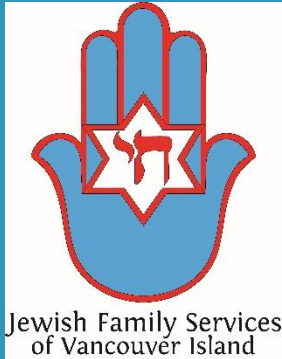


WHAT IS JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES?

Jewish Family Services is a not-for-profit organization that developed across North American Jewish Communities to address the needs of people in the communities in which we live that are in long term or short-term crisis situations.

Each city and geographic area have their own set of criteria and assess where is the greatest need and what resources are available.



“JFSVI IS ABOUT HELPING PEOPLE, ONE KIND ACT AT A TIME”—PRESIDENT, LEAH KINARTHY

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Consider becoming a sponsor or partner, and working with JFSVI to build a better future for everyone. If we have your help, we can in turn help more people in the community.

Contact Us Today:

Phone: 250-704-2744

Email: reachout@jfsvi.ca

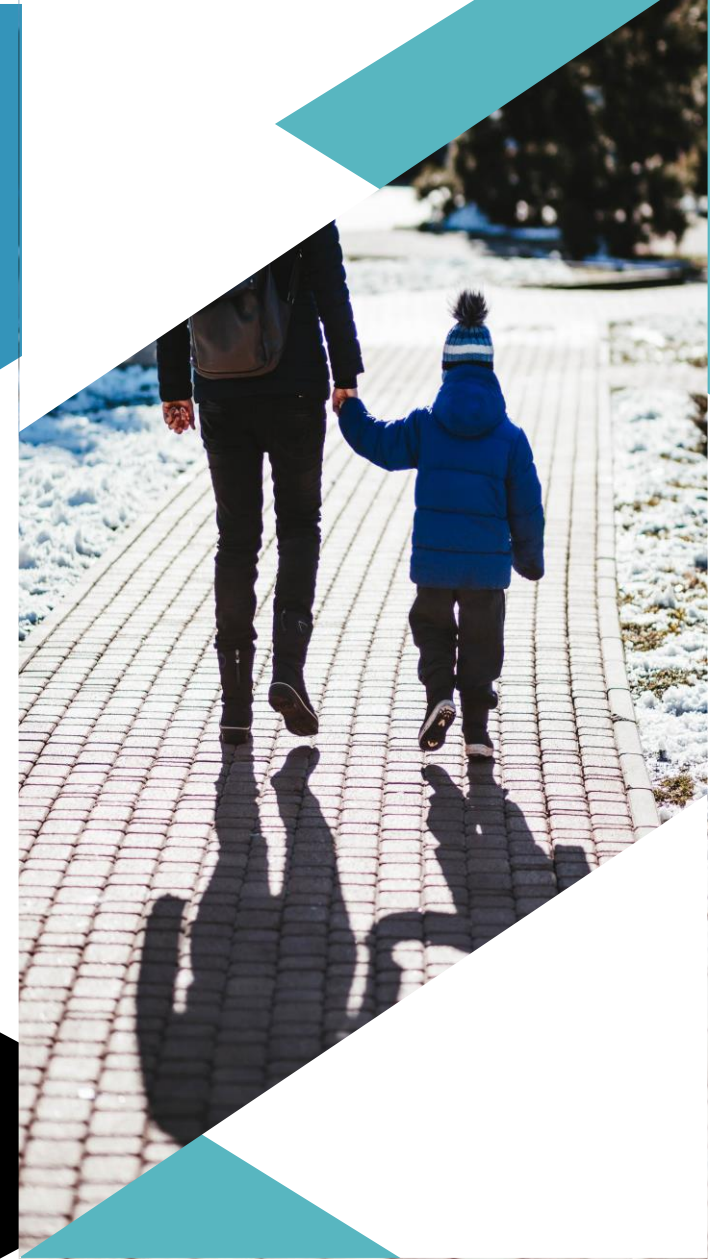


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We currently have 25 members, and keep growing each year.

Become a member, volunteer, or sponsor.



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
HELPING HANDS. CHANGING LIVES.

OUR MISSION

Guided by the wisdom and values of our Jewish tradition, the **Mission** of Jewish Family Services is to provide supportive services that will strengthen families, children and individuals within the context of their unique needs and traditions.

Core Values:

- ❖ **JFSVI** does not discriminate based on race, religion, ethnicity, gender, or disabilities.
- ❖ To fulfill the commandment, “**Tikkun Olam**”, ‘repairing the world’— by helping one person at a time.
- ❖ To follow the **Talmud**, a sacred text, to save one person is equal to saving an entire world.
- ❖ In keeping with Judaism’s highest form of charity, (when the giver and recipient do not know each other), to protect the privacy of those we serve, and to protect the anonymity of individual donors.

OUR LEADERS

We have a **board of directors** who oversee operations and help run social service programs throughout the year. Our board is comprised of volunteers from all walks of life, including teachers, social workers, spiritual leaders, business leaders and others.



OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Jewish Family Services of Vancouver Island currently serves 45- 50 individuals per month that are experiencing hardship. We help our community alleviate the social isolation that often accompanies poverty and crisis situations.

Some ways we do this:

By providing an *Emergency Food Subsidy program* for individuals, seniors and families in crisis.

Five times a year we deliver **holiday gift baskets** to over 60 individuals to help them celebrate the Jewish Holidays. Each basket is prepared and delivered by a dedicated group of volunteers who also spend quality time with the recipients.

We also work with Holocaust survivors that are given compensation money from Germany. **The Cummings program** is administered by a Jewish Family Services volunteer.

JFSVI provides **courtesy tickets** for Jewish cultural events like the Jewish Film Festival of Victoria, Kolot Mayim Community Passover Seder, music concerts and theatre so that money is not a barrier to participating in Jewish community events.

For a complete list of current initiatives visit:
<https://www.jfsvi.ca/programsandservices>

