



JUF BASIC NEEDS REPORT: 2026

Taking care of people, serving the community.

As one of the nation's largest humanitarian organizations, JUF meets the most fundamental needs of the community—feeding people, providing financial support, and protecting the health and well-being of those in need.

We help people keep food on their tables and a roof overhead.

At a time when one in five local Jewish households reports struggling financially, JUF and our partner agencies help people impacted by steep cost-of-living increases, including the most vulnerable members of our community who face loss of access to key safety net programs.

20,000 individuals received **food assistance**, including meals, food bags and packages in 2025.

880 individuals received **help stabilizing housing** and 500 people lived in JUF supported affordable housing.

8,000 individuals received assistance gaining or maintaining **public benefits**.

More than 5,000 households received \$24 million in **financial aid**—a 16 percent increase in households assisted and a 27 percent increase in dollars distributed.

4,400 people—including more than 2,000 children—received **in-kind essentials**, such as school supplies, winter coats and tech devices.



We provide access to life-saving medical care and essential mental health services.

JUF supports the work of fifteen agencies who care for people's physical and mental well-being, including Sinai Chicago, which provides a range of services to patients regardless of their ability to pay.



64,000 people in need received **direct healthcare** including primary medical care, dental, and access to health screenings.

2,000 people participated in programming by the Norton & Elaine Sarnoff Center for Jewish Genetics, and the number of people receiving **carrier screening services** increased by 30 percent.

More than 2,600 people received **prescription medications**.

27,500 people received **mental health services** or education.

4,600 individuals were served to **reduce isolation**.

We promote inclusion, individualism and independence for people with disabilities.

JUF supports our agencies' work in fostering acceptance, understanding and inclusion to ensure that people with disabilities can live vibrant, full, productive lives.

A record **4,600 people with disabilities** received support from JUF agencies, ranging from employment assistance to school and Jewish summer camp—a 20 percent increase and an all-time high.



1,400 family members and caregivers of people with disabilities increased knowledge, skills, and access to resources to support their loved ones.

1,700 children and youth with developmental delays or disabilities were served in school-based settings.

We help people build new lives in a new country.

Through the work of JUF Refugee Resettlement Services and JCFS, we work to fulfill the Jewish value of welcoming the stranger and to carry out our commitment to provide compassion and opportunity to those who seek a better life.

For nearly 50 years, JUF has administered the **State of Illinois' Refugee Support Services Program**, supporting local agencies that carry out the day-to-day work of serving refugees.

8,500 refugees received **ongoing resettlement services**, a 50 percent increase over the prior year.

A record **11,700 immigrants and refugees received support** in 2025, ranging from food and housing to job placement and assistance on the path to citizenship—a 22 percent increase over last year and an all-time high.



We provide holistic support to sustain Holocaust survivors.

While the overall population declines, CJE SeniorLife is helping survivors navigate this stage of life as their needs continue to grow.



1,700 Holocaust survivors received a range of **supportive services**, from wellness programs to case management and opportunities for socializing.

Financial aid to survivors totaled \$17.3 million, an increase of 11 percent over last year.

We provided more than \$1.2 million in **food support**.

We help people help themselves.

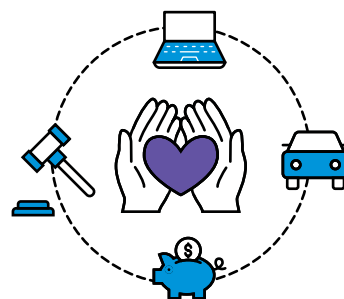
JUF empowers people to enhance their confidence, self-reliance and improve their quality of life.

4,000 people received **employment services** in 2025.

1,600 seniors and others in need were offered **transportation assistance** to access healthcare, jobs and more.

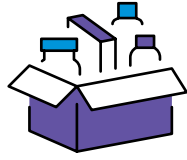
670 individuals attained **financial literacy skills** through counseling and education services.

A record 1,161 people benefited from **free legal assistance**.



JUF. Bringing people together. **For Good.**

JUF's impact by the numbers



Fed

20,000

local people in need.



Helped

64,000

patients access medical care.



Supported

4,600

people with disabilities.



Sustained

1,700

Holocaust survivors.



Assisted

5,000

households through financial aid programs.



Provided

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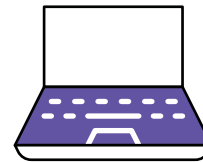
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Empowered

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workers and job-seekers through employment services.



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