

Acts of Chesed

People seeking help from Jewish Family Service come to us for a variety of reasons: they need help paying the rent, they need food to feed their family, they need counseling to help relieve their symptoms of anxiety and depression. The list goes on. Other times, people come to JFS because the courts have determined their needs are so significant that they need a guardian appointed, as in the case with Sam*:

Sam was born with severe physical disabilities, which require total care to complete his activities of daily living. Growing up, he lived with his parents and went to school regularly, where he received special education support through his 22nd birthday when he was no longer eligible for services. After his high school graduation, Sam did not have the safety net that the school provided. His parents were not equipped to manage his care due to their own substance use and mental health challenges. Sam began wasting away; he was severely neglected, malnourished and near death when Adult Protective Services was alerted to his condition. His condition was so bad, in fact, that everyone involved with his care was astounded that he was still alive. He was covered in feces, maggots, and with wounds so infected, and his malnutrition so severe, that it was a miracle he was still alive. Sam's parents were jailed on criminal charges (and subsequently sent to prison), and JFS was appointed guardian and conservator.



SAM BEFORE



SAM AFTER



SAM'S FIRST MILKSHAKE

The JFS case manager closely monitored his care while in the hospital and maintained frequent contact. Sam required multiple interventions by JFS: medical decisions, placement issues, safety concerns, and application for benefits and entitlements. Sam slowly started to recover and, after months in the hospital, was able to move into a group home situation after he was sufficiently healed. Since then, he has gained weight, is healthy, and enjoys the company of his housemates and socialization at his day program. A JFS counselor worked with Sam helping him deal with the trauma that he endured and the criminal charges against his parents.

Today, Sam is a thriving young adult, engaged in community activities and with friends. Sam has a new life and he knows that JFS is there for him, and always will be.

*Pseudonym

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To provide a full spectrum of services that promotes quality of life within the philosophy and tradition of Judaism.



This year JFS celebrates 75 years of service to the community, 75 years of growth, challenges, and needs, and 75 years of resilience. In celebration of this milestone, on March 13th, JFS welcomed motivational speaker Andrew Buerger to the Museum of Contemporary Art in Virginia Beach for a night of community appreciation and inspiration.

Andrew Buerger's story is one of heartbreak, determination, and resilience. Through a series of unfortunate events, he and his family faced immense financial hardship. "I was someone who had once sat on the board of a Jewish Federation in Maryland and now I was having to ask JFS for gift cards to feed my family, and I was a frequent visitor of the food pantry.

I went from being one of the top givers to the Jewish community to now needing anything they could provide so my family could not go hungry," Andrew said as his voice broke.

In a moving conclusion, Andrew called on those in the audience to do all they can while they can because time is precious and unfortunately so are resources. Andrew emphasized what JFS's mantra has always been, "you never know when you'll need help, but you'll always know where to find it."

JFS Annual Meeting

JUNE 30, 2023 . NOON

Location: TBD

**Honoring Outgoing Past President,
Anne Kramer**

**Installation of New Board President,
Scott Flax**

**Presentation of:
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Individual Partner Award**

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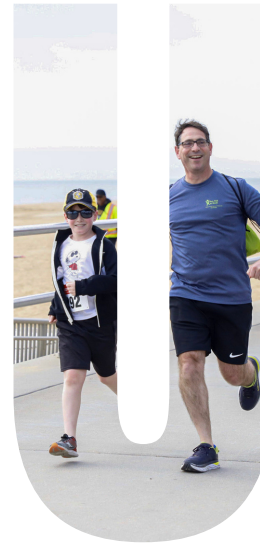
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- Name in invitation, program, and Annual Report

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