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Jewish Family & Vocational Service of Middlesex County

JFVS Happenings

Winter 2012

CASINO NIGHT Huge Success

More than 100 people attended the JFVS Casino Night fundraising event held December 11th. Almost \$20,000 was raised to support the JFVS Kosher Food Pantry and other programs of the Agency. Highlights of the evening included Casino Games in which winners received tickets to compete for fabulous prizes, and the announcement of the winner of the 7 Day Celebrity Cruise. A delicious dinner was provided and a great time was had by all.

The Kosher Food Pantry is always in need of non-expired, non-perishable food items, plus diapers and formula. To donate, please contact JFVS.

Volunteer Appreciation Well Received

This year's Volunteer Appreciation, held on October 25th at Congregation B'nai Tikvah, was attended by more than 100 volunteers. Volunteers were treated to music, delicious food by Classical Caterers, and a D'var Torah by JFVS President, Murray Katz. Jewish Federation's President, Arlene Frumkin, spoke about the ongoing importance of volunteers to both organizations. Bridget Kennedy, Director of Social Work Services for Middlesex County, noted the importance of the work of JFVS and applauded volunteer efforts that make it possible for JFVS to serve the community.

While it is always a difficult decision to make, several volunteers were honored for their ongoing work for the Agency. The Distinguished Achievement Award went to Jane Sculler (Kosher Meals on Wheels, Breakfast Club, Monroe Council). The New Volunteer of The Year Rose Wachtel Memorial Award went to Kathy Naymola (Women's Center), and the Volunteer of The Year Shirley Segal Award went to Ed Campell (Senior Medicare Patrol). A huge thank you goes to all volunteers for their important role in the Agency. Thank you, thank you.

JFVS Women's Center Teams Up With AutoZone to Provide Car Care Clinic

The Women's Center at JFVS, in collaboration with AutoZone, held a Car Care Clinic at the North Brunswick store to launch October's Car Care Awareness Month. Procedures to check oil; transmission, brake and coolant fluids; air filters; tire pressure; wiper blades; and to change a tire were demonstrated.



The Women's Center provides services to women who are separated, divorced, widowed, or have a spouse that is disabled. The programs and services of the Women's Center assist with transition into the workforce by providing job search assistance, resume and cover letter development, interview preparation, basic computer literacy classes, and more. information, please contact JFVS.

CAMEO Celebrates One Year Anniversary

CAMEO (Challenging Adult Minds & Energizing Ourselves) celebrated its One Year Anniversary September 14th at the Highland Park Conservative Temple with a special luncheon and entertainment. CAMEO for adults ages 60+ provides socialization, speakers, entertainers, continental breakfast, and glatt kosher lunch, Monday - Friday, 9:30AM - 1PM. To attend, please contact JFVS 24 hours in advance.



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US Administration on Aging Awards SMP Grant

Good news from JFVS' Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Program! The US Administration on Aging has once again awarded SMP of New Jersey a three year grant covering the period of June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2014. This grant allows JFVS to continue the important work of educating seniors about fraud, waste, and abuse in Medicare and Medicaid. If you think you may be a victim of fraud, waste and abuse, call the JFVS SMP hotline at 877-SMP-4359.

Trained volunteers are a vital component of the program. Interested in helping prevent healthcare fraud, waste, and abuse? To volunteer, please contact JFVS.

JFVS Staff Changes

JFVS welcomes the following employees and student interns:

Elyse Carpenter- Employment Specialist, Joel Gensler Career Center

Mirta Smolar - Case Manager, Immigrant & Refugee Services. Mirta replaces *Galina Malinsky*, who retired in December after many years of service to JFVS Immigrant & Refugee Services.

Katie Tracy - Clinical Student Intern, Senior Services Department

Jacob Winkler - Clinical Student Intern, Senior Services Department

A warm welcome back to:

Judith Steinhardt-Zuckerman - Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Personal Growth & Family Counseling Center

The Passover/ Feinsein Challenge Begins..

Once again, JFVS is taking on the Feinstein Foundation's challenge to alleviate hunger in our community. During February and March, JFVS will coordinate a special Passover Appeal. Every dollar raised and the food collected will go to the people who need it most, and the Feinstein Foundation will provide matching funds which increases the number of people to receive food. Last year, JFVS was able to distribute Passover food baskets to 784 individuals throughout Middlesex County. Letters will be mailed mid February requesting help in one or all of the following areas:



- Monetary donation
- Food donation
- Packing and distributing food packages

If you do not receive a letter by the first week of March and would like to participate in this mitzvah, please contact JFVS.

New Veteran Employment Services Offered

The Joel Gensler Career Center was awarded funding from the Kessler Foundation's Community Employment Grant Program. The program, **Veteran Employment Services**, provides job seeking assistance to military veterans with traumatic brain injury. Available services include assistance with job search, resume and cover letter development, career exploration, social media networking, interview preparation, and computer literacy classes. To learn more, please contact JFVS.

Upcoming Events

Citizenship Preparation Classes—JFVS provides classes at Stelton Community Center in Plainfield, North Plainfield Public Library, Anshe Emeth Temple in New Brunswick, Jewish Renaissance Foundation in Perth Amboy, and Long Branch Public Library. Preregistration required, please call JFVS.

Senior Chai Coffee House - Tuesday, February 21, 1:30 - 3PM, \$5 per person includes dessert and entertainment, at Congregation Beit Shalom. Dreamgirl Dee Best entertains. Preregistration required by Feb. 14, please call JFVS.

Winter Computer Classes - JFVS offers a variety of computer classes at JFVS Milltown office. Preregistration required. For the complete list, see the JFVS website; www.jfvs.org or please call the office.

Wills, Powers of Attorney & Advanced Directives - Tuesday, February 21, 12:30PM at *The East Brunswick Public Library*. FREE, Preregistration required, please call JFVS.



East Brunswick Community Day - Sunday, March 4, 11AM - 4PM at the East Brunswick Square Mall. Come out and visit JFVS staff.

The Art & Science of Advancing Your Career - Wednesday, March 7, 10:30AM - 12:30PM at JFVS Milltown office. FREE, Preregistration required, please call JFVS.

Apprenticeship: Getting Paid While You Learn - Thursday, April 12, 1 - 3PM at JFVS Milltown office. Discover how to begin an apprenticeship in a variety of careers. FREE, preregistration required, please call JFVS.