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PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL AND
RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS
FOR CHICAGOLAND'S CHILDREN
AND, THROUGH BOARD SERVICE,
DEVELOPS THE NEXT GENERATION
OF JEWISH CIVIC LEADERS.



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# A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Jewish Council for Youth Services was founded in 1907 as the Young Men's Jewish Council with the mission to give young, impoverished Jewish boys from the City of Chicago a chance to attend summer camp. Throughout the years—from generation to generation—our programs and services have changed and evolved to meet the demands of our community.

Today, JCYS serves over 8,000 individuals of every race, religion, and socio-economic background through our four early childhood education centers, eight summer day camps, our overnight camp, and multiple specialty programs. In the following pages, you will see that JCYS remains at the forefront of early childhood education and specialized camping programs.

This year also represents our 111th year of training and developing the next generation of Jewish civic leaders through service on our board of directors. Since its founding, JCYS has guided more than 600 young professionals in the art of nonprofit governance. This past fall, the Jim Joseph Foundation selected JCYS as one of 11 recipients throughout the United States and Israel for a generous three-year grant to expand our board leadership program. As part of that expansion, we have launched the JCYS Leadership Circle, a program that unites Board Members and JCYS Board Alumni and supports their journey of lifelong leadership training.

At this year's annual spring gala, JCYS was delighted to honor Past President Phyllis Tabachnick for her many years of dedication to the agency, her incredible generosity, and her exemplary leadership in the Chicago community. Her enthusiasm and passion for the agency is contagious, and we are grateful for all she continues to do for JCYS.

Whether you are a Board Alum, a long-time supporter, or new to the agency, we truly value your generosity to the JCYS community—it is tremendously important to our continued success.

Dan Brenner
JCYS Board President

Barbara Haworth
JCYS Chief Executive Officer

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# **JCYS HISTORY**

FOR OVER A CENTURY, JCYS HAS RESPONDED TO THE VARYING NEEDS AND SHIFTING DEMOGRAPHICS IN THE CHICAGO AREA. OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES HAVE EVOLVED TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE COMMUNITY BUT OUR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO SERVICE AND THOSE WE SERVE HAS REMAINED CONSTANT.



## 1907

JCYS – first known as "Young Men's Associated Jewish Charities" and later as "Young Men's Jewish Council" – was founded. The agency's initial purpose was to engage a group of young male leaders in securing financial support for various Jewish charities and philanthropies.

### 1914

While the leadership experience continued to be a key part of the agency's mission, JCYS sought a new direction – to directly serve the youth of Jewish immigrants who desperately needed social and recreational services. The organization chose to pursue this goal through camping.

### 1940s

JCYS's summer camp near Wooster Lake was renamed upon the passing of Illinois Governor Henry Horner who was Young Men's Jewish Council president in 1915 and integral to the summer camp's beginnings.

Camp Henry Horner continues to be a retreat campers and youth enjoy throughout the year.

## 1970s

Women started to play a larger role in the workforce and JCYS responded by adding preschool programs and parent-child activities. The agency experienced significant growth with the addition of the George W. Lutz Family Center in Highland Park and the Michael R. Lutz Family Center in Lakeview.



## 1984

Continuing the agency's mission of service, Camp Red Leaf was founded to offer programming to children and adults with disabilities.

## 1989

The agency changed its name from "Young Men's Jewish Council" to "Jewish Council for Youth Services" to honor the growing role of women in the organization and better reflect the age group most served through its programs.

## 1990s

The agency took on ownership of the former Elms Swim & Tennis Club in Highland Park, renovated it, and renamed it the Lillian L. Lutz Recreation Center.

The decade closed under the leadership of the agency's first female Board President, Phyllis Tabachnick, who was elected in 1999.

### 20005

Extending the reach of agency services, the Northwest Family Center opened as an early childhood education center, offering infant care for the first time in JCYS history.

More summer camp offerings were added, including NSDC Sports, Jon Vegosen Champ Camp, Big City Day Camp, and Camp STAR – making JCYS Chicagoland's choice for child and youth programming.

### **2010S**

Construction of the new Michael R. Lutz Family Center in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood began in 2015. The new Family Center opened in the fall of 2016.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

As an agency committed to children, our Family Centers not only treat children with respect and love, but also create an educational environment that is challenging, creative, exciting, and fun. All JCYS programs are developmentally and age-appropriate, fostering curiosity and a love of learning in our children. Our early childhood education offerings include Infant or Toddler Care, Half or Full-day Preschool, Kindergarten Enrichment, and Before & After School Programs.

For participants, JCYS Early Childhood Education develops:

A foundation for cognitive functioning;

Behavioral, social, and self-regulatory capacities;

Physical heath; and

School readiness to allow for an easier transition into Kindergarten.

We emphasize intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development through our play-based curriculum. Through learning centers in each classroom, children may freely choose from different learning activities throughout the day, helping to build confidence and develop problem-solving skills.



We are proud to provide educational services to families through four Family Centers:

George W. Lutz Family Center Highland Park, IL

Northwest Family Center Buffalo Grove, IL

Michael R. Lutz Family Center Wicker Park – Chicago, IL

Michael R. Lutz Family Center Lakeview – Chicago, IL

# **SUMMER CAMPS**

Since 1912, JCYS has known that fun, independence, and friendship are what make for a memorable summer camp experience. More than a century later, our rich tradition and expertise in camping inspire our contemporary programs and activities. Whether you are looking for a program that offers swim-time, campfires and cookouts, showcases of spirit and creativity, or urban summer adventures—we offer a multitude of innovative summer programs to satisfy every 21st century camper!



# SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

AS PART OF OUR MISSION TO HELP THOSE IN NEED, WE ARE PROUD TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING THREE SPECIALTY CAMPS.

#### CAMP RED LEAF - INGLESIDE, IL

Camp Red Leaf is the only American Camp Association (ACA) accredited camp serving both children and adults with disabilities in metropolitan Chicago.

Through a highly adaptable setting, Camp Red Leaf fulfills a vital need for safe, reliable, and enriching programming for individuals with developmental and physical disabilities by providing Summer Day & Overnight Camp opportunities, Weekend Respite Care, and 10-day Travel Camp adventures!

### CAMP STAR - HIGHLAND PARK, IL

Camp STAR is an award-winning treatment program for children with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and related difficulties. This unique program allows children to enjoy fun, recreational activities in a day camp setting while receiving therapeutic services focused on following rules and improving behavior, developing social skills and building friendships, and increasing academic aptitude and self-esteem.

# JON VEGOSEN CHAMP CAMP - HIGHLAND PARK, IL

Jon Vegosen Champ Camp allows vulnerable youth to attend a summer day camp that combines tennis and sports instruction with nutrition and healthy lifestyle mentoring—all at the Lillian L. Lutz Recreation Center, JCYS's pool and sports facility in Highland Park.



# JCYS LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

This year, recognizing our excellence in the leadership development field, the Jim Joseph Foundation selected JCYS as one of 11 grant recipients in North America and Israel to create and expand leadership development initiatives for Jewish community leaders. As part of this expansion and investment in the future generations of JCYS Board Members, the agency has unveiled a new leadership training program: the JCYS Leadership Circle.



The JCYS Leadership Circle allows JCYS Board Members to gain hands-on experience as fiduciaries, while receiving quality education and training that will help them become knowledgeable, strong leaders.

Within the JCYS Leadership Circle, Designates and Board Members will:

Create an individualized development plan that will guide them in their leadership journey;

Participate in the JCYS Leadership Boot Camp, a full day of training designed in partnership with Northwestern University's Kellogg Center for Nonprofit Management;

Partner with a Board Alumni Ambassador to learn from the valuable experience they gained while they were on the board.

JCYS Board Alumni will be able to continue their leadership journey through the JCYS Leadership Society. The JCYS Leadership Society will meet four times a year, and members will receive an agency update from senior leadership and current Board Members. Additional opportunities for Board Alumni to get involved in the Leadership Society include leading training sessions, mentoring JCYS Designates, participating in leadership training, and more.

The agency plans to grow the continuous pipeline of Jewish communal leaders through the JCYS Leadership Circle. By investing in the development of JCYS Board Members and Board Alumni, we are investing in the bright future of the agency and empowering our community.

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JCYS OWES MUCH OF ITS SUCCESS TO THE VISION AND DEVOTED SERVICE OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT.



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Figures represent June 1, 2017 - May 31, 2018

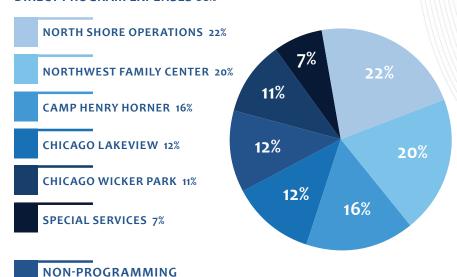
	Participation
Family Centers	1,435
Summer Camps	1,233
Camp Red Leaf	1,231
Retreat and Outdoor Education Center	3,606
Special Events	629
TOTAL	8,134

### DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATING EXPENSES

TOTALING \$11,011,202\*

Fiscal year ending May 31, 2018

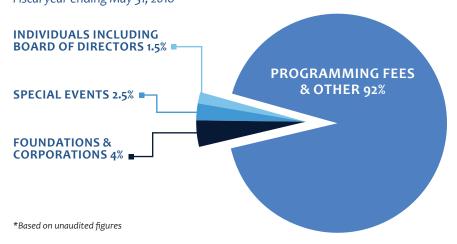
#### **DIRECT PROGRAM EXPENSES 88%**



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