

The Philanthropic Report

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From Denis Geary, Executive Director

This issue of our donor newsletter, our first in 2021, reflects the faces and stories of some of our employees and those we serve. I am most impressed by the positive and optimistic attitudes expressed by Glenn, Jackie and Stacy. Combined they have over 60 years of collective experience with JCL. That experience has served them - and our JCL women and men- well during this pandemic. As we approach a full year of a world turned upside down, Glenn, Jackie and Stacy, and all of our employees, have loved and labored every step of the way. Just look at Matt, Jay, Mira, Beena, and Sarah to see the impact they have on our folks.

As donors, we want you to know we appreciate the confidence you show in JCL every time you make a gift. Your gift translates into JCL being better able to maximize our potential as an agency endeavoring to keep our women and men safe, healthy and happy. So thank you for being there for us- yesterday, today and tomorrow.

The faces of JCL

Glenn Baglin, Life Skills Supervisor



JCL: How long have you worked for JCL?

Glenn: 30 years

JCL: What is your favorite thing about JCL?

Glenn: I like being at the same place for so long and getting the opportunity to develop long term friendships with co-workers.

JCL: If you had unlimited funds at your location, what would you do? Home improvements? Programming supplies? Specialized medical equipment?

Glenn: I would have a hot tub put in for Elizabeth.

JCL: What is your most memorable moment of JCL?

Glenn: Going to Florida with residents and seeing a Red Sox game.

JCL: Anything else you would like to share about yourself?

Glenn: I'm married to a beautiful wife and have 2 step sons, David and Andrew along with a black lab spaniel mix named Willow. I like to read, bicycle ride, and root for the Celtics, Patriots and Red Sox.

Jackie Foug-Blake, Assistant Life Skills Supervisor

JCL: How long have you worked for JCL?

Jackie: I have worked for 19 years with JCL. My 20th year will be this July.

JCL: What is your favorite thing about JCL?

JCL cares for its participants as well as their staff. They beat to their own drum. Their principles are far different than a lot of agencies. They are family oriented, always willing to accommodate parents.



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Jackie: I would love to have a sensory room built at Brookmoor for Sarah.

JCL: What is your most memorable moment at JCL?

Jackie: Vacationing with staff and clients are my most memorable moments.

JCL: Anything else you would like to share about yourself?

Jackie: I am a mother of two grown children, a teenager, and also have a granddaughter. My hobbies are going to the movies and exercising. I'm very passionate about nutrition. I am an amicable person and very considerate of others.

Stacy Salmon, Life Skills Supervisor

JCL: How long have you worked for JCL?

Stacy: This is my 14th year at JCL.

JCL: What is your favorite thing about JCL?

Stacy: The sense of family, my staff & the ladies we take care of.



JCL: If you had unlimited funds at your location, what would you do? Home improvements? Programming supplies? Specialized medical equipment?

Stacy: I would most DEFINITELY do home improvements and then specialized medical equipment.

JCL: What is your most memorable moment at JCL?

Stacy: My memorable moments at JCL are every morning when I walk into the group home, I'm greeted by smiles and good mornings! Vacations with the ladies are ALWAYS fun, new & exciting.

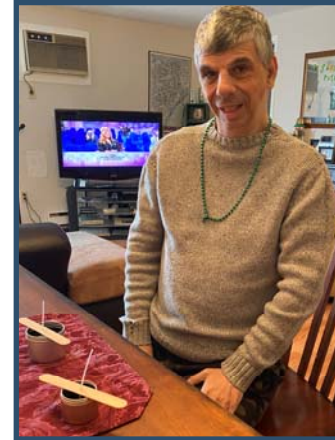
JCL: Anything else you would like to share about yourself?

Stacy: My oldest daughter works in Brookmoor, my hobbies are reading & checking out the latest Netflix series.

Thank you to Glenn, Jackie, and Stacy for sharing your lives with us. We are very fortunate to have you on our team!

The Circle of Gratitude

We recently received donations which have allowed us to purchase activities for our guys. Matt wanted a candle making kit and once he received it, he made candles for some supervisors. Kerry Arru, Coordinator for Programs and Services was happily surprised when she received a beautiful candle.



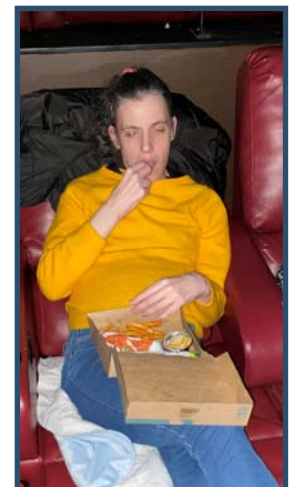
Matt proudly showing his candles.

Brookmoor Movie Night

Thanks to funds from the BlumShapiro Foundation, some of our residents have been able to experience private movie screenings at our local movie theater. They all had a wonderful time!



Mira and Beena (above) and Sarah (right) enjoying snacks before the movie starts.



Cooking with Jay



Jay has found a new passion, cooking! You can find him each week trying out a new recipe with the help of Haydee.

Here he is, before and after with his delicious bread. Thanks to your many donations and support, we are able to ensure that he has all that he needs to continue his cooking journey.



Virtual Judaic Programs

Have you had a chance to check out our Virtual Judaic Programming? Our Judaic Program Department has been in full swing, ensuring that all of us have the chance to celebrate through Zoom calls.

Thanks to JTConnect's support, our recent Purim celebration featured a professional pianist, Richard Olmsted. We all enjoyed hamantaschen and the dramatic story of Purim. In our Tu B'Shevat Zoom, we enjoyed music from violinist Daniel Monyak. Check out our website, www.jcl-ct.org to see clips of the celebrations.

If you would like more information on Virtual Judaic Programs, please contact Bonnie Eisenberg-Greene at beisenberg@jcl-ct.org or Susan Fried at sfried@jcl-ct.org.

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You, our donors are a very important part of our success. Truly, without your support, we would not be able to do all that we do for our residents. Your donations give us the flexibility to do what needs to be done to care for the people whose families have entrusted us with their care. The donors made gifts between November 5, 2020 and February 20, 2021.

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