



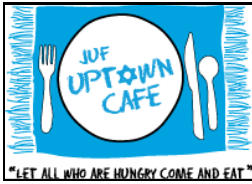
Federal Policy Priorities



The Jewish United Fund/ Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

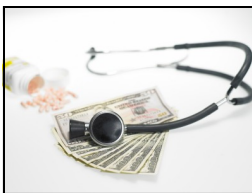
Established in 1900, the **Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago (JUF/JF)** supports a network of more than 120 health and social service agencies, serving more than 300,000 Chicagoans of all faiths, and hundreds of thousands in 59 countries. JUF/JF is the central planning and fundraising arm of the Chicago Jewish community, allocating a total of **\$92.5 million** in FY '10 for programs. Many key safety-net, services provided by our network represent the best of what a public-private partnership can deliver for the most vulnerable. In 2010, the Jewish Federation's local network received **\$313.3 million** from local, state and federal agencies to address our shared priorities for individuals and families.

Responding to the Economic Crisis by Safeguarding Key Public Initiatives



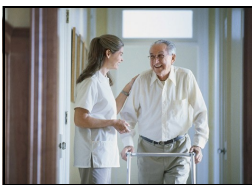
JUF/JF advocates for the social service needs of the vulnerable members in our communities, particularly those most harmed by the recession. JUF/JF supports access to public funding for non-profit infrastructure projects, targeted charitable tax incentives, and additional job retraining funds as important tools that will spur economic recovery. Furthermore, JUF/JF urges Congress and the Administration to maintain critical programs such as the Social Services Block Grant, the Workforce Investment Act, the Community Services Block Grant, Emergency Food and Shelter Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. JUF/JF promotes efforts to combat domestic hunger, stock kosher food banks and soup kitchens, and support affordable housing.

Protecting Medicaid, Medicare, and the Health safety net



JUF/JF supports Improving the quality and delivery of Medicaid and Medicare. This includes promoting home and community-based services, protecting the hospital assessment program, addressing long term care needs, maintaining Medicaid waiver services and ensuring the vulnerable patients served by these programs are protected as the new health care law is implemented. JUF/JF believes block granting or voucherizing the Medicare and/or Medicaid will lead to dramatic cuts in services and increase the number of uninsured. JUF/JF supports enhanced access to healthcare for the uninsured, creative solutions for uncompensated care at health and long-term care facilities, breast cancer awareness, and additional health information technology funding for non-profits.

Empowering Older Adults to Live Healthier and More Independent Lives



JUF/JF promotes initiatives serving older adults including: reauthorization of the Older Americans Act; Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities; innovative home and community-based services; employment programs; access to quality transportation and affordable housing for older adults; expand existing services and support systems for Holocaust survivors; strengthening our nation’s long-term services and supports infrastructure through the CLASS Program and other innovative retirement policies; and increased relief and services for family caregivers.

Enabling Those with Disabilities Including Mental Illness to Engage Fully in Community Life



JUF/JF supports full funding of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, affordable and accessible supportive housing, respite care, community based care, and job training for persons with disabilities. JUF/JF promotes the Mental Health Services Block Grant and advocates for adequate research and funding to combat and understand Alzheimer’s disease and developmental disabilities, particularly the Autism Spectrum Disorders, in children and young adults.

Speaking out for children and families



JUF/JF raises awareness on a range of children and family issues including, Head Start, after-school programs, youth violence prevention, the State Children’s Health Insurance Program, child protective services, and childhood obesity. JUF/JF works to combat child and domestic violence and elder abuse.

Strengthening Jewish education and engagement



JUF/JF supports formal and informal Jewish education at a variety of venues including: Jewish day schools and early childhood education programs, the incorporation of Hebrew language classes in public schools, and the vibrant role of Hillel and other college programs on campus.

Safeguarding the Jewish community from terrorism



JUF/JF supports efforts to increase preparedness and mitigate risks to the Jewish community that have risen since 9/11. JUF/JF supports the Department of Homeland Security’s Nonprofit Security Grant Program which has provided 43 Jewish agency sites in Cook County which have, over the past five grant cycles, received 75 awards totaling \$5.9 million to purchase and install equipment to deter potential attackers and harden their physical sites.

Maximizing Incentives for Charitable Giving and Supporting the Work of Nonprofits



JUF/JF supports efforts to protecting the charitable contribution deduction and supports expansion of a permanent IRA Charitable Rollover. JUF/JF has raised \$7.5M from 684 gifts from the rollover since 2006. JUF/JF opposes restrictions on the definition of what constitutes a charity, burdensome new tax requirements, anti-lobbying restrictions on nonprofits, and impediments to nonprofit governance, operations and fundraising, particularly those relating to Donor Advised Funds and Supporting Organizations.

Strengthening the US-Israel relationship and the security of Jews Worldwide



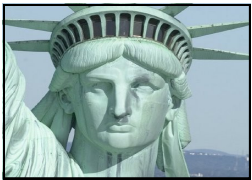
JUF/JF supports strong US-Israel relations, as part of its larger goal of assisting Israel achieve peace and security, combats assaults on Israel’s legitimacy, advocates for the rights and security of Jews around the world, and works to help prevent Iran from becoming a nuclear power.

Coordinating Rapid and Effective Disaster and Emergency Relief



JUF/JF supports efforts to maintain an extensive network of service providers who can quickly mobilize, coordinate, and deliver funds, personnel, and counseling to areas affected by disasters. Through our Jewish Community Emergency Resiliency Plan (J-CERT), JUF/JF works with government agencies and community service organizations to ensure disaster relief is appropriately targeted.

Supporting Integration of Immigrants and Refugees



JUF/JF supports efforts to extend Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits to elderly or disabled refugees and asylees, advocate for a more stream lined citizenship and green card process, support efforts to reduce citizenship related fees, and safeguard funding for the office of Refugee Resettlement.

Protecting our Civil Rights and Religious Freedom



In partnership with Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), JUF/JF advocates for hate crimes legislation; religious accommodation in the workplaces, and efforts to protect individual and voluntary prayer in school while protecting students from inappropriate school sponsored prayer sessions, including military academies.

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