

# 2024 A Year in Review

As we head into 2025, we are filled with gratitude for the support of our donors, funders, volunteers, staff, partners and collaborators. Together we continue to work together to enrich lives and strengthen our communities, exemplifying the power of collaboration to create lasting change.

Our work reflects a commitment to addressing the evolving needs of those around us. We have expanded programs, fostered new collaborations and are deepening connections with the seniors, families, youth, and individuals we serve.

Together, we have provided vital services, and we have strengthened the bonds that hold our community together. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey.

For information on our programs and services, and to keep up to date on what is happening at JFSC, visit our website regularly [www.jfsc.org](http://www.jfsc.org).

**Save the dates for 2025**, more information to come.

**Annual Fundraiser** May 15, 2025  
**AGM** June 23, 2025  
**Golf Tournament** August 14, 2025



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## JANUARY

English classes at the Bertha Gold Jewish Seniors Residence begin winter session with **English Conversational Club** and **English as a Second Language** (ESL) classes.



**Community Mental Health Support Town Hall**, an initiative between Calgary Jewish Federation, JFSC, Paperny Family JCC, and Calgary Jews in Healthcare.

New **Carer Support Needs Assessment Tool Intervention** (CSNAT-I) for family caregivers of *Memory Care* clients, helping identify, express and prioritize areas where they need more support.

## FEBRUARY



**Betting on a Better World**, JFSC's first Fun Money Casino fundraiser.

Our **Seniors Mental Health and Addictions Response Team (SMHART)** becomes part of the **Older Adult Crisis Stabilization Outreach Team Collaborative**, providing supports to older adults experiencing homelessness, mental health & addiction challenges, and complex needs.



## MARCH



JFSC's **Three Year Strategic Plan** finalized. Read it [here](#).

Deputy Minister and Executive Director from **Alberta Government Ministry of Seniors** tour JFSC.



We are included as a participating charity in the **2024 Rogers Birdies for Kids** presented by AltaLink.



**Arts and Music in Health Conference** at Mount Royal Conservatory, sharing how the arts are used to support

persons living with dementia as part of our *Memory Care Program*.



In celebrating **National Caregivers Day**, clients in our *Caregiver Support Programs* chose an affirmation card at group sessions for the month.

## APRIL



**CJA Purim food drive**, students deliver Mac and Cheese for our clients.

## MAY



**Dueling Piano Kings**, JFSC Annual Fundraiser raised critical funds for our programs and services.

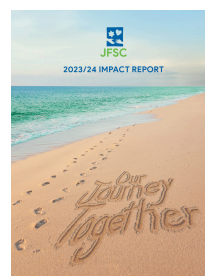
## JUNE



**JFSC volunteers** and their families are treated to a *Day at the Cinema* as a thank you for their dedication and kindness.



Welcoming new **JFSC Board members** and thanking outgoing members at the June AGM.



**Annual Impact Report** released, read *Our Journey Together* [here](#).





## JUNE (cont)

We participated in the **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** at Unison at Kerby Centre, JFSC staff on the Elder Abuse committee that facilitated and organized the event.

## JULY



Our Money Matters team and Family Enrichment staff travelled to **Camp BB for counsellor training** on various topics such as child abuse, spectrum disorders, bullying, gender and diversity, and appropriately reporting to authorities when necessary.

## AUGUST



**9th Annual Martin, Staniloff & Thal Charity Golf Classic** raised funds for our programs and services.

**Save the Date – August 14, 2025 for our 10th annual Tournament!**

See the slide show from this past tournament, August 2024, [here](#).



## SEPTEMBER

**We moved!** We have grown to **111 staff, 96 volunteers and 6 contractors** to help us serve over 1400 individuals, children and families per month. Our new location allows us to expand our programming and improve service delivery.



**Welcome to Jewish Calgary** event, a meet & greet for newcomers from Israel at the JCC.



This year we distributed **125 Rosh Hashanah Holiday packages**.



Colorful new **backpacks filled with school supplies** were provided to **107 children** heading back to school. Thank you to our long-time donor who collaborates with Stephen's Backpacks Society to provide backpacks and school supplies every year, making these children feel special!

Monthly drop-in **Caregiver Discussions Groups** were expanded with new sessions in our offices: all caregivers, spouses/partners caring for spouses/partners, adult children caring for parents.

## SEPTEMBER (cont)



Almost 130 Holocaust Survivors, support staff and family caregivers

enjoyed the **4th Annual Café Europa Luncheon** at the Carriage House Hotel & Conference Centre.



Out and about. We participated in **MRU's Volunteer Fair**, meeting students and promoting volunteer opportunities at JFSC.



New **Tech Safe Program** supports technologically inexperienced seniors with group and one-on-one support with their

devices, to better understand technology, avoid being subject to scams or financial exploitation.

## OCTOBER



We are now a **Home Support Service Provider Under the Alberta Blue Cross Client Directed Home Care Program**.

Services are based on an AHS Home Care Assessment and can include personal care, housekeeping support and respite care.



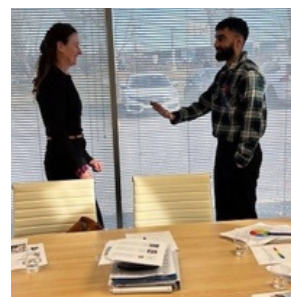
We welcome Lesley Machon, our new **Interfaith Community Chaplain**, providing multifait support, comfort, and compassionate presence in hospitals, hospices, care facilities, and homes.

## NOVEMBER



As a member of the **In Place Social Prescribing Network**, we are pleased to announce a new

*partnership* with Calgary Meals On Wheels, bringing short term meal support to referred older adults, meeting essential nutritional needs as they work with In Place outreach teams for long-term stability.



**JFSC Volunteer Workshop** "Building new relationships and Communication Techniques".



Seven Albertans, including JFSC's Samara, participated in a new **anti-racism/anti-hate video** created by StopHateAB. View the video [here](#).





## NOVEMBER (cont)



It is with gratitude that we announce **Royop Development Corporation's** commitment to select JFSC as their

**Charity of Choice**, providing support and enabling us to expand our reach through *The Wynne Thal Pantry*, providing critical resources that so many individuals and families in our community rely on.



As part of our **collaborations with community and corporations**, we extend a big thank you to JFSC Board member Dan Merson

and his **RBC volunteer crew** for their work in *The Wynne Thal Pantry*!

## DECEMBER



Michele Doctoroff from **Shawl-Om** delivered shawls and cozy blankets for our clients.

These handmade gifts provide warmth and comfort during difficult times and are a reminder that people care about their wellbeing.

Our staff assisted at the **Seniors Chanukah Lunch at the JCC**, a festive occasion providing a platform for seniors to come together, share stories, and relish each other's company. This year, the JCC collected donations at the lunch to go towards *The Wynne Thal Pantry*.



We thank Sergey and Marina Korostensky of Comox Realty Group for their **generous donation of 50 survival kits for**

**clients**. This is in addition to Marina's valuable donation of her time, volunteering in both our Friendly Visitor Program and also helping with deliveries.



Out and about – Lesley, our *Interfaith Chaplain and AHS volunteer*, helped set up the menorah and Chanukah display that was donated to the **Alberta Children's**

**Hospital** by Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta.



We extend a heartfelt thank you to our *donors and supporters* for the **incredible** influx of **gifts and basic necessities**, making the holiday season a special time for clients. To all of you who dedicated so much time, energy and love into making a difference in the lives of *more than 225 children as part of more than 100 families*: Mimi Breitman and her group of donors, CHW Calgary Center, Bow River #1 Masonic Lodges, Concord Lodge #124, Seniors Secret Service, and our individual and anonymous donors.

