

The background features a large, light pink Star of David pattern. Overlaid on this are several large, rounded shapes: a blue one in the top left, a green one in the top right containing a butterfly and hands, a pink one in the bottom left, and a red one with a white dot pattern in the bottom right.

STRENGTH & SUPPORT

Jewish Association for Community Living
2023 & 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Friends,

As I sat down to reflect on the past year, I found this meaningful quote by Amy Leigh Mercree:



"Kindness can transform someone's dark moment with a blaze of light. You'll never know how much your caring matters. Make a difference for another today."

These words resonate deeply with the mission of our organization and the incredible work we have accomplished together.

JCL exists to provide housing for individuals with intellectual disabilities, but what we truly offer goes beyond bricks and mortar. We provide a foundation of kindness, compassion, and unwavering support. It is through the dedication and kindness of our staff and generosity of our supporters that we can transform lives and create a community where everyone feels valued and respected.

As we continue to transition out of COVID – yes, we are still transitioning – our caregivers have demonstrated remarkable resilience and empathy, going above and beyond to ensure that our individuals receive the care and attention they deserve. We still face obstacles filling all our staffing needs. We have increased wages for our staff, but we still can't pay them what they are truly worth given the work they do. We are actively involved in lobbying for more funding, but we are not holding our breath, with no avail.

We have also been working on reenergizing and reinvigorating our board after receiving helpful insight from a consultant this past year. If you are reading this letter and have an interest in getting more involved with JCL, please let me know.

Sadly, we lost two of our residents last year. Their memories serve as an inspiration to the staff and board alike. Yet, this also means we have welcomed two new residents to our Arapahoe family.

We have made significant improvements and renovations to many of our houses including remodeling two bathrooms, improving accessibility in one home, replacing of a driveway, and purchasing a new vehicle.

These advancements would not have been possible without your contributions, and for that, we are immensely grateful.

As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to fostering a culture of kindness and compassion. We will continue to advocate for the rights and well-being of individuals with intellectual disabilities, ensuring that they have access to safe and supportive housing.

In closing, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. Your kindness, caring, and support have transformed dark moments into bright futures. You have made a difference, and your impact will be felt for years to come.

Thank you for being a part of this journey.

With gratitude,

Steven M. Basche
President



**Jewish Association
for Community Living**

Community active... Community strong!

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

— Leo Buscaglia



Maria Stonecipher with her son Scotty.

“Over 20 years ago my son moved into a JCL group home on West Normandy Road. JCL opened new doors for Scotty giving him an increased feeling of importance and independence with so many opportunities to help him learn and grow...a priceless gift. As a donor and a parent, Scotty’s Happiness is my Happiness!” — Maria Stonecipher

IMPACT, COMMUNITY, GRATITUDE



IMPACT - To have a strong effect on someone or something.

This is our purpose, to positively affect the lives of individuals with Intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. We look to serve the whole person and this includes the individual's support system. One of the greatest compliments we are given is that of a family member who shares with us that we not only assisted their loved one but

we offered peace of mind that their adult children and loved ones would be cared for their entire lifetime. A lifetime of care is an awesome responsibility that we are honored to embrace.

Our individuals lead full and active lives, designed by them, at their pace and around their passions. Our job is to listen and assist in creating a roadmap to their dreams, identifying and eradicating obstacles that interfere with those goals. Our men and women

hold jobs, volunteer, swim, dance, horseback ride, participate in music therapy, hold dinner parties, book clubs, vacation, connect with family and friends. They participate all of the things that make their lives joyful and meaningful. Your support enables us to make these goals and dreams reality.

Impact



From left to right: Ronit's son-in-law Colby, Ronit Shoham, son Ben, daughter-in-law Liz, daughter Maya. Bottom row left to right: Ronit's daughter Koreen, holding her son Colin, with grandchildren Aiden, and Harper.

"JCL is an organization with a big heart. The caregivers are nurturing and loving, providing adults with physical and intellectual challenges with warm, professional care. JCL is an organization that is near and dear to my heart, as it supports a fragile and often overlooked group in our society."

— Ronit Shoham,
JCL Board Member

JCL's Journey & Your Support

There are times when the gratitude is so limitless words do not seem to relay how deeply we are humbled and thankful.

"The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation for goodness."

— Dalai Lama

The simple fact is that JCL would not exist without you. We could not carry out our work to our standards, or honor the reputation JCL has worked so diligently to earn and maintain, without the support of you, our donors. We are immensely blessed to have committed and generous donors who continue to infuse us with resources to meet and exceed our charge.

There is an immensity in thinking about the amount of people who have a hand

in assisting JCL to live its mission. We are filled with gratitude for the incredible support and commitment of our entire community. Whatever role you have played in JCL's journey; family member, individual, support staff, board member, volunteer, donor or advocate you have been, and will continue to be, instrumental in our success and in continuing to advance our mission forward.

gratitude

JCL's Core Community



At JCL's core is community. The sheer fact that it is in our name ensures our focus on contributing, strengthening and evolving our community. JCL believes community is strongest when it involves the full presence and participation of all its members, including those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The strength of JCL's community lies in the unwavering support and commitment from our dedicated and loyal stakeholders who believe in our mission to provide a lifetime of support empowering persons with intellectual and developmental

disabilities to participate in and contribute to all aspects of community life. This collaborative environment is fostered through the active participation of families, devoted board members, community partners, remarkable and invaluable support staff who unite to create an inclusive and empowering atmosphere. Their combined effort not only enhances the services we provide but also ensures that our mission is deeply rooted in the values of compassion, respect, dignity and in the continued commitment to repairing the world.

community



"Community plays an integral part in the lives of the individuals we served. Going out in the community gives them a sense of independence. They're able to meet people out of their circle, get exposure to new things, and learn to do things they have never done before. The Brookmoor ladies (Mira, Beena, Amy, and Sarah) love to be out in the community.

They participate in a lot of community outings whether it's going to the synagogue to attend events, the hairdresser, walking around the mall, going to the park, casino, museum, dining out, or walking in the community. The list goes on and on. The Brookmoor ladies always look forward to going out into the community. They love interacting with people, especially Mira. It is stimulating and therapeutic being out of their home. They are happier and calmer."

— Jackie Fount-Blake,
JCL Assistant Supervisor



WITH OUR GRATITUDE

July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

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OUR DONORS

Funding from the State of Connecticut provides JCL with approximately 90% of the revenues needed to maintain our operations. However, achieving the highest level of quality would not be possible without the generous support of friends like you. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to our organization during these past two years.

LEGACY GIFTS

Legacy gifts represent a commitment from donors to help secure JCL's ability to carry out our mission for years to come. JCL encourages families and friends to consider including JCL in their estate planning. Contact Gloria Carlson at 860-522-5225 ext. 2235 to learn more about legacy giving.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

At JCL, we appreciate the confidence you show in us. Your support provides us the opportunity to present exceptional programs and supports. The following funds have been created by individuals and families through the Jewish Community Foundation and specifically designated to support JCL's mission. In fiscal year 2023, these funds yielded \$36,219 and in fiscal year 2024 these funds yielded \$43,806; all to be used towards furthering our mission.

*Endowment funds given in 2023 & 2024.

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“The best way to
find yourself is to
lose yourself in the
service of others.”

— Mahatma Gandhi



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DONOR-ADVISED GRANTS

The following grants were gifted by individuals and families, just like you, who support community living for people with developmental disabilities. JCL received these grants, awarded through the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford in fiscal years 2023 & 2024. These funds assisted with costs associated with music therapy, Judaic Programs, client assistance, technology upgrades, and general operating costs. In fiscal year 2023, these funds yielded \$20,616 and in fiscal year 2024 these funds yielded \$24,000.

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Funding from the Jewish Community Foundation and the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford supports JCL's Judaic Programming and many other initiatives benefiting people with intellectual/developmental disabilities. We are eternally grateful to our good friends at both of these wonderful organizations. Please support them in their efforts to support us.



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"No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted."

— Aesop



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"It is our choices,
that show what we
truly are, far more
than our abilities."

— J.K. Rowling



Together

CARNIVAL PARTY GALETTE



As we reflect on 2024, one of the highlights was our unforgettable Carnival Party Galette fundraiser. This event was a true testament to the generosity and spirit of our community, and it exceeded all expectations. From the vibrant games, incredible silent auction, the lively entertainment provided by Conor Geary, every detail came together beautifully to create an atmosphere of fun and philanthropy.

This success would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our incredible donors, Board Members and Development Committee Members. Your contributions, whether through time, sponsorships, donations, or corporate and table sponsors, helped make this event a resounding success. Thanks to you, we were able to raise funds that will go directly toward supporting our guys.

On behalf of our entire team and our guys, we extend our deepest gratitude to all those who participated, donated, and supported the Carnival Party Galette fundraiser. Your generosity is the cornerstone of our success, and we look forward to continuing our work together in the coming year.

Thank you to the following individuals who helped make our Carnival Party Galette fundraiser a true celebration of community and impact!





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Thank you to the following local businesses and individuals who so generously contributed goods and/or services to help make our event a success. Without these in-kind donations, our silent auction would not have been an enormous success!

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Board years 2023 through 2024



JCL is fortunate to be led by an outstanding group of competent and committed lay volunteers. These individuals form the governance body responsible for providing legal, financial, management, and programmatic oversight of activities. Their dedication and passion continues today in the efforts of our Life Directors.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

JCL is entrusted with the responsibility of protecting the public good through our dedication to the JCL mission, appropriate use of public funds and your generous gifts to us, our community of donors. We take these responsibilities very seriously and work to minimize administrative expense without loss of programmatic quality.

The financial figures presented here were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) by the firm Fiondella, Milone, & LaSaracina. Copies of JCL's complete financial statements are available upon request.

REVENUE	2024	2023
Grants and Contracts	\$4,864,549	\$4,385,271
Room and Board	\$361,366	\$369,053
Fee for Service	\$380,829	\$322,688
Contributions	\$284,316	\$388,590
Other Income	\$82,867	(\$13,093)
Change in value of investments	\$1,212	\$921
Total Revenue	\$5,975,139	\$5,453,430

EXPENSES	2024	2023
Community Living Arrangements	\$2,919,027	\$3,198,363
Supported Living Programs	\$1,813,131	\$984,725
Day Programs	\$170,565	\$162,684
Management & General	\$862,315	\$752,827
Fundraising & Other	\$80,745	\$60,262
Total Expenses	\$5,845,783	\$5,158,861



The Year
Ahead



We are Stronger Together

As we look forward to the year ahead, we are excited to continue cultivating and stewarding the valuable relationships we have built with you; our community partners, volunteers, and donors. Your unwavering support has been integral to the success of our mission, and we are committed to deepening these connections in the coming months. By working together, we can further enhance the lives of the individuals we serve, ensuring that they have the resources, care, and opportunities to thrive. We are grateful for the dedication of our partners, volunteers, and donors, and we look forward to another year of collaboration and shared impact.



Judaic Programming

Since 2005, JCL has been dedicated to providing a wide range of enriching Judaic programming for our community. Up until five years ago, prior to the onset of COVID, our Judaic Programming team, was consistently busy planning and hosting various events. We developed strong community connections and partnerships for the

Special Needs community, organizing wonderful programs such as holiday celebrations, Jewish learning opportunities, Shabbat services, and a beautiful Passover Seder each year.

We collaborated with local organizations such as the JCC and numerous synagogues in the area, including Emanuel

Synagogue, Beth El, Beth Israel, Temple Sinai, Beth David, B'nai Tikvoh Sholom, and Beth Hillel. Additionally, we worked with groups like Chai Mitzvah, JTConnect, and occasionally different Hillels. Our team also formed meaningful partnerships with individuals like Nancy Rosen, who leads our Shabbat services and Passover Seders, and storyteller Sara deBeer,

programming

who brings Jewish-themed stories to life at our events. Together, we celebrate holidays and share in Jewish learning focused on values and traditions that are central to everyday life.

However, in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to adapt to new circumstances. With in-person gatherings becoming nearly impossible, we transitioned to hosting events via Zoom, which worked for a while, but we were eager to return to in-person connections. The challenges of the pandemic, combined with changes in administrative staff, caused some of our partnerships to diminish, we found ourselves navigating the path forward independently. Thankfully, JCL's staff has been incredibly supportive, providing hands-on help with our Judaic Programs.



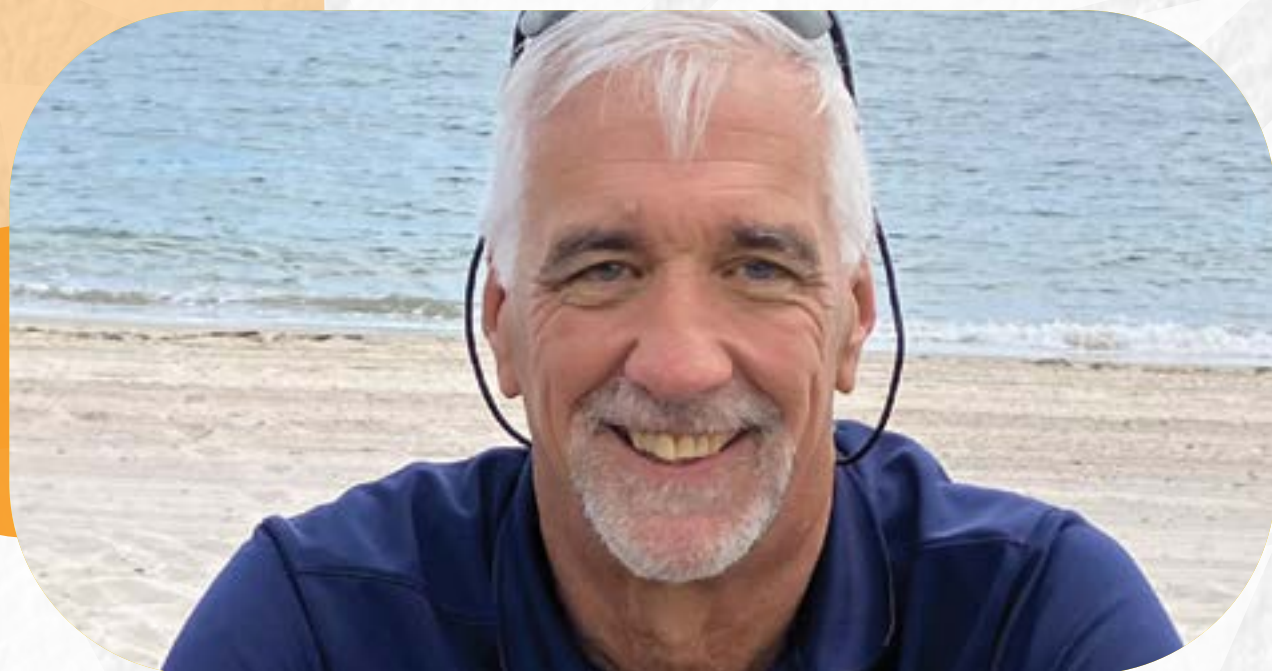
Over the past few years, we are thrilled to have reestablished connections with many of our past collaborators and have shared some of our favorite events once again. In 2024, we introduced Shabbat dinners at our group homes, which have been well received by participants.

Looking ahead, our Judaic Programs calendar for Spring 2025 is full of exciting events and activities. If you are interested in attending, please contact us at beisenberg@jcl-ct.org, and we will add you to our invite list.



"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at."

— Stephen Hawking



In Memoriam

Denis Geary z”l, JCL’s first Executive Director, passed away on December 13, 2023. Denis was and will always be JCL’s patriarch. His 30 years of leadership spurred this agency to what it is today. Our integrity and

reputation in both the Jewish community and Intellectual/Developmental Disability community was curated and nurtured by his guidance, support and example.

It is impossible to describe Denis’s impact on JCL. His personal and professional dedication has positively affected countless families, staff, JCL individuals, professionals and the

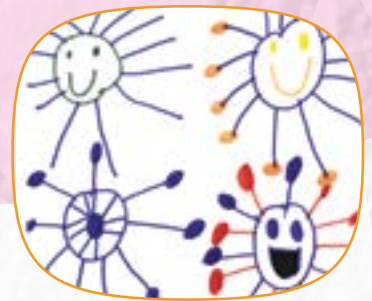
I/DD community as a whole. He changed lives, many lives. He impacted systems and drove positive changes. He lived his life, in the service of others. Many have called Denis a “true mensch”, a person of integrity, honor and good character; how perfectly summarized. He certainly left this world a



Denis

“Our brother Denis’s love for and devotion to JCL had a profound ripple effect on our entire family. From accompanying our Mom to various social events at group homes over the years to proudly supporting family members who work(ed) for JCL, the Geary family has been blessed and enriched by our close ties to and love for the clients and hardworking employees of JCL.”

— Margaret Geary Mortali, Denis’s Sister & JCL Supporter



better place than he found it and that is the definition of legacy.

Denis left us with many gifts, none more meaningful than the connection to his beautiful family. Faith, Conor, Norah and the gaggle of Gearys will always remain in JCL’s heart and at the center of our family.

While our loss is profound and painful, our job remains to

carry his vision, work and legacy forward. We will continue to maintain our commitment to families and individuals in need. We will continue to work towards leaving the world better than we found it.

Thank you Denis, we are honored to carry your commitment and work forward.

“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth.”

— Mohammed Ali

In Memoriam

Elizabeth
1966 - 2024



Elizabeth z”l was a girly girl. She was a shopping diva, loved all things pink, purple, and sparkly. Elizabeth spent much of her time going to monthly dances, watching movies at the theater, traveling, and attending events out and about in West Hartford and surrounding towns. Elizabeth was a bright spot in our days and a fighter – right to the end. We will miss her smiles, giggles, little snores, sassy behavior, and the sounds of Mama Mia.

Keith z”l was an integral part of his family and the JCL family. He moved to the Arapahoe Road group home when he was 30 years old. In his time there (and before his time at JCL), he was a very successful athlete in the Special Olympics so much so that he was inducted posthumously into the Hartford Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. Keith was a wonderful and caring housemate. He loved living at the Arapahoe Road group home and thrived on his independence.



Keith
1963 - 2024



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2022 - 2024





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