

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.

"Can't think of any other more worthy organization than Jewish Family and Child Service."

The words that come to mind to best describe Edna Levitt are strength and resilience. At age 40, Edna was suddenly widowed and alone with her young son. Though she had family and friends in Glasgow, Scotland, she knew she wanted a new beginning for her family.

In 1983, they immigrated to Canada and began the next chapter of their lives. Edna did not know anyone in Toronto, and it was important to her that she and her son would be connected to the Toronto Jewish community. One of the best ways to do so is by volunteering, which is how Edna was first introduced to Jewish Family and Child Service. Edna called JF&CS and began volunteering as a Big Sister. She vividly remembers her Little Sister and all the struggles that the young woman was going through. She also remembers the

ongoing support her Little Sister received from JF&CS, which resonated deeply with Edna.

Never receiving a post-secondary education in Glasgow, Edna also decided to return to school and attend York University as a mature student. Edna completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology at Glendon College the same year she turned 50.

After working at Baycrest, Edna continued her career at other non-profits and then returned to JF&CS as a group facilitator for Family Life Education. In honour of her 60th birthday, Edna asked family and friends to donate to the Edna Levitt Scholarship Fund in lieu of gifts. This fund provides financial assistance to women for post-secondary education so they, too, can realize their



educational dreams as Edna had.

Edna has chosen to donate monthly to her endowment fund so that the fund can continue to grow. By increasing the capital in her fund, Edna can continue to help more women obtain a post-secondary education.

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