

Living your philanthropic values through a Donor Advised Fund

We do much of our charitable giving through a Donor Advised Fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Mercer. We are able to direct grants of any value to any non-profit at any time. And by having a fund at JCFGM, we help to preserve our Jewish community, right here in Mercer County. — Miki and Randy Krakauer

A Donor Advised Fund (DAF) is a philanthropic account where you set aside money for charitable contributions. A DAF represents a flexible alternative to creating your own private foundation and to handling your own direct giving. Once established, you (or anyone you designate) can recommend grants to any Jewish or secular charitable organization of your choice.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES?

- **EASE** ... Use our online access to easily recommend grants. There's no check writing or mailing.
- **TAX SAVINGS** ... With each deposit into your fund, you may receive an immediate charitable tax deduction. Gifts of appreciated stock may also avoid capital gains tax.
- **LONGEVITY** ... The assets in your fund continue to grow, to be used for future grants and to engage children and grandchildren in philanthropy.
- **TRANSPARENCY** ... Our Foundation processes your grants, provides statements for tax reporting, and maintains online records.

Learn more about how we can benefit you and your family while also sustaining Jewish life in our region. Visit foundationjewish.org/funds or call 609-524-9914.

How do we move forward in times of uncertainty?

The pandemic has impacted every facet of our lives — from work and schooling, to mental health, to caring for aging loved ones, to financial security. Now, as our world reopens, there is a new wave of challenges, whether it is lingering or new anxieties about how to personally reenter spaces, continued isolation and fear for seniors who continue to stay at home, and ongoing financial challenges as some furloughs turn into unemployment.

Before, during, and after these uncertain times, Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Mercer County (JFCS) is here for the Mercer community.

For those who need support to cope with the emotional and psychological challenges, our counseling team is here for

all with drop-in phone hours and webinars. For our seniors struggling with isolation, fear of going to the store, and questions about available resources, our team of geriatric care managers steps in to provide care and connect seniors to volunteers who help deliver meals, shop for groceries, or make friendly check-in calls. For individuals and families in a difficult financial position, our on-site food pantry and Mobile Food Pantry are stocked with shelf staples, meat, and produce to anyone who needs.

If you need a helping hand to move forward, or if you are in a position to make a donation so that those who are struggling have a light of hope, contact JFCS by visiting jfcsonline.org or calling 609-987-8100.

How will you assure Jewish tomorrows?

Have you been a member of a congregation, celebrated simchas with friends, and received support during difficult times? Have you volunteered at an agency, camp, or synagogue? Have you observed firsthand how our local Jewish organizations have helped those in need, cared for the elderly, taught Jewish values to our children, and provided connection and community? If you want to sustain these organizations so the next generation can benefit too, consider making a LIFE & LEGACY Promise.

What is LIFE & LEGACY?

Conceived by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and implemented locally by our Jewish Community Foundation, LIFE & LEGACY is a collaborative effort of synagogues, agencies, and organizations working together to sustain our Jewish institutions through after-lifetime gifts and the growth of endowment funds.

Why make a LIFE & LEGACY Promise?

- By making a Promise, you can
- Perpetuate the Jewish traditions and values you cherish.
 - Preserve the programs and institutions that support Jewish life in our area.
 - Plan for your family's philanthropic interests and enjoy tax advantages.

What organizations are participating in LIFE & LEGACY?

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| Adath Israel Congregation | Jewish Federation |
| Beth El Congregation | Kehilat HaNahar |
| Congregation Beth Chaim | Temple Beth-El |
| Greenwood House | Or Chadash |
| The Jewish Center | Rimon Center |
| JCC and Abrams Camps | Shalom Heritage Center |
| Jewish Community Foundation | |
| Jewish Family & Children's Service | |
| National Museum of American Jewish History | |

To learn more, visit foundationjewish.org/legacy or call 609-524-4374.

SUPPORTING CHARITIES WITH A Donor-Advised Fund

HOW IT WORKS



1 DONATIONS

A donor makes an irrevocable, **tax-deductible donation** to the Jewish Community Foundation.



2 INVESTMENTS

The donation is used to establish a **Donor Advised Fund**, and the assets in the fund will share in the market performance of the Foundation's investment portfolio, including interest and dividends.



3 GRANTS

The donor may **recommend grants** to qualified public charities. All recommendations are honored so long as the recommended donations meet IRS requirements.

