

JFSA BY THE NUMBERS

- **225** JFSA housing clients received support
- **360** Food Bank clients received monthly assistance
- **110** JFSA clients received regular medical help and care
- **1100** client cases were managed by Basic Resources staff
- **260** clients received monthly financial assistance
- **200** JFSA clients were given food and financial aid during Passover
- **400** newcomers and recent immigrants received Resettlement and Integration services
- **150** clients were assisted with job search and employment services
- **6000** hours of home support service were provided by the JFSA Seniors Department
- **3200** hours of support and counselling were provided to youth at risk, individuals, couples and families
- **300** hours of counselling were provided in Richmond, BC

This is only part of the story.

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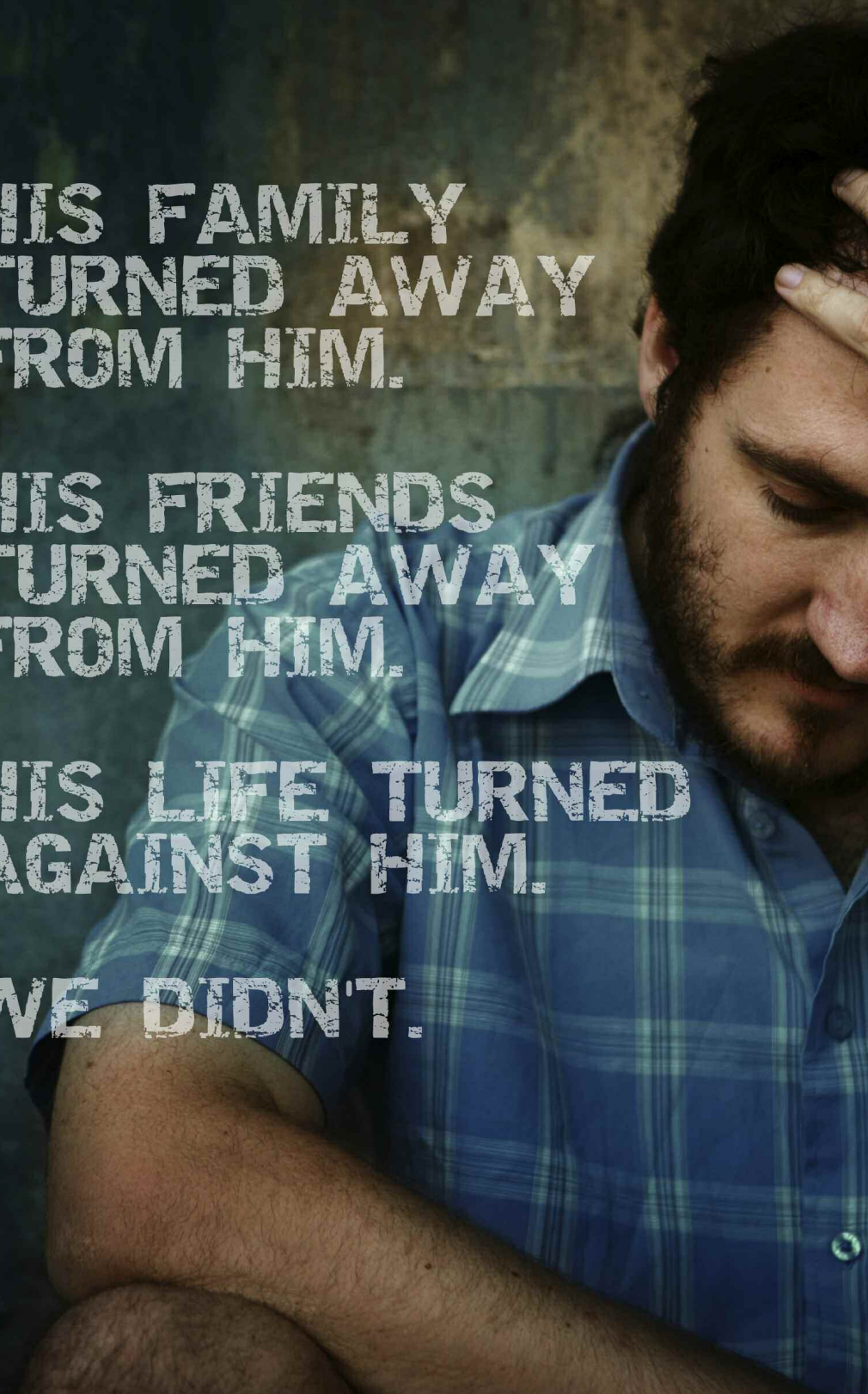
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**HIS FAMILY
TURNED AWAY
FROM HIM.**

**HIS FRIENDS
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**HIS LIFE TURNED
AGAINST HIM.**

WE DIDN'T.



MOVING to a new country and starting again is never easy.



Most people desperately need the support of family or friends. Doron had none of these. Since leaving Israel three years ago, at his wife's request to be with her family, his life changed rapidly. For the worse. Soon after their immigration, while still trying to 'fit in', learn the language and settle down, Doron's marriage fell apart. An ugly and costly custody battle ensued.

Following this emotionally turbulent time, the house he was living in burned down and he lost all of his belongings. There was a point where Doron felt he could not continue – and his happy and carefree life in Israel felt far away – on the "other side of the world." By this point the fear, loneliness and desperation had reached the point where he knew he had to let go of his pride and ask for help.

"JFSA WAS MY LIFE RAFT DURING THESE DIFFICULT FEW YEARS. I WAS ASHAMED TO ASK FOR HELP. I FELT LIKE A FAILURE. BUT THEY MADE ME FEEL LIKE A HUMAN BEING. THEY TREATED ME WITH RESPECT AND THEY HAD FAITH IN MY POTENTIAL THEY UNDERSTOOD WHAT I NEEDED AND THEY GUIDED ME SO THAT I COULD ACHIEVE IT."

"THEY'RE WILLING TO HEAR YOU WHEN YOU'RE STRUGGLING WITH NOWHERE TO GO", HE SAYS.

"I LOST MY DIGNITY. THEY GAVE IT BACK TO ME. WITHOUT HAVING THEM ON MY SIDE, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT MAY HAVE BECOME OF ME."

With no-one else to turn to, and nowhere else to go, Doron turned to the only place that was there for him from the start. The JFSA Resettlement and Employment Services Department. He is currently working two jobs to help make ends meet, but he has survived. And he knows that he will only grow stronger from here.

JFSA helped Doron navigate his way through his new life, providing him with legal advice in his custody dispute, helping him find a second job to pay for the extra expenses and educating him on the ins-and-outs of his newly adopted country. They spoke his language and understood his challenge.

Asking for help is the hardest thing for anyone to do. **We understand this.**

