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Jewish Community Foundation Steps Up to Help

West Hartford, CT – When Jewish Family Services called the Jewish Community Foundation following the October 29th snow storm, the Foundation provided funds critically needed to restock the Kosher Food Pantry.

“A unique partnership with the Foundation makes it possible for Jewish Family Services to continue to meet basic human needs and provide comfort to the most vulnerable residents of our community. The Foundation’s support allows our agency to provide a ‘safety net’ of services. The Jewish Community Foundation stepped forward when our agency most needed additional resources to respond to the dramatic increase in requests for kosher food,” said Anne Danaher, Executive Director of Jewish Family Services.

Over the years, the Foundation has launched a series of initiatives to address gaps in funding and financial challenges faced by Jewish Family Services. The Helping Fund was established in the fall of 2008, as the global economy was in a steep decline, to satisfy the increased need for basic items such as food, heat, rent and prescription medications. Generous donors responded to the call; more than \$140,000 in contributions and grants was received.

In June of 2010, The Helping Fund II was created by the Foundation as an endowment that will spin off income to help care for those in need. Grants from the fund will be available when emergency resources are required.

In today’s economy, nonprofits are being asked to do more and more with less and less financial support. The Foundation offers grants to strengthen agencies’ operations and planning so that they may continue to deliver critical needs. This year, when Jewish Family Services was faced with a cash flow crunch resulting from a delay in payment of outside funding for its Holocaust Survivors Program, the Foundation quickly responded with a short-term emergency loan.

“One of the principal reasons the Jewish Community Foundation was created in 1972 was to serve the Jewish community and its agencies by responding to unforeseen community needs and emergencies. The Helping Fund II is there to assure that basic human needs of our neighbors will not go unmet. Jewish Family Services is our partner in making the world a better place for others,” said Doreen Fundiller-Zweig, President and CEO.

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About the Jewish Community Foundation

As a center for Jewish philanthropy in Greater Hartford, the Jewish Community Foundation works with individuals and families to create meaningful personal legacies and empowers donors to convert generous ideas into deliberate action.