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Fall Newsletter 2015

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"The Only Two Things I Have in Life are My Dog and JFS."

"A dog is man's best friend" isn't just an expression. It is the truth, especially for David. David has no family or friends. He lives alone, receives disability benefits, and suffers from depression. For years, the only companion he had in his life was his dog, Ozzie.

For over seven years David has been a client of Jewish Family Services (JFS). Every week, he and Ozzie meet with a JFS clinician to learn how to cope with his anxiety and stress. David receives guidance from our Money Coach to manage his limited finances and visits the Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry to obtain the food he needs to sustain himself for the week.



Ozzie passed away recently which was traumatic for David. JFS determined that David would need a new dog for his emotional well-being, so we reached out to our friends in the community to purchase another standard poodle, Nigel. Dogs naturally give people unconditional love. Nigel does even more-he gives David a reason to live.

Like Ozzie before him, Nigel accompanies David to his regular visits to JFS, ensuring that David gets what he needs emotionally, financially, and physically.

Thank you for supporting Jewish Family Services with a donation to our **Annual Friends Campaign**. Your generosity helps people in our community, including David, embrace possibility.

We are counting on you because people like David count on us.

DONATE NOW

JFS Proudly Receives Reaccreditation from International Organization



Council on Accreditation (COA) accredits over 2,000 private and public organizations and programs that serve more than 7 million individuals and families in the United States, Canada, and overseas. The COA high standards cover hundreds of different types of programs. The accreditation process is designed to meet the needs of diverse organizations - voluntary, public & proprietary, local & statewide.

COA's program of quality improvement is designed to identify providers that have met high performance standards and have made a commitment to their stakeholders to deliver the very best quality services. COA recognizes

Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford as one of these outstanding providers.

A+ for JFS First Annual Back to School Drive

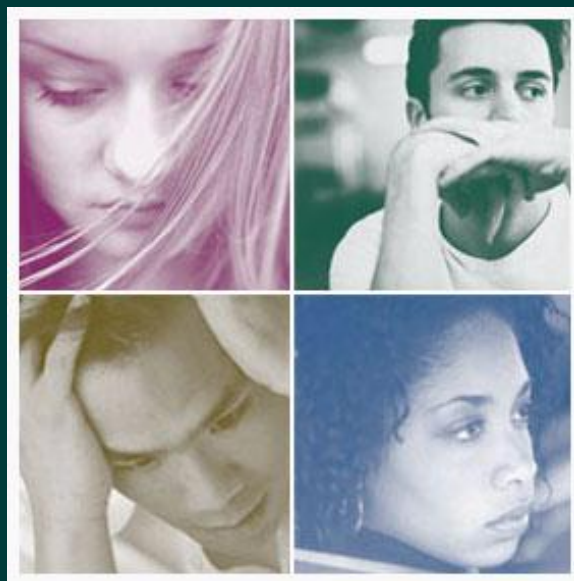
Fun for a good cause was the theme at the Jewish Family Services first annual Back to School Drive. Participants donated hundreds of school supplies for low-income children in the greater Hartford area to ensure they have the basic tools to start the school year with confidence. Those who forgot to bring an item were able to purchase something from the on-site "store" which they could then donate. Families enjoyed swimming, tennis, gaga pits, crafts, and inflatables.

"Watching the faces of elders, parents, and young children enjoy the event while contributing to those in need - it exemplifies what giving back is all about," said Lisa Berman, one of the event coordinators. "We are proud to be part of this with JFS pulling together for our community."

This was a public event by JFS and Mandell JCC, and sponsored by Bob's Discount Furniture, C-Tech Solar, Lesro, Boppers & Innovative Inflatables, S&S Worldwide, and Victor Advertising Service.



For more information on future social action events, contact Kim Margolis at kmargolis@jfs Hartford.org or 860.236.1927



Free Depression Screenings

JFS partnering with Town of West Hartford
Department of Human & Leisure Services

Thursday, October 8
11:00 am - 6:00 pm
West Hartford Town Hall
Room 306



 **WALK NOW FOR**
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JFS in the Community

Embracing Possibility With Our Community Partners



West Hartford
Chamber of Commerce
presents
Healthy West Hartford
Thursday, September 17



Town Hall Auditorium
50 S. Main St.
West Hartford
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

*Healthy Refreshments,
Giveaways,
and Demos!*





SAVE THE DATE

**Annual Hunger Event
Tuesday, November 17th
5:30 - 7:30 PM**

Invitation to Follow