Dear Friend, Supporter, Volunteer,

As you read this report and our stories of hope, think about the faces each statistic represents. As you think about the faces each statistic represents, we hope you are as proud of our work possible. We hope you are as proud of our efforts to our many dedicated board members.

Thank you for helping to make a difference in the lives and the lives of so many.

“Thank you” captures how Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service continues to help families and individuals of all ages by offering a comprehensive range of counseling, support and educational programs for all members of the community.

We express our deep gratitude to those whose generosity continues to enable us to enhance our wide-ranging programs that serve the poor, frail elderly and Holocaust survivors; the chronically mentally ill; and children and families in need. We are only able to continue our work while staying true to our mission of helping families and individuals in need.


Endowments


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Our Mission

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Senior Services

- Senior Services • $50,000 • 0.6%
- Fundraising Events • Donated Real Estate • $7,416,152 • 81.8%

The Welcome Home Program is a one-of-a-kind drop-in program which provides respite, educational opportunities, support groups, and training to those living with chronic mental illness.

- In 2009, the program had 3,536 visits, more than 300 people attended at the majority of the activities, offering 381 hours on a regular basis.
- Additionally, 68 family members attended the monthly support group for families of our Welcome Home participants.


- Before I came to the Welcome Home Program, I would stay in bed for most of the day and fear having to go out. Since I have been in the program, I have been able to socialize with other people who have problems like mine. The Welcome Home Program changed my life.” – J.M., NY


Volunteer Services

Volunteers are an essential component of our ability to provide services in the community. In 2009, 309 volunteers donated 25,482 hours – equivalent to $536,000 worth of lost services.

- We completed our second year of the Teen Connect Program through a grant from the Hope and Mary Steinmetz International Funds of the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties.
- With support from the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, we expanded our chaplaincy programs, adding another part-time office to expand our reach. We continue to develop a corps of volunteer chaplains to assist in chapel efforts.

The Junior Chaplaincy Program continued for a second year, as students from Donna Klein Jewish Academy accompany our pastoral care in conducting monthly Shabbat services throughout the school year.

WAYS TO GIVE

We rely heavily on our generous donors to provide us with the necessary support to meet the ever growing needs of our community. Please consider the following ways you can help ensure our ability to meet those needs – now and for the future:

- Monetary gifts
- Non-perishable food donations
- Gifts of assets including stocks, bonds, real estate or personal property
- Planned giving scholars including charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities, gift of insurance, bequests, and others

Participation in our Special Meals Program

Volunteer for one of our many programs.