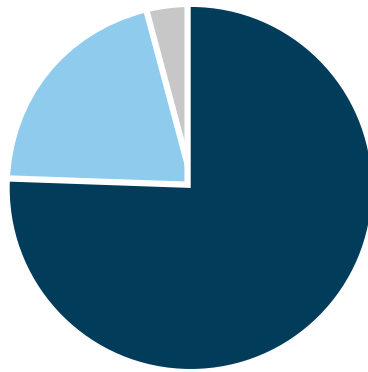


MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Your support of the joint Jewish Federation of Greater Houston (JFGH) and Houston Jewish Community Foundation (HJCF) COVID-19 Emergency Appeal is making a difference. We thank you for your commitment to our Houston Jewish community. This report provides you with an update on fundraising, priorities, impact, and additional support provided to our community.

\$2.92 Million
Raised
447 Donors



- Community Support | \$2,193,626
- HJCF Donor Advised Funds and Grants | \$622,000
- Jewish Family Service | \$111,017



An additional \$750,000 in HJCF donor advised fund/ designated funds provided grants for COVID-19 support to local, national, and international organizations.



PRIORITIES IN ACTION

As this situation has developed, our decisions have been informed by the following priorities:

- 1 **Partner with Jewish Family Service (JFS) to put “people first”** and provide immediate emergency resources and services. This includes case management and financial assistance, employment services, and mental health services.
- 2 **Utilize partnerships and resources** to provide trainings, leverage additional funding opportunities (state, federal, and national foundations), and advocate for our local Jewish institutions.
- 3 **Collect data from local Jewish institutions** so we can evaluate, provide support, and continue to make decisions on additional needs in the community as this crisis continues to evolve.

NEEDS AT A GLANCE*

- **1,495** Jewish households have received COVID assistance through Jewish Family Service.
- Since March, JFS had distributed more than **\$682,000** to assist Jewish families.
- **536** families are receiving case management services.
- **330** households previously impacted by Harvey are now receiving COVID emergency assistance.
- **50** clients are on a waitlist for JFS mental health services.
- JFS employment services requests have increased by **28%** year over year.

**through 7/31/2020*



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT OUTSIDE OF DIRECT FUNDING

In addition to financial support, our work can be seen in the services we provide and the connections we make to outside funding sources for our Houston Jewish institutions. The items below reflect some important accomplishments in these areas.

- Our seven **Day Schools** were allocated a total of \$473,650 in CARES funding which will be used towards needs resulting from COVID-19. The Federation is the Jewish Schools Consortium Leader responsible for working with HISD on training the Day Schools on how they can receive the services based on their individual allocations.
- The Federation was instrumental in working with Prizmah: The Center for Jewish Day School, which enabled Robert M. Beren Academy to receive a **\$100,000 grant for scholarship assistance** from the Paul E. Singer Foundation and an additional **\$50,000 grant for Emergency Funding for Tuition Assistance** for Torah Day School.
- The Federation helped secure close to **37,000 pieces of free Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)** including reusable and disposable masks, gloves, thermometers, hand sanitizer, and face shields for six day schools.
- The **Federation's Jewish Response & Action Network (JSPAN)** has been a key source of information and resources for Jewish institutions through the pandemic, including:
 - Distributing **weekly and bi-weekly emails** sent to 144 local Jewish leaders at 64 institutions throughout the Greater Houston area (including The Woodlands, Clear Lake, Humble, Houston, and Bellaire).
 - Facilitating a **bulk PPE buy**, which secured 24,000 masks for 20 Jewish institutions.
 - Assisting five organizations in completing **Payroll Protection Program (PPP)** applications and connected them with volunteer advisory resources to help with this process.
 - Connecting Jewish organizations with experts through five **trainings related to the pandemic** as well as general operations (Preparing for the Pandemic; Preparing to Open Doors; Securing Our Jewish Institutions; Hurricane Season 2020; Active Threat) which were attended by more than 275 people; two more trainings are planned for July and August (Back to School; Zoombombing).
 - Creating the **#MaskUpHou Social Media Video** – "Do a Mitzvah. Wear a Mask." The video has been viewed more than 5,000 times and shared 72 times on Facebook and was featured on the Greater Houston Partnership/Interfaith Ministries' Faith Leaders call.

TESTIMONIALS

Through its support of partner organizations, we have strengthened our community during this difficult time.

[Watch the great appreciation here.](#)

"The support of the Foundation and the Federation helps us to meet the needs of Jewish families that are struggling here in Houston by providing them with case management, financial assistance, mental health services, employment services, and other necessary resources."

– Linda Burger, JFS



"Because of the Jewish Federation, leaders from Jewish organizations across the city are able to plan and strategize together."

– Dr. Michelle Barton,
The Shlenker School



"Because of the Federation, Kehillah High was able to continue to provide quality, meaningful programming for students in grades 8 through 12."

– Bailey Maieron,
Kehillah High Student



"This crisis has further concretized the critical role that the Federation and the Foundation play for us at Yeshiva Torat Emet and the entire Jewish community."

– Rabbi Yerachmiel Garfield, Ed.D
Yeshiva Torat Emet