The CENTER *for* JEWISH PHILANTHROPY

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR JEWISH PHILANTHROPY

JUF's Center for Jewish Philanthropy is dedicated to making your family's charitable giving simple, effective and meaningful. With extensive resources and expertise to help guide you, we are here to help you and your family explore your personal philanthropic interests and maximize the impact of your charitable dollars.

Through the Center for Jewish Philanthropy, the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Chicago manages the charitable interests of thousands of individuals and their families, each year helping to grant millions of dollars to important work in communities around the world.

We do this through Donor Advised Funds and Family Supporting Foundations.

- **DONOR ADVISED FUNDS** are easy-to-use charitable giving accounts that allow donors to recommend grants to charities.
- **FAMILY SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS** are independent, nonprofit corporations that allow families to engage in strategic, multi-generational philanthropy. Supporting Foundations enjoy tax and other regulatory benefits not afforded to private foundations. Our staff is available to provide guidance and assistance to each family that establishes a Supporting Foundation with us.

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OUR IMPACT
IN 2025

In 2025, the Center for Jewish Philanthropy managed $1.8 billion in assets and administered 1,084 Donor Advised Funds and 31 Family Supporting Foundations.

Through these funds and foundations, generous individuals and families granted over $145 million to a host of local, national, and global charities serving the Jewish and general communities.

12,562
GRANTS

$145,397,769
DISTRIBUTED

2,750
CHARITIES

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

- **77%** Jewish Charities
- **23%** Secular Charities

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

- **52%** Chicago Area Charities
- **24%** Other U.S. Charities
- **20%** Israeli Charities
- **4%** Other International Charities

FIELDS OF INTEREST

- **52%** Human Services
- **14%** Jewish Education
- **9%** Religious / Houses of Worship
- **6%** Social Action, Policy & Research
- **5%** Medical Research, Hospitals, Clinics
- **5%** Secular Education
- **4%** Community Development & Centers
- **4%** Arts & Culture
- **1%** Environmental

DONORS RESPONDED TO THE MOMENT

In 2025, donors once again demonstrated the strength and compassion of this community—giving swiftly, generously, and with unwavering commitment to helping others. Donors responded to multiple crises, directing critical resources where they could make an immediate difference:

- **$349,000** to Los Angeles in emergency relief following the devastating wildfires, helping communities recover and rebuild
- **$730,000** to Israeli institutions damaged by missile strikes in Israel ensuring critical programs and infrastructure could be restored
- **$975,000** to local food pantries across Chicagoland, as families struggled with rising food insecurity following changes to SNAP benefits

This extraordinary response reflects the unique strength of Donor Advised Funds and Family Supporting Foundations: the ability to act quickly, compassionately, and decisively in moments of urgent need.

JUF/Federation amplifies our collective strength to make the world a better place — for everyone.

Community powered, we consider the totality of local and global Jewish needs and how to address them. From generation to generation, we help people connect to Jewish life and values, fueling a dynamic, enduring community that comes together for good.

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