

Report of the Nominating Committee

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Continuing through 2005

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Statement of Financial Position February 28, 2003

ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$ 111,346
Accounts receivable	20,817
Prepaid expenses	<u>1,811</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	133,974
Fixed Assets:	
Property and equipment	25,991
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(13,343)</u>
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	<u>12,648</u>
Other Assets	
Investments	<u>405,462</u>
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	405,462
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 552,084</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ <u>640</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	640
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted:	
General	50,000
Board designated	<u>485,598</u>
Total unrestricted	535,598
Temporarily restricted	<u>15,846</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>551,444</u>
TOTAL NET LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 552,084</u>

Board of Directors 2002 — 2003

Stefanie Kohn President
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Staff

Sandra Booth Finance Director	Lauren Meyers Group Work Coordinator
Sara Brandt Office Assistant	Sherry Minkus Administrative Assistant
Nancy Dodge Geriatric Social Worker	Steven H. Morrison Executive Director
Janice Fiksel Resettlement Coordinator	Barbara Spierer Associate Executive Director
Louise Goldstein Volunteer Coordinator/ Senior Adult Program Coordinator	Francie Smith Saposnik Director of Senior Services

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Jewish Social Services



of Providing Help
 Where Help is Needed



**Caring for each other.
We do it every day.
Will you help?**

Every day for the last 25 years, Jewish Social Services of Madison has cared for people in our community who are struggling with difficult challenges.

JSS' quality care is available to all. Our "safety net" of services includes counseling, case work, case management, group work and group programs, protective services and financial management, émigré services, advocacy, emergency financial assistance, information and referral, and a host of specialized senior adult services including: care plans for the frail elderly, help in locating assistance for independent living, help in bridging differences between generations, nursing home and residential facility placement, visitation and holiday programs, *Lechayim* — the largest weekly nutrition program in Dane County, and a whole lot more.

Received a 13% increase in funding from United Way of Dane County.

- During most of the 1990s, JSS received very modest or no increases in their allocations from United Way of Dane County. Starting in 1999 and continuing through 2003 United Way has substantially increased its financial support of Jewish Social Services. In those three years, our allocation has increased by nearly \$30,000 or 54%. Nearly 50% of that increase, however, results from donors to United Way who designate all or part of their contribution to JSS. For the most part, we do not know who these donors are. We don't know if we can count on their support year-to-year. 30% of our 2003 allocation from United Way is "donor-designated." If those contributions are not repeated this year, our United Way allocation could drop by at least \$23,000 next year.

Received a \$41,125 refugee services grant from the State of Wisconsin.

- Since 1996, the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development has provided funding to JSS for our refugee and émigré services program. Our first grant totaled \$8,600; this year's grant is \$41,125. While we have welcomed this additional funding, we have been clear that these Federal pass-through funds were likely to dry up. We have just learned that will be the reality. We will be receiving no State funds for refugee and émigré services in 2004. Yet, the needs of our Russian-speaking clients and others whom we serve in this program continue to be critical. We will be turning to you to help us make up this large income loss in 2004.

Served 880 different clients; 811 individuals and 69 agencies in 2002.

- This is an increase of nearly 100 clients served over 2001
- 402 clients received casework services
- 303 clients received short-term counseling
- 147 clients received information and referral services
- 23 clients received case management services
- 38 clients received job counseling
- 87 clients received group work services
- 100 clients received emergency financial grants
- 23 clients received nursing home/assisted-living placement services
- 4 clients received émigré resettlement services
- 134 clients participated in social recreation programs
- 11 clients received financial management services
- 90 clients received "other" services

Our clients reflected a broad cross section of our community.

- 11 clients were aged 18 or younger
- 193 clients were aged 19-40
- 162 clients were aged 41-50
- 173 clients were aged 51-64

- 92 clients were aged 65-74
- 180 clients were over the age of 74
- 35% of our clients had incomes under \$18,000
- Nearly 13% of our clients were African-American, Hispanic or Asian-American
- 21% of our clients were disabled
- 13% of our clients were unemployed
- 11% of our clients worked in the public sector
- 37% of our clients worked in the private sector
- 37% of our clients were retired
- 20% of our clients resided outside of Madison throughout Dane County

Educated our community that mental illness is a medical issue which affects one and affects all.

- JSS convened a group of families who are affected by mental illness. A decision was made that the Jewish community needed to learn that mental illness impacts our community as much as any other community. Rabbis were asked to include this topic in their High Holy Day sermons or messages. A brochure was prepared and distributed at High Holy Day services. The message was simple, yet urgent: "If you, a family member, or other person close to you has a mental illness — you are not alone ... the Madison Jewish community can offer you comfort, connection, information and education.

These and many other JSS achievements are a testament to the hard work of our talented professional staff, the dedication of our Board of Directors led the last two years by Stefanie Kohn, all our volunteers, our benefactors, and the support of our entire community. Jewish Social Services is, indeed, a partnership between them and those whom we serve.

In the long history of the Jewish people, twenty-five years is but an instant. Yet, in that instant, Jewish Social Services of Madison has become a critical component of the social services network in Dane County. Thousands of people have come to rely on

the professional competence, care and commitment of the JSS staff, an achievement which brings justifiable pride and satisfaction of a job well done.

Articles have been written, during our 25th anniversary celebration, by some of those who were involved in the founding of this extraordinary agency. It is doubtful if any of those founders contemplated just how important JSS would become in the lives of those whom we serve. It is not boastful to conclude that lives have improved and have become more meaningful because JSS — for 25 years — has been *providing help where help is needed*.

As we begin our second quarter-century, it is evident that like government, many other non-profit organizations, many businesses and many families, that Jewish Social Services will be facing severe budget challenges next year and, perhaps, for some time into the future.

Our community will be hearing much in the days ahead about our "Fund for the Future." The goal of that effort will be to build a \$1 million Endowment Fund to help us weather the annual vagaries of annual giving and grants. We will be turning to those who care about Jewish Social Services to make that "Fund for the Future" a reality at the earliest possible moment.

It is in this spirit that we close this 25th Annual Report the way we began:

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**—Steven H. Morrison
Executive Director**