jewish programs and services say doing so helped them cope with the pandemic ¹

how you have responded

\$160K

in scholarships for struggling local families to participate in children's programs at the Mandel JCC ⁶

6,000

participants of Federation's virtual events and programs during the pandemic ¹²

20,000

free Jewish books and music delivered to local families during the pandemic through PJ Library® and PJ Our Way™ ¹³

800

educators receive professional support on curating relevant, virtual learning experiences ¹³

500

children safely enjoyed fun, Jewish activities through Mandel JCC's Summer Days at the J ¹⁰

Virtual Jewish Education for Children with Disabilities

Zaadin and Linkin are brothers – one a typical learner, the other on the autism spectrum. When the boys' B'nai Mitzvah came during the pandemic, Federation's Yad Hebrew School for Children with Differing Abilities helped them and their family prepare for this important life event. Yad offers a virtual learning environment, ensuring that students aged 4-22 receive individualized Jewish learning. Yad continues to strengthen its standing as the only Judaic school of its kind in our area.

Providing Safe and Healthy Places for Jewish Learning

When our local school district moved to a virtual learning environment, you enabled our partners at the Mandel JCC to create a distance learning support program at its Boynton Beach and Palm Beach Gardens locations. This provided a safe place for children of working parents to attend virtual classes, while giving them a sense of normalcy and the opportunity to socialize. The program also offered parents peace of mind that their kids would stay on top of their studies – as well as some much needed respite.

J-Help Spotlight

When social distancing guidelines limited summer camp offerings, J-Help Coronavirus Emergency Response provided financial assistance for families to enroll their kids in the Mandel JCC's innovative Summer Days at the J program that kept children active and connected.

During the Zikaron on the Lawn program, groups around the community joined together to learn about the experiences of Holocaust survivors, helping them serve as ambassadors of survivors' stories and the consequences of hatred.



standing up

You are combating hatred and bigotry, while providing education and security that create an informed, safe Jewish community.

Promoting Holocaust Education in Local Schools

When questions were raised about how Florida's Holocaust education mandate was being implemented in local schools, our Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) formed a partnership with the School District of Palm Beach County to ensure more than 100,000 local students are learning about the Holocaust and the consequences of antisemitism.

Combating Antisemitism on College Campuses

Addison, a student at Florida Atlantic University, encountered antisemitic graffiti on campus. He contacted Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach, a partner of Federation, which worked with the university to remove the graffiti and investigate the culprit. With Addison's help, Hillel used the incident as a unique opportunity to educate students across campus about the consequences of hatred. "I knew to come to Hillel to handle this," said Addison. "I knew how to have conversations with other students on campus about our community, about antisemitism. ... I have that safe space to go and handle these situations with me."

J-Help Spotlight

Many synagogues and Jewish organizations were forced to temporarily close their physical locations during the pandemic. J-Help ensured patrols to identify security risks, vandalism and to work with law enforcement to report potential threats.

the needs of our community

8 in 10
are worried about antisemitism locally ¹

2 in 3
Jewish Americans have witnessed an antisemitic incident recently ¹⁵

nearly half
of Millennials and Gen Z cannot name a single concentration camp ¹⁶

how you have responded

30
synagogues and Jewish organizations are benefitting from Federation security programs, resources and trainings ¹⁷

250
people attended the world premiere of the *Humans of the Holocaust* virtual photo exhibit ¹³

500
people participated in JCRC's advocacy programs this year on issues related to antisemitism, Holocaust education, voting rights and race relations ¹⁸

\$170K
in federal and state grants secured for security at Federation and partner agencies ¹⁷

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