

Why I choose to be a Monthly Mitzvah Maker.

Jewish Family and Child Service's monthly donors, *Monthly Mitzvah Makers*, provide the agency with a steady and ongoing stream of income to maintain its current programs and services, while responding to the ever-changing needs of our community. The Monthly Mitzvah Maker program provides donors with an alternative way to make an impactful gift.

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Many donors are drawn to organizations with which they have a personal connection. Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS) holds a special place in my heart. My connection to JF&CS began with my daughter, a long-time employee there. She thrives in her role and often speaks of the organization's warm and welcoming work environment. From my interactions with the staff, it's clear that her dedication and work ethic align perfectly with JF&CS's values.

More recently, my family experienced firsthand the incredible support JF&CS provides. One of my grandchildren was struggling to adjust to a new school. Despite the school's best efforts, he felt isolated and disconnected from his classmates. The challenges stemmed from various aspects of his personal life and finding a resolution seemed difficult. The school contacted JF&CS, and my grandson was admitted to the Jerome D. Diamond Adolescent Centre (JDD). The intensive care and holistic approach offered by the JDD have transformed his life. He is thriving and much happier in his second year of the program. Although he faces a long bus ride to and from school each day, he approaches it with enthusiasm. I've seen him sit by the window, ready and waiting for the bus in the morning, never once complaining. It's a testament to how much he values and enjoys being at the JDD.



The impact of JF&CS extends beyond just my grandson. I've noticed a positive shift in his interactions with his father—he has grown more mature, content, and cooperative. While part of this change may come with age, I am convinced that the staff and programs at the JDD have played a pivotal role in his development.

In the past, I've supported the organization through one-time donations and annual fundraising events as I am grateful for the profound impact JF&CS has had on my family. However, I've found that committing to a monthly donation provides a simple yet deeply rewarding way to contribute to this vital institution. JF&CS is a cornerstone of the Toronto Jewish community, and its work has touched the lives of so many—including my own family. By supporting their efforts, we ensure they can continue offering life-changing services to those in need.

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