

WE SUPPORT THOSE WHO WALK A FINE LINE.

Too many families in our community live too close to the poverty line. Sudden unemployment, a sick child, a death in the family or other such trauma can have immediate and serious repercussions.

In 2007, JFSA provided emergency financial assistance, food, shelter, medical care, counselling and legal services to 400 of the "working poor" families in the Lower Mainland. In addition, our emergency safe house — for women and their children threatened by violence — was in continuous use.

WE ARE THE FRONTLINE.

JFSA is the frontline Jewish social service agency for the Lower Mainland. We are here to provide for our community's neediest — people with few options and nowhere else to turn.

While the agency does receive funding from the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, the fact is that nearly 70% of our operating expenses must come from loyal friends.

Caring friends willing to ensure that no Jew in our community lives below the poverty line.

Fearless friends who refuse to sit on the sidelines.

True friends who give through understanding and an open heart — who are willing to fight the line with us.

WE FIGHT THIS LINE EVERYDAY.



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WE BATTLE THE POVERTY LINE.

Every day, JFSA provides emergency and short-term assistance — food, shelter and medical care — for individuals and families in need in our community.

In 2007, this translated to more than \$450,000 in financial, emergency, medical and dental support as well as 1800 hours of counselling to children, their families plus individuals overcome by poverty, illness and other crises.

WE ACT AS A LIFELINE.

Too many Jewish seniors in our community live below the poverty line. JFSA — as the major outreach agency in the Lower Mainland — provides desperately needed services for them, including home support, housing relocation and assistance, case management and Holocaust survivor services.

This year alone, seniors clients received 4000 meals via Kosher Meals on Wheels, lunch clubs and community kitchens.

WE ATTACK THE UNEMPLOYMENT LINE.

When people in our community find themselves unemployed, they know they can turn to JFSA. We help these individuals, including immigrants, gain jobs through one-on-one employment counselling and workshops, as well as through job placement, marketing tools, referrals and skills assessment.

Last year, more than 150 clients found employment through the agency in fields ranging from construction to high tech.

