$2.4 Million Gift Promises to Transform Newly Named Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services
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Three hundred fifty guests enjoyed “Imagine A Night of Fantasy” on December 12th at St. Andrews Country Club. Amid the delights of imagination, the very real spirit of caring and generosity pervaded. $495,000 was raised in support for the agency’s program and services, with a rousing cash call raising $156,000 for the Jacobson Family Food Pantry. Larry and Michele Blair were presented with the 2013 Ruth & Norman Rales Humanitarian of the Year award and Craig Donoff, P.A. was presented with the Corporate Leadership award.
Dear Friends,

On March 4th we celebrated a milestone in our history with renaming of our agency to the “Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services.” Over 80 board members, donors and staff attended the ceremony. One of the highlights was having Josh Rales here to represent his family and to talk about the meaning of their gift which renamed the agency and created the new “Center for Families & Children.”

When Josh Rales came to me and asked us to think about a proposal to present to the Rales Foundation, it afforded JFS the opportunity to assess the unmet needs in our community and put forth proposals which would have a significant impact in addressing those needs. Our process began by challenging our staff to consider various gaps in service and then to “think big” and outside the box to formulate suggestions accordingly. From there, a task force of lay leaders was convened to consider all the suggestions and then consider how our agency could best satisfy those needs while remaining aligned with our core mission.

Through that process, and working closely with Josh, we developed a plan to create a Center for Families & Children under which four new programs would be created. The programs under the new Center for Families & Children include Career & Employment Services, Domestic Abuse Education & Action, Financial Assistance, and Community Outreach.

On behalf of the agency, I would like to thank the Rales Foundation for their confidence in our ability to bring these programs from conception to full implementation and for their long standing commitment to JFS, exemplified by this investment.

Ruth and Norman Rales ambition was not solely to achieve the American dream for themselves and their children, but to assist others less fortunate in achieving the same dream. This transformational gift will help those less fortunate in our community to get the support they need to go after their own dreams. We have already started to see the impact of this gift and I look forward to sharing success stories with you in the future.

Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

Danielle N. Hartman
President & CEO
Food Pantry Anniversary

One year after the grand opening of the Jacobson Family Food Pantry, a new 2,600 sq. ft. space in Delray Beach, Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services is celebrating its success in enabling the agency to do more to address hunger in the Boca Raton and Delray Beach communities. The Jacobson Family Food Pantry opened in its new location in October 2012 following a $1 million gift from Anne and Norm Jacobson.

“We knew that moving the food pantry to a larger space would give JFS additional opportunities to feed more people and store more food. The relocation has surpassed our expectations,” said Danielle Hartman. “We’re reaching more recipients each month and offering them a larger number of food items and choices. Yet, while their bimonthly food packages include more, the cost to our agency is less.”

The increased storage area allows the purchase of greater quantities at a bulk rate and the new refrigerated space now also stores produce and fresh milk for distribution. Larger donations, such as the ten pallets recently received through the Palm Beach Food Alliance, are now possible. Food drives in the community have increased to 60 in the past year.

Food pantry recipients now choose between a bimonthly food package delivery at home or going to the pantry to pick up or “shop” for their groceries at no cost. Some in emergency situations walk in for help.

From first contact through screening and ongoing food assistance, JFS works with clients to connect them with other services that can stabilize and improve their situations.

“Over the past decade, the number of our neighbors who need help with their day to day sustenance has grown tremendously, and the number of requests to the food pantry just keeps increasing,” said Norman Jacobson. “We must ensure that those who must depend on a pantry can continue to obtain their essential nourishment and maintain their dignity.”

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Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service (JFS) announced late last year that the Rales family, a highly successful and philanthropic family with ties to South Florida, has made a generous $2.4 million gift to the newly named Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS). Norman Rales, the patriarch of the family who passed away in March of 2012, following years of financial and personal support for the agency, was recognized for his commitment and passion for helping others. Beyond the donation and creation of the ‘Center for Families and Children,’ the Rales’ sons (Steven, Mitchell and Joshua), who are now trustees of the Norman and Ruth Rales Foundation, also had the agency renamed in his honor.

“Our parents came from humble roots,” said Steven, Mitchell and Joshua Rales. “Neither of them could afford to attend college and our father was raised in an orphanage in New York City during the depression. As a couple, Norman and Ruth Rales’ ambition was not solely to achieve the American dream for themselves and their children but to assist others less fortunate than them in achieving that same dream. The work of the Norman and Ruth Rales Foundation, and in particular its partnership with the Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service, illustrates their commitment to helping others. The new Center for Families and Children at Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services is our effort to continue to build upon the foundation of our parents’ good works. We consider this truly to be an honor and a privilege.”

“With this new gift from the Rales family, the Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services agency’s budget will increase by 20%,” said Danielle Hartman, President & CEO of JFS. “This donation allows us to create the new ‘Center for Families & Children,’ which will reach an underserved demographic in our community. We will launch four new programs under the Center’s umbrella. Thanks to the generosity of the Rales family, we are now prepared to support and nurture the growing needs of our South Florida community.”
The faces of those seeking employment have changed and the need for career and employment services is now greater than ever. From first time job seekers to those in career transition, the JFS Career and Employment Services program will provide individuals with a variety of assistance including comprehensive career assessments, individual job coaching, resume and employment materials development, professional readiness training, social media enhancement, job search assistance, job placement services, an online job bank, seminars, workshops, networking opportunities, and resources for furthering education and training. By focusing on clients’ individual strengths and goals, career strategists will create customized action plans to transform clients from being a job candidate to becoming gainfully employed.

**Domestic Abuse Education & Action Program**

While JFS currently provides limited financial assistance, counseling, and information and referral services to victims of domestic abuse, the new Domestic Abuse Education & Action Program will enable JFS to confront domestic violence in the South Palm Beach County community with a particular sensitivity to the special needs of Jewish victims. The program will feature a formal and centralized platform, including education to teens and adults, outreach and collaboration with local schools and synagogues, case management, crisis intervention, legal/medical referrals, and financial assistance to seriously address the issue of domestic violence in our community.

**Financial Assistance Program**

According to a report by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, over 24% of children in Palm Beach County are currently living in poverty. Child poverty has truly reached epidemic proportions and the need for a dedicated financial assistance support system is stronger than ever. While JFS currently provides financial assistance for basic necessities such as food, clothing, shelter and medications, the Financial Assistance Program will ensure that the agency can meet the increasing demand for assistance with academic support, tutoring and after school care as well as day camp and Jewish overnight camp scholarships.

**Community Outreach**

With the multitude of new services offered by JFS, it is more critical than ever that the availability of these programs be easily accessible in a community setting. The Community Outreach initiative will bring all of JFS’ programs and services directly into the community through a range of activities and tactics to help individuals and families gain access to the support available. By working with their community partners, JFS Community Outreach professionals will facilitate access to services including counseling, case management, support groups, financial assistance, educational resources, workshops and access to agency programs such as the Jacobson Family Food Pantry, all in a community setting.
Domestic abuse occurs in all communities regardless of religion, race or ethnicity. One in every four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.

Miriam is an 81 year old, Caucasian, Jewish female who has been married to her husband, Joe, for 58 years. About 10 years ago, following Joe’s retirement, Joe became abusive. He verbally insulted and humiliated his wife, yelled often and monitored her whereabouts. Joe tried to isolate Miriam from her friends and family. Recently, the verbal abuse turned physical when he pushed her following an argument.

Miriam came to Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services for a domestic abuse consultation. We helped her develop a safety plan which allowed her to pack her belongings and go to her daughter’s house while her husband was playing golf.

The family contacted Joe and told him that if he wanted Miriam to consider the possibility of returning home, he must have a physical and neurological examination and agree to attend weekly therapy.

Joe had a physical and neurological exam and organic causes were ruled out. He is currently in individual and marital counseling.

Miriam will continue to reside with her daughter until she feels safe enough to return home.

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Jason came to JFS for counseling approximately one year ago. He was experiencing significant social anxiety and low self-esteem. It was very difficult for him to leave the house, even for therapy appointments, for fear someone would speak to him while in a public place. Jason had also been the sole caregiver for his mother who needed total physical care and suffered from mental illness until her death. His life was one of isolation. During the course of counseling, his therapist suggest Jason look into the Welcome Home Program in addition to therapy.

Jason was very reluctant to be in a group where he might be forced to speak to others or interact with them. He joined the Welcome Home Program on a trial basis to appease his therapist. For the first month, he could not socialize with the other members of the program and often sat by himself in the program room, refusing to make eye contact with anyone. Eventually, Jason began to join the group and began speaking to his fellow participants.

Now Jason is a friendly, out-going person who is usually very humorous and outspoken during the Welcome Home Program activities. He has been working for the JFS Senior Companion Program for about three to four months now. According to the director, Jason is frequently requested by clients due to his outgoing personality and empathetic treatment of others.

The Reflections of Hope Luncheon

The Reflections of Hope Luncheon on February 27th at Boca West Country Club was an outstanding success with over $92,000 raised benefitting the Welcome Home Program and our counseling programs. The keynote speaker, Jane Pauley, enthralled the crowd of 535 guests with her experiences living with bipolar disorder. Many thanks for the incredible efforts put forth by our co-Chairs Judi Donoff and Nancy Schiller and our Vice-Chairs Michele Blair and Talia Klein.
Volunteer of the Year

Mike Wild became a volunteer at Ruth & Norman Rales Family Services five years ago. He loves making telephone reassurance calls and has become involved with the lives of many of the seniors that he contacts. To the world Mike may be one person but to those isolated seniors Mike is the world.

Born in the Bronx, New York in April of 1942, Mike’s dad escaped from Nazi Germany in the last days of December, 1938. After graduating from Fordham University College of Pharmacy in 1963, Mike became a retail pharmacist. In 1966, he and his father-in-law started a company that sold major hospital equipment which he sold in 1989 when his family moved to Florida.

Having been avid cruisers for many years, Mike and his wife Ellen bought a franchise and opened a cruise specialty travel agency in Palm Beach Gardens. After several years in retail, Mike joined with the vice president of the franchise and bought out the original owner. Mike dealt with all major cruise line executives and also trained the 400 member travel agents from around the country.

Mike is retired and now lives with his wonderful wife Ellen in Boynton Beach. He now has three children and seven grandchildren.

When living in New Jersey, he was always active in volunteering for local youth athletics. He served as president of the baseball league as well as president of the youth soccer league. While doing this, Mike was active on his temple’s board and the Men’s club. He served as president of the Men’s club at the same time that his wife served as the temple president.

Mike is a great asset to our team of volunteers. He has made such a difference in the lives of so many isolated seniors in our Telephone Reassurance Program. We congratulate Mike on being the 2014 Volunteer of the Year!

Mail Pouch Letters to Volunteer

With thanks! (on behalf of my mother)

I just had to tell you how grateful I am for the wonderful services your organization provides. I am in California, and my 92 year old mother lives by herself in Century Village in Boca Raton. I visit as often as I can, but in between the Kibbitz and Ride Program fills a huge need and plays an important part in allowing my mother to continue to live alone. Many times my mother has raved about the wonderful people who have come to take her to her appointments and errands. Not only is it of great practical benefit but it also fills a social need as well. My mother says everyone has been so kind, personable and helpful. There have been many, but recently she could not stop raving about her driver who my mother said went so far above and beyond the call of duty to help her. My mother was overwhelmed with gratitude.

THANKS TO ALL. IT IS A REAL MITZVAH!

Sincerely,
-Angelina

The call I receive every morning is my, “let’s get going” call of the day. It starts my day with a smile on my face. I am 95 years old and for someone to care about me the way JFS does makes me feel special. I am special, I am 95!!

I reside in an assisted living facility and for me it was a hard transition. I had the opportunity to attend a Friday Shabbat service led by a Parachaplain. WOW is all I can say. I could have sat there for hours listening to the leader.

My Jewish identity was restored and I attend the services every Friday. I only wish the leader could stay longer. Every other Thursday there is a knock at my door and my Friendly Visitor is there to greet me and spend time with me. I can’t walk very well but that does not stop us from chatting for over an hour. We laugh and exchange stories but more than that, she is my lifeline. I have no family so my Friendly Visitor is all I have. She is the light of my life.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THIS GIFT.
-Angelina
Volunteers enjoying the luncheon to thank them for all their hard work.

Beth Levine, Chief Operating Officer, Senior VP making the presentation to Volunteer of the Year, Mike Wild.
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by Lori Warner, Community Mentoring Program Coordinator

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Mentor Shari Notowitz enjoying an afternoon of bowling with her mentee Sarah.

Fayth Martin, Alec Morgan, Abby Morgan and Alaina Metcalf having fun at the group sponsored bowling event @ STRIKES.

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Our Case Management staff at Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services continues to work diligently as advocates for our seniors to improve their quality of life. Every client in our programs has the opportunity to meet with a case manager and develop an individualized plan that meets their specific needs. Our goal is to help implement the necessary services in the home to keep each senior client independent and safe.

When residing in the home is no longer a viable option, our seniors are faced with the daunting task of considering alternative living options. Our Case Managers are there to provide support and information in an empathetic and caring manner to make this transition less traumatic. Many seniors are unaware that assisted living facilities and skilled nursing homes vary greatly. We can help in choosing a facility that meets their needs and preserves their dignity. Interestingly, the new-styled nursing homes are recognizing that seniors want a more home-like environment and are following the model of building smaller, non-institutional settings.

We owe a great deal to our elders and want their voice to be heard. Our goal is to ensure they receive the quality care they deserve.

Please call 561-852-3333 to learn more about JFS programming for seniors.

**Feldman Family Diamond Club Knitters Group**

The Feldman Family Diamond Club knitters have been knitting caps and making teddy bears for children diagnosed with cancer and blankets for the Veteran’s Administration for many years. It is a wonderful group of about 10 women who receive tremendous satisfaction in knowing their time, energy and talents are being enjoyed by others.

The Chief of Voluntary Service at the VA has said “The lovely lap robes will be given to patients in need of extra warmth and comfort, especially the patients in dialysis or the infusion clinic where it can become extremely cold. It is due to your generosity that we are able to provide such wonderful services to the Veterans. We thank you for your compassionate interest in the hospitalized Veterans’ welfare and we are most grateful for your continued support.”

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Michael’s wish became a reality when he was introduced to 93 year old Leon Hander, a retired Accountant from Monroe Township, New Jersey. Once snowbirds, Leon and his wife Claudia now reside permanently in south Palm Beach County. Michael and Leon meet three times a week and enjoy a variety of wonderful activities. They ride stationary bikes together at the fitness center in Leon’s community. Leon keeps up with his love for billiards by playing with Michael at his clubhouse. They go to the Green Cay and Wakodahatchee Wetlands Preserves together where they enjoy peaceful walks, fresh air and bird watching. On Wednesdays, Michael takes Leon to the Silver Sneakers class at the Delray Weisman Community Center. “It’s enjoyable to experience life through the eyes of my clients and appreciate what I would normally take for granted” says Michael.

Whether Michael is preparing lunch for Leon, taking a walk or discussing the news of the day, Leon says, “Michael has a lot of energy and never criticizes me. He accepts me the way I am and he is very nice to me.” Heart-warming stories like these are common within our Senior Companion Program.

Could you or a loved one benefit from a having a Senior Companion? Would you like to become a Senior Companion? For more information please contact Marissa Gordon, Senior Companion Program Coordinator at 561-558-2163 or MarissaG@rales.org.

Materetsky Cocktail Reception

On October 28, more than 100 guests attended a cocktail reception hosted by Materetsky Financial Group and the Porges Group at the Weisman Delray Community Center. Guests learned about the agency, brought 800 pounds of canned goods for the Jacobson Family Food Pantry, signed up as volunteers, and contributed funds for JFS programs and services.
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IN THE NEWS: Survivors reunite almost 70 years later

by David A. Schwartz, Staff Writer

When Rosalyn Haber and Eva Braun last saw each other, they were 14-year-olds in the Unterluss forced labor camp in Germany. Last Tuesday, Haber, 82, and Braun, 83, who live near each other in Boca Raton, met for the first time in almost 70 years at a Café Europa luncheon.

“I’ve been searching for somebody all these years,” Haber said.

“She’s sitting behind me and we’re asking questions,” said Braun.

One word — “Munkacs” — reunited them. Both had lived in the number 8 barracks for children from Munkacs, Czechoslovakia.

Haber and Braun were among the 400 Holocaust survivors at the luncheon, put on by Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service. The Café Europa event was one of two held annually at B’nai Torah Congregation in Boca Raton.

“This is what it’s all about,” said Jill Viner, who sponsored the luncheon and has underwritten the winter Café Europa for 12 years. “Reconnections of gaps in time, people finding each other.” The meeting of Haber and Braun was “beshert” [meant to be], she said.

Some funding for the Cafe Europa is also provided by The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

Sponsoring the luncheon every year is “very personal,” said Viner, who lives in Miami. She said she underwrites the event “to perpetuate the memory of my grandparents and mother,” Holocaust survivors from Germany. “It’s almost like coming back to my living room year after year.”

Nancy Dershaw of Boca Raton, president of Next Generations, the organization she founded to create a legacy for Holocaust survivors, including her parents, had much the same connection to the survivors at the luncheon. “I feel like I’m with my family,” Dershaw said.
“This is where I belong.”
Haber sat at a table for Czech survivors. Braun sat behind her at a table for Hungarian survivors.

Braun said she lived because she sneaked into the Munkacs barracks to be with her cousin. Prisoners in the barracks where she had been, including her mother, were killed, Braun said.

“We were covered with lice. We were standing in the rain and snow. We had [almost] no clothes on,” Haber said. “We didn’t believe what happened to us; that we were able to survive.”

After the war, Haber made her way to London and to the United States where she settled in Ellwood City, Penn.

Braun returned to Hungary. After the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, she “escaped” to the United States with her husband and two small children. The family settled in Brooklyn.

Danielle Hartman, president and CEO of the Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service, said there were 100 fewer survivors at the luncheon than the number that attended last year. “People are dying. People are becoming more frail,” she said.

While on a trip to Israel recently, Hartman attended a Holocaust memorial service at Yad Vashem. “Being there and being here today makes everything so much more real,” she said. “It helps all of us to never forget the past and the atrocities that these people suffered. It makes each of us want to do more.”
At the “Weisman Center”, it’s all about friendship. The Weisman Delray Community Center opened in November 2010 to service the community and to increase the socialization of seniors. The good news is, we have been tremendously successful! Seniors at the center write stories and articles, share their artwork, teach others various types of games and sing aloud at Shabbat, like a family.

Get Technical at the Weisman!

The Weisman Center offers many opportunities for seniors to learn how and why they should embrace the everyday technology that many of us use to communicate. We have Marty Troum, our resident technology teacher, who lectures monthly on a variety of topics such as Facebook, Internet Scams and Using an iPad. The Computer Learning Center brings in their own teachers for small sized classes such as Beginner Basic and Basic Plus.

Techno Sam is our latest addition with one-on-one help from Sam Budney, a 16 year old student volunteer from Spanish River High School. Sam plans on going into the medical field someday as he loves everything science. He says that “most of the seniors he sees have received an iPad as a gift from a relative. They didn’t ask for the gift but now that they have it, they want to learn to email and Skype to reach out to their grandkids.” He is extremely patient while instructing the seniors which he gives credit to having learned as a Big Brother at Summer Camp. Marlene Hess, Administrative Assistant concurs, “Sam has such a sweet disposition that all of our members love him.”
Seniors & Technology

Marty Troum, President of Troum Consulting teaches a monthly technology class at the Weisman Center. Marty says the seniors always want to know, “What can this do for me?” His goal is to convince the seniors that there are great applications for technology although they may be wary of learning more about it. He explains to them that with everything around them changing, they need to learn more about using household appliances, cars and smart TV’s. Marty helps eliminate some of the ignorance the seniors feel so they will be comfortable to live in the world as it is changing.

Marty focuses on the basics – terminology and usefulness. He helps the seniors achieve a greater sense of accomplishment and empowerment by guiding the senior through easy to navigate websites such as www.allmyfaves.com. This site immediately connects you to major retailers, news stations, weather channels, restaurants, social networking, and more.

Marty puts it simply, “what excites me most about creating and delivering these sessions is the positive response I continually get from the participants. Their questions and comments, although sometimes very challenging, tell me that they are curious and enjoying the learning that is taking place.”
One Sunday in November, the Weisman Center and its neighbor, Temple Anshei Shalom, partnered up to bring “America the Beautiful,” a patriotic concert to the community at large. The James E. Buffan Gold Coast band was founded in 1976 and is today a thriving orchestra of over 60 volunteer musicians. With Jim Fader as Director, they perform all styles of music. On this particular Sunday, narration of American History coupled with music from each era was performed in front of a large enthusiastic audience. The American flag flew high in the Temple’s auditorium while tears formed in the eyes of everyone in attendance.
Four new programs emerged including Career & Employment Services. Our mission is to transform our clients into job candidates geared towards career success by focusing on their individual strengths and personal goals.

Center for Families & Children
As a result of a generous gift from the Rales family, in 2013 JFS created the ‘Center for Families & Children’ which will reach an underserved demographic within the south Palm Beach County community.

Domestic Abuse Education & Action Program
Features a formal and centralized platform, including education to teens and adults, outreach and collaboration with local schools and synagogues, case management, crisis intervention, legal/medical referrals, and financial assistance to seriously address the issue of domestic violence in our community.
DEVELOPMENT

Message from Cindy Orbach Nimhauser, Chief Development Officer, Senior Vice President

There is an air of excitement in the Financial Resource Development Department as we reach for and achieve new heights. Our events have been the “place to be” and the revenue generated has been off the charts.

Our Annual Gala, which was entitled “Imagine- A Night of Fantasy,” delivered on that promise and so much more. Our dedicated co-Chairs Wendy Legum, Roxane Lipton, and Jill Viner worked tirelessly to create a night that was as memorable as it was productive. Over $495,000 was raised with $156,000 donated to the Jacobson Family Food Pantry during an exhilarating cash call. The matching of gifts from the Gallatins was all the encouragement needed to help JFS raise more money than we ever had before.

February came, and with it the 2nd Annual “Reflections of Hope “Luncheon.

Jane Pauley, the noted television journalist and author, shared her journey of hope to a group of over 525 individuals. Diagnosed with bi-polar disorder in her 50’s, she captivated the room with her story. Our committed and hardworking co-Chairs, Judi Donoff and Nancy Schiller, along with Vice Co-Chairs, Michele Blair and Talia Klein ensured that the event was a gathering of community that raised over $91,000 for the Welcome Home Program as well as other mental health programs of the agency.

As this is going to press, the JFS Annual Great Golf For A Great Cause Tournament is about to take place at Delaire Country Club, with another sold out crowd. Arnie Friedman, Bob Marton, and Jon Vogel have created a day of fun in the sun that will help top off our year in events.

There were other events happening on a smaller scale, A Day of Shopping at Alene Too on March 31st with a portion of the proceeds to go to JFS, parlor meetings, and more all spreading the word about the incredible work JFS does in and for the community.

Continue to feel the excitement and join our Visionary Society with a Legacy gift that will ensure the work of JFS for generations to follow.

As always, I am a phone call or email away, to help you fulfill your family’s philanthropic goals.

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- B’nai Torah Congregation
- Boca Grove Country Club Community
- Boca Helping Hands
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- Stonebridge Country Club
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- Temple Beth El Giving Tree
- Temple Sinai Food Drive
- Temple Sinai Kids for Food Pantry
- Weight Watchers
- Weisman Delray Community Center
- Winn Dixie of Boca Raton
- Woodfield Country Club Community
- Weinbaum Yeshiva High School

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- Hebrew Congregation of Broken Sound
- Congregation Shaarei Kodesh
- Temple Anshei Shalom
- Temple Beth El
- Temple Beth Shalom
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- Temple Ohr
- Temple Sinai
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For more information contact Cindy Nimhauser at 561-852-3279 or CindyN@ralesjfs.org

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Spotlight On Legacy Giving: Madeline and Eugene Pargh

Madeline and Eugene Pargh are longtime supporters and benefactors of Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services. Their steadfast commitment to the Agency spans many years with Madeline serving on the Board of Directors as a Chair of Financial Resource Development and as a member at large.

Their dedication to JFS and its food pantry is well known, as is their belief that Legacy giving is critical for the community and its future generations. To quote the Pargh’s, “Helping people in need is the best thing we do.”

When asked about their motivation for their Legacy gift, they said, “It is necessary and important to do. JFS is one of the best organizations around, help is needed, and we thought we should do this for the organization’s future.”

Madeline and Eugene Pargh have made a commitment to ensure that the people who are directly benefiting from the programs and services of this organization will continue. If you would like to join this group in the Visionary Society, please contact

Cindy Orbach Nimhauser, Chief Development Officer at CindyN@RalesJFS.org or 561-852-3279, to help in fulfilling your philanthropic goals.
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