



JFS Volunteers Honored

"A Recipe For Success, Helping the Community Together," this phrase describes the extraordinary work done by the volunteers who were honored on October 14th by Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County (JFS). The wonderful luncheon was catered by Petak Caterers who presented a buffet that was as pleasing to the eye as it was delicious.

The group was welcomed by Phyllis Freed, Volunteer Coordinator for JFS. All of the volunteers were honored. The "New Volunteer of the Year Award/The Rose Wachtel Memorial Award" was presented to Elaine Feuer, CAMEO volunteer. The "Volunteer of the Year/Shirley Segal Award" went to Joyce Silberstein, Monroe office and Holocaust Survivors Program volunteer. Pins were given to volunteers that have also signed on to volunteer for RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program).

Everyone that spoke praised the volunteers and explained that everyone counts, whether they volunteer on a weekly basis or just once a year. "Volunteers add meaning to other people's lives so they can move forward in life as well as bring meaning to the volunteers' lives." David Miner, Kosher Meals on Wheels volunteer driver, sums up the event, "It's exciting just being here because I get a chance to see the other volunteers just like me. All year long I am dedicated on my own track and have very little awareness of what's going on around me. But once a year comes a special day when I can see all the other people involved in this movement, this great organization, and get a chance to meet many JFS leaders. It's very spiritually gratifying and inspiring".

—Myra Presworsky, new volunteer writer for *JFS Happenings*

SAVE THE DATE - *One Enchanted Evening*

Join JFS Sunday, June 5, 2016, 5PM at Temple B'nai Shalom, East Brunswick for *One Enchanted Evening* of Broadway and popular music featuring major Broadway and concert star, William Michals. Hors d'oeuvres and dinner included. Tickets go on sale in January, check the website: www.jfsmiddlesex.org.



The History of the Monroe Laurie Advisory Council

In 1985, the area off Exit 8A of the NJ Turnpike was mostly farms, industries and the Adult Community of Rossmoor. There were some homes and stores. JFS felt there was a need for agency services. In December 1985, JFS opened a Monroe branch office. The main objective, as it always has been, was to offer services to those in need.

The Monroe Laurie Advisory Council of JFS was established one year later in 1986. The Council was named in honor of Blanche and Irving Laurie, generous donors from 1989 to 1994. The Council works hard to address the needs of the community. They work to ensure that JFS has the funds and volunteers needed to bring the community needed services and programs that are vital to enhancing lives. The Council works to raise money through fund raisers, such as the Whitehouse Chefs Dinner and The Dueling Pianos Dinner and Show.

Vickie Solomon, who has sat on the Council and the Board of Trustees since 1996 says, "I am always impressed with the level of commitment these volunteers have." After sitting with Council at a few meetings, as a new member, I can definitely see Ms. Solomon's point. They are a dedicated and truly remarkable group.

— Myra Presworsky

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Did You Know?

January 1 New Year's Day: What are some of the 2016 plans for JFS? Jack Goldberg, President, says "to continue to enhance the lives of our clients, to be able to give those who come to JFS the needed support they seek to become self-sustaining, and to create lasting relationships with our community and donors". JFS has a new website, visit us at www.jfsmiddlesex.org

January 4 Trivia Day: Answers are below.

- 1) Name the five service divisions of JFS.
- 2) Who is the Executive Director of JFS?
- 3) What entertainer will perform in the June 2016 fundraiser, *One Enchanted Evening*?
- 4) What does CAMEO stand for?
- 5) Where are the JFS kosher food pantries located?

January 24 Compliment Day: Kudos to Charles Clarkson, Project Director, Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) of New Jersey. Charles was honored November 1 by the NJ Foundation for Aging for his passion and commitment to speak with seniors and professionals about ways to prevent Medicare fraud and what to do if you suspect it. To schedule a complimentary program for your group, call JFS.

January is National Thank You month: Thank you to all of the volunteers, donors, clients and staff that contribute to the JFS family.

Welcome New JFS Staff

RSVP Volunteer Services Aide: Michelle Beley-Bianco

CAMEO Driver: Deborah Glenn

Clinical Student Interns: Kylie Cleesattel, Courtney DeMaio and Jacqueline Obregon

Answers to Trivia Questions

- 1) Counseling Services, Senior Services, Career Services, Immigration Services, Community Services
- 2) Sara Levine
- 3) William Michals
- 4) CAMEO: Challenging Adult Minds and Energizing Ourselves. CAMEO is the Senior Nutrition Program that meets at the JFS Monroe office and the Highland Park Conservative Temple.
- 5) JFS has kosher food pantries in the Milltown and Monroe offices.

Upcoming Events

Passover Project - March - April 2016, check the website in February.

Computer Class Schedule - Winter class schedule is available on the JFS website on the Women's Center page or call JFS.

JFS Fundraiser: *One Enchanted Evening* - Sunday, June 5 at 5PM at Temple B'nai Shalom, see page 1.

JFS Scores a Hit with *Dueling Pianos*

On November 1, 2015, the walls of Temple B'nai Shalom of East Brunswick rang out with the sound of music, thanks to the supporters of JFS. JFS presented Bill and Jeff Connors and their "Dueling Pianos".

Before we were treated to music, the group gathered over hors d'oeuvres and conversation. Then the wonderful music began. The pianists played a variety of songs and requests from the audience that brought many of the guests up to dance. The buffet dinner was catered by Petak's Glatt Kosher Caterers of Teaneck and the food was delicious.

This wonderful event raised \$31,630 to enable JFS to continue impacting the lives of thousands in New Jersey. Thanks to events like this and the many contributions given, the agency can continue to help members of our community who are in need. -Myra Presworsky

A Look Back 2015: Happenings at JFS



A CAMEO (senior nutrition program) client celebrates a birthday.



JFS Café Europa attendees are entertained at CareOne Assisted Living on December 9, 2015.



Dueling Pianos Fundraiser
November 1, 2015

