

# 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.*

