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PRESS RELEASE

“Our volunteers make us better and enable us to do more,” explained Sherry Waitsman, Volunteer Coordinator at Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford.

Welcoming volunteers, Board members, and guests, Waitsman thanked the volunteers for their dedication, commitment, and time helping with the JFS Friendly Visitors program, the Kosher Food Pantry, Community Garden, JETS, administration, and the Board.

Hosted for the third consecutive year by TD Bank at Bishops Corner, a JFS Business Partner, this annual event serves to honor and show appreciation for the scores of volunteers. This year the spotlight was on the JETS (JFS Employment Transition Services) program.

Lonni Schultz spoke of JETS becoming a safe place to practice networking after her job had been eliminated. That networking led to her current job. Erin Londen shared that within JETS one of the speakers validated her sense of loss while another helped increase her confidence. “Now I enjoy going to work every day,” said Erin.

Tracy Nixon Moore had once been a speaker and career counselor for JETS, then found herself a recipient of all the program had to offer when she was downsized from a large company. She spoke about the emotional impact of job loss and the value of networking. Through JETS, Tracy learned of an opening within JFS Care at Home where she now works.

JFS utilizes a variety of counseling treatment approaches and can help clients address a wide range of issues. Visit www.jfshartford.org to see a list of clinicians and their areas of expertise. For information about volunteering opportunities, contact Sherry at 860-761-7080 or swaitsman@jfshartford.org. For information about the JETS program, contact Ellen Cartledge at 860-236-1927 or ecartledge@jfshartford.org.

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