Making a Difference in People's Lives

Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service of South Palm Beach County
Throughout the years, not-for-profit agencies have confronted an array of challenges. This past year is no exception; in fact, the unprecedented economic downturn serves to intensify the trials and tribulation that RRJFS is facing.

The gap between financial resources and demands for services is widening each day. Managers are struggling to keep up with the needs of children at risk, children with special needs, the frail and elderly, the indigent, the addicted and the psychologically stressed. Clearly, we are talking about serving the most vulnerable members of our community.

Our Mission: RRJFS helps families and individuals of all ages by offering a comprehensive range of counseling, support and educational programs for all members of the community.

The agency realizes this is the time to return to its basic services:

- RRJFS will provide therapy for children, teens, adults, couples and families experiencing intense stress.
- The agency is mandated to address the growing problem of hunger among Jews. This is accomplished through the work of the Forester Family Kosher Food Pantry.
- Comprehensive programs and services will be provided to our older adults, highlighted by the congregate kosher meal site.
- The Welcome Home Drop-in-Center continues to respond to the needs of the chronically mentally ill.
- Holocaust survivors are responded to in a most caring and sensitive manner and enjoy the opportunity to socialize at Café Europa.

RRJFS expresses its appreciation to the Area Agency on Aging and the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, which enabled us to enhance our services to the elderly; the Able Trust and United Way of Palm Beach County, for reaching out to special needs populations; Children’s Services Council, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the Sun Sentinel, for funding our programs serving the needs of youth; and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, for facilitating homecare and emergency grant services for our many Holocaust Survivors.

This is by no means an inclusive listing of the many donors/sponsors that we have had the privilege of working with this past year, each of whom is individually acknowledged in the body of this Annual Report.

Because of this broad-based array of support, RRJFS is making a difference in people’s lives. Thank you for being our partner in this humanitarian endeavor.

Ivan Gefen – Chairman
Arnold Saltzman – CEO
Palm Beach County has a higher percentage of senior citizens than any US county of its size, with over 144,000 seniors living in South Palm Beach County. Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service has been serving the needs of seniors since 1979. Utilizing the feedback from community needs surveys and focus groups, our Board determined that building a Multiservice Senior Center in west Delray Beach will facilitate the delivery of optimal supports and programming for active Baby Boomers and frail seniors. The extensive study of the needs of seniors living in our area was completed in conjunction with legislators, homeowner associations, and collaborative partners. The Center will be located in the hub of a dense senior area, an area designated by the Area Agency on Aging as “high needs,” attributable to poverty level, disability status, age structure of the population 60 and older, and/or a large minority population.

The Center will offer an array of life-sustaining and life-enhancing programs designed to best deliver the following types of services/programs to seniors:

- Emergency Preparedness and Response Center for Assistance During Hurricanes or Other Crises
- Single Point of Entry for Information and Referral for Senior Services at RRJFS & the Community
- Holocaust Assistance Programs
- Congregate Meal Site
- Media Center for Entertainment, Discussion Groups (book club, current events, movie reviews)
- Media Center for Classes (e.g., computers)
- Café
- Food Pantry
- Center for Geriatric Studies (providing training for students and professionals, and conferences to educate seniors)
- Health Fairs, Senior Fairs
- Outdoor Gardening Space
- Socialization Areas for Recreational Activities (cards, games, etc.)
- Financial Assistance
- Volunteer programs
- Support Groups

When I first learned that my parent’s case was being reassigned to a new Care Link Case Manager I was concerned, as I knew that my parents did not deal well with change (especially since they felt that they didn’t need help in the first place). Within moments of my first conversation with Lauryn, however, my fears were completely assuaged: Lauryn and I spoke on the phone for almost 40 minutes and by the time we finished our conversation, I was assured that my fears were completely assuaged. After my mother’s funeral, it was very difficult for me to leave Florida; in fact, the only reason I felt that I could leave was because I knew Lauryn would be there to watch out for my dad. Throughout his time in hospice, Lauryn came to be with us - the amount of comfort she gave us cannot be described in words. Even after my father’s death, Lauryn has continued to be of inestimable help to us; I can’t imagine how any of us would have gotten through the last six months without her.

My father is a Holocaust Survivor, residing in Century Village—my mother passed away in July 2004. Since Lauryn has become my father’s social worker, she has been such a tremendous source of comfort for me and my family. I reside in Yardley, Pennsylvania, and we have made many attempts for my father to move up here. He is not ready, just “thinking about it.” Lauryn has gone beyond the typical social services - she is just a gift to me and my family. She is truly a compassionate and caring woman, and I am so grateful she is in my father’s life. Because of the distance, there is great stress on me in making sure he is OK and his needs are being met. Lauryn has always been there for my dad.

I just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate her work. She is truly a remarkable person!
Mostly Motown

More than 300 people attended the Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service December 1st Black Tie benefit at The Polo Club in Boca Raton, where they danced the night away to the Motown hits provided by the Soul Street Orchestra. The Gala enabled RRJFS to raise money for its myriad programs. The evening was chaired by Donna and Michael Mullaugh.

Auction prizes included a one-hour ride in a 1950’s Navy fighter training airplane, Saks Fifth Avenue shopping sprees, artwork, sports memorabilia and luxury vacation packages.

Golf Tournament

One hundred and forty supporters of Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service enjoyed a golf tournament, barbeque and cocktail party at the The Fountains Country Club in Lake Worth, chaired by Isabel and Arnold Friedman of St. Andrews. The afternoon’s proceeds benefited the programs of RRJFS.

Each player received a complimentary travel golf bag. Raffle prizes included a carnival cruise in the owners’ suite, a high definition television, as well as a generous gift certificate to Judith Ripka Jewelry, Boca Raton.
This year we offered 5,375 clinical sessions to our mental health services patients. We also ran 9,157 hours of caregiver and bereavement support groups.

WELCOME HOME
Welcome Home, our daily drop-in center for the chronically mentally ill in Delray Beach, had 3,116 visits, an increase of 5% over last year. More than 76 people availed themselves of occupational therapy, socialization, encouragement and support. They enjoyed eight outings, including the Morikami Museum and a two hour cruise. Welcome Home’s visitors learned how to make friends, improve life skills, apply for a job and deal with anger and isolation. In doing so, they grew in self-esteem and independence.

SERVICES FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS
Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service provided life sustaining services to 140 Holocaust Survivors, 27 of whom came to us this year. RRJFS assisted with grocery shopping, laundry, cooking, housekeeping, personal care and transportation to doctors.

RRJFS also provided $45,000 in emergency grants to needy survivors, who range from 75-85 years old, to help cover the costs of hearing aids, dental work, personal emergency alerts and housing.

RRJFS hosted two very successful Café Europa luncheons for a total of 1,200 people who were seated at tables by their home countries, and reconnected with friends and relatives, some of whom they had not seen in 60 years.

In addition, RRJFS is working with local law firms to assist survivors in applying for restitution for work done in the ghettos. We have already provided three legal clinics in the Boca and Delray areas and are planning to offer more. Over 150 survivors have expressed a desire to fill out the applications.

“I want to express my gratitude to my therapist, Linda S. She has helped me tremendously, as a warm, caring professional with superb clinical skills. She continues to provide excellent insight and guidance. I feel extremely fortunate to be under the care of such a skilled and wonderful therapist.” - MC, Boca Raton
As the needs of the community grew, Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service increased the number of people it assisted. Last year, we helped 1,250 people and disbursed $365,000 – an increase of 18% from the prior year.

Camp Breakaway attracted 107 children, an increase of 16% over last year. Altogether this wonderful program, founded in 1998, has fulfilled the dreams of more than 1,107 children.

Food, Medicine, Compassion
- Forster Family Kosher Food Pantry served 575 people, a 22% increase from the prior year, and delivered 385 frozen Shabbat meals per week, a 48% increase.

- Rose Golden Fund assisted 73 individuals, an increase from the prior year, and disbursed $73,000, representing a 60% increase of funds distributed.

- Viner Compassionate Care Program disbursed $204,201, representing a 24% increase, assisting 190 children, including the Camp Breakaway children.

Hands on Tzedakah Helps Caridad
Thanks to the continuing generosity of Hands on Tzedakah, we were able to continue to provide a bilingual social worker to the Caridad Center. Founded in 1989, the Caridad Center provides free medical and dental care to a large population of agricultural workers, laborers and the working poor of Palm Beach County.

From March 2008 through February 2009:
- Number of Visits Provided: 1,202
- Number of Clients: 450 (approximation)

Note: "Hands on Tzedakah" continues to fund this program. Caridad Center serves all low-income individuals who have no access to healthcare in the Palm Beach County area.
We completed our first year of the Teen Connect Program through a grant from the Hans and Mary Stratmann Intergenerational Fund of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. Thirty-one intergenerational matches were made, exceeding our target number by 41%. The grant was renewed for a second year.

The Junior Chaplaincy Program was launched in October 2007. Students from Donna Klein Jewish Academy assisted a parachaplain in conducting Shabbat services at the Shirley Gould House once a month for the entire school year.

The volunteer services department welcomed three undergraduate students during the summer of 2007 as part of their college internship program. Each student was placed in a volunteer assignment based on her college major and specific area of interest. We look forward to developing new volunteer opportunities in our agency for other young people.

Volunteers List

25+ YEARS
Albert Graft
Barbara Graft
Vivian Hirsch
Dan Inster
Howard Krinsky
Murray Kurland
Saad Levine
Shirley Levin
Harold Marcus
Rivian Marcus
Saul Levine
Murray Kurland
Howard Krinsky
Dan Itzler
Barbara Grant
Albert Grant
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12-24 YEARS
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21-24 YEARS
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18-20 YEARS
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14-17 YEARS
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13-15 YEARS
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10-13 YEARS
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5-8 YEARS
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2-4 YEARS
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1-3 YEARS
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NEWCOMERS
Natalie Abramson
Leonard Backer
Sandra Baker
Jean Feldman
Miriam Fields
Judith Fishman
Rea Kahan
Michael Kahn
Michele Kudacki
Marge Ruff
Rebekah Rabin
Alan Salo
Shirley Scheaffer
Edwin Schwartz
Myrna Schwartz
Rabbi Shaffer
Raymond Goldberg
Roma Goldberg
Judy Gurevitch
Morrie Gurevich
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Joyce Howard
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Marlyn Safenowitz
Sidney Scheinberg
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Julie Stenzel

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Robyn Chwatt
Joseph Corber
Leo Geller

Apologies to those whose years of service may not have been calculated correctly.
Dear Ms. Vaughn,

Since September of 2008 we have been a recipient of a gift from Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service.

If you are the holder of the postal reply card provided by your organization, we would not have been able to conduct a sense of a semblance of a normal life. We are grateful for your support.

Very Truly Yours,
Nobert Friedman

The mission of Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service is to make our programs and services available to all living in south Palm Beach County. Each and every gift we received in 2008-2009 exceeded $35,000 contributed towards our efforts. It would not have been possible to conduct a semblance of a normal life. We are grateful for your generosity and its inspiration for others in our community to open their hearts and minds.

We extend our thanks to the following individuals, foundations, and companies who contributed to our efforts so generously that we look forward to helping us expand our efforts. We are pleased to acknowledge you, and may your generosity serve as an inspiration for others in our community to open their hearts and minds.

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[Initials]

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This was the highlight of our year for a number of reasons. We are so grateful for the many years of service that Kathy has provided us. Her caring, empathy, support and leadership were so critical in helping us and our family. Kathy’s presence in our lives was a gift that we will always remember. We will cherish the memories of Kathy being a partner in our family life, and she will forever be remembered as a part of our family. We are forever grateful for Kathy’s presence in our lives and for the beautiful memories that she has created for us. Thank you, Kathy, for all that you have done for us and for our family. Thank you for being there for us always. We will miss you so much, but we know that you are always with us in spirit. We will never forget you and will always remember the love and kindness that you have shown to us. Thank you for being the best possible friend and for being our dear, dear Kathy. We love you always.
My family has been involved in a CareLink system for a few years now. We have worked with a few different providers over the years, and have found that they have met our needs competently and for the most part in a timely matter. We have been pleased with the staff and the services we have received. We have had the opportunity to work with many different nurses over the years. We have been impressed with their knowledge and ability to meet our needs. Our caregivers have been very reliable and have shown a great deal of care, concern and talent beyond our expectations. I was assigned to the family, we received a level of care that was above and beyond our expectations. We have been involved in the CareLink system for a few years now. We have worked with a few different providers over the years, and have found that they have met our needs competently and for the most part in a timely matter. We have been pleased with the staff and the services we have received. We have had the opportunity to work with many different nurses over the years. We have been impressed with their knowledge and ability to meet our needs. Our caregivers have been very reliable and have shown a great deal of care, concern and talent beyond our expectations. I was assigned to the family, we received a level of care that was above and beyond our expectations. We have been involved in the CareLink system for a few years now. We have worked with a few different providers over the years, and have found that they have met our needs competently and for the most part in a timely matter. We have been pleased with the staff and the services we have received. We have had the opportunity to work with many different nurses over the years. We have been impressed with their knowledge and ability to meet our needs. Our caregivers have been very reliable and have shown a great deal of care, concern and talent beyond our expectations. I was assigned to the family, we received a level of care that was above and beyond our expectations.
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To Whom It May Concern:

Sincerely,

[Name]

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Thanks to our funding partners who provided the following grants totaling $3.56 million. Their generosity makes it possible for Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service to offer numerous community and social service programs which improve the quality of life for south Palm Beach County's most vulnerable residents.

Thank you for your vital support!

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State of Florida-Department of Financial Services
United Way of Palm Beach County
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Edward Eisen In-Home Support Services Endowment Fund
Forster Family Kosher Food Pantry
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Indigent Care Endowment Fund
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Holocaust Survivors Endowment Fund
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Jason Pavao Memorial Endowment Fund
Michael Polavin RRJFS Staff Endowment Fund
David Pollen JFS Fund
Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service Fund for Children with Rett Syndrome

Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service Director’s Endowment Fund
Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service Endowment Fund
Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service Outreach Program
Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service Special Projects Fund
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Dorethly and Sidney Schuman Jewish Family Service Endowment Fund
Julia K. and Harold Segall Endowment Fund (RRJFS and DKJA)
Louis Shapiro JFS Endowment Fund
Sidney and Eleanor Silverstein In-Home Supportive Services Endowment Fund
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*** Of Blessed Memory
Revenue
Total Revenue and Support: $6,801,489

Pledges, Grants & Contributions $3,555,348
52%

Other Revenue $54,079
1%

Federation Allocation $1,264,581
19%

Fundraising Events (Net) $1,042,276
15%

Net Investment Income ($334,719)
(5%)

Net Program Revenue $593,104
9%

Federation Donated Materials & Services $579,300
9%

Fundraising Events ($218,903)
3%

Net Program Revenue $993,104
9%

Management/ Administration $218,903
3%

Federation Financial Assistance $47,520
1%

Federation Donated Materials & Services $579,300
9%

Federation Allocation $1,264,581
19%

Fundraising Events (Net) $1,042,276
15%

Program Services $6,149,293
79%

Grant and Other Receivables 785,213
13%

Pre-construction Costs $191,725
3%

IMEX Investment Income ($334,719)
(5%)

Total Expenses $7,746,335
28%

Total Net Assets $6,896,404
29%

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023
As Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service (RRJFS) strives to meet the needs of our constantly expanding community, our efforts to encourage volunteering and fundraising must move forward. Fulfilling our mission in service to the community is possible only through expanded contributions of time and talent, gifts of cash and securities, real property, planned gifts and bequests. Each and every gift we receive validates and supports the work we do on behalf of thousands in South Palm Beach County who turn to us for assistance.

Ways to Give:

Unrestricted gifts
Gifts made without any conditions placed upon them. These funds are crucial to the agency’s ability to allocate resources where they are most necessary.

Restricted Gifts
Gifts that are designated to a specific program within Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service.

Gift of Assets
In addition to cash gifts, giving appreciated assets such as stocks, real estate, or personal property could provide donors with additional tax benefits.

Endowments
Future gifts are an ideal way to remember Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service. In addition to gifts made today, you may also want to consider how you would like your assets distributed in the long term. By naming RRJFS as a beneficiary in your will, you can perpetuate your gift and assist future generations.

Always consult your attorney or tax advisor to determine which method of giving best meets your particular financial situation.