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JEWISH COUNCIL FOR YOUTH SERVICES
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JCYS



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GUIDED BY JEWISH VALUES AND CULTURE, JEWISH COUNCIL FOR YOUTH SERVICES 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 a 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. This year was one such year of change and transformation.

In April 2019, following many months of strategic assessment and study, JCYS sold the Camp Henry Horner site—including the Camp Red Leaf program—to Camp Nageela Midwest, a Jewish camping organization. As we reflect on a century of operation at Camp Henry Horner, we are proud of the positive impact we have had on thousands of lives and we are confident that the site will continue to thrive as a vibrant camp, serving as a second home to Jewish youth for decades to come.

This year also marked our final year of operations at the Michael R. Lutz Family Center in Lakeview. The center had been a fixture in the Lakeview neighborhood since the 1970s, offering a special, nurturing environment for children and their families to grow together. While the sale of the property has been a bittersweet transition for our community, we look forward to moving our beloved Lakeview staff and programming to the JCYS Iris and Steven Podolsky Family Center in Lincoln Square Ravenswood which will open in the fall of 2019.

Over the last year, we launched the JCYS Leadership Circle, the agency's formal leadership training program for our Board of Directors. Since its founding, JCYS has developed the next generation of Jewish leaders through service on our Board of Directors, guiding more than 600 young professionals in the art of nonprofit governance. The JCYS Leadership Circle continues this long-standing tradition by providing Board Members with hands-on experience and quality education through facilitated training sessions, mentorship, and individual learning. The program culminates in the JCYS Leadership Boot Camp, a full day of customized training designed in partnership with Northwestern University's Kellogg Center for Nonprofit Management.

In the following pages, you will see that JCYS continues to expand our tradition of excellence and dedication to the needs of Chicagoland's community through our critical programs and services. Whether you are a Board Alumnus, 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.



Jason Keith
President



Barbara Haworth
Chief Executive Officer

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 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.

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.

2000s

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.

2016

The Michael R. Lutz Family Center opened in Chicago's growing Wicker Park neighborhood, expanding the agency's city operations to two facilities.

2018

Strengthening its tradition of volunteer service and leadership development, the agency launched the JCYS Leadership Circle, a formal leadership training program for the Board of Directors. The JCYS Leadership Circle is generously funded by the Jim Joseph Foundation.

2019

For decades, JCYS has offered inclusive Jewish camp experiences to Chicagoland's children. In a move that honored this tradition of service, the JCYS Board of Directors approved the sale of Camp Henry Horner to Camp Nageela, a Jewish camping organization. The sale included the camp site and the Camp Red Leaf program.

Construction began on the new Iris and Steven Podolsky Family Center, located in the heart of the Lincoln Square and Ravenswood neighborhoods of Chicago. The new center will become home to the agency's beloved staff and programming from the Michael R. Lutz Family Center in Lakeview, which closed in May 2019.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

JCYS Family Centers provide a nurturing, educational environment for our children and a supportive community for our families to learn and grow together. 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- and After-School Programs.

Through our play-based curriculum, JCYS Early Childhood Education develops:

- A foundation for cognitive functioning
- Behavioral, social, and self-regulatory capacities
- Physical health
- School readiness to allow for an easier transition into Kindergarten



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
Chicago, IL

Iris and Steven Podolsky Family Center
Chicago, IL (Opening Fall 2019)

IRIS AND STEVEN PODOLSKY FAMILY CENTER

For more than a century, JCYS has been recognized as a leader in providing innovative programs and services that meet the developmental, recreational, and educational needs of children in our community. Expanding on this tradition of excellence, the agency is proud to open the JCYS Iris and Steven Podolsky Family Center in Fall 2019.

The new center, located at 2112 W. Lawrence Avenue, is in the heart of the Lincoln Square and Ravenswood neighborhoods of Chicago. The agency will fill the gap in Jewish education and programming that currently exists in both neighborhoods, bringing our exceptional program to the up-and-coming area and providing meaningful Jewish and educational experiences for families and their children.

Jean Sellmyer Losek, Director of Chicago Operations, and Debbie Heifitz Porter, Center Director, will lead the staff and operations of the center with their more than 60 years of combined experience in early childhood education. The new center will feature:

- 18,000 square feet and state-of-the-art design

- Seven classrooms dedicated to toddler and preschool programs

- Two indoor playrooms and additional space for community enrichment and family programs

- Vogle Park, a Chicago Park District playground directly adjacent to the building, for outdoor play

- The Past Presidents' Playroom and a sensory path that will allow children to learn and explore through play



SUMMER CAMPS

Since 1912, JCYS has known that fun, independence, and friendship are what make for a memorable summer camp experience. Our camping programs feature the excitement, recreational activities, and traditions campers love, while providing families the flexibility they need. From sports and swim-time, to showcases of creativity and urban summer adventures, our modern summer programs provide fun experiences for every type of camper.



HIGHLAND PARK

Sunflower Day Camp
Counselor-in-Training Program

BUFFALO GROVE

North Suburban Day Camp
Camp 21
Horner Grove Day Camp
Sunflower Day Camp
Counselor-in-Training Program

WICKER PARK

Big City Day Camp
Sunflower Day Camp

LINCOLN SQUARE RAVENSWOOD

Big City Day Camp
Sunflower Day Camp

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

As part of our mission to help those in need, we are proud to offer the following specialty camps.

CAMP STAR – HIGHLAND PARK, IL

Camp STAR is a summer 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 increasing academic aptitude and self-esteem. Camp STAR is the only summer program of its kind in Illinois.

JON VEGOSEN CHAMP CAMP – HIGHLAND PARK, IL

Located at the Lillian L. Lutz Recreation Center, Jon Vegosen Champ Camp provides a traditional summer day camp experience to vulnerable, low-income youth. Through a combination of tennis, swimming, and nutrition classes, campers build the foundation for healthy lifestyle habits. Significant scholarship support is available for participants, ensuring that any child can experience the joys of tennis, fitness, and summer camp.



JCYS LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

This year marked the inaugural year of the JCYS Leadership Circle, the agency's ongoing leadership training program. Throughout 2018-2019, JCYS Board Members and Board Alumni participated in a range of customized trainings and discussions designed to strengthen them as Jewish leaders.



October 3, 2018 – Inaugural JCYS Leadership Society Lunch

JCYS Board Alumni gathered for the inaugural meeting of the JCYS Leadership Society, co-chaired by Past Presidents Rand Diamond, Dan Pollack, and Adam Tarantur. The luncheon featured an agency update and a keynote address about measuring social impact presented by Jason Saul, CEO of Mission Measurement.

October 18, 2018 – JCYS Leadership Circle Kick-Off

Director for Life Jon Vegosen helped us kick off the program at a board meeting. As a seasoned board member of several organizations, Jon delivered a presentation about the value of the Board of Directors, board protocol, and maximizing board member effectiveness.

January 22, 2019 – Past Presidents Council Meeting

Chaired by Dan Brenner, the Past Presidents Council Meeting brought together 20 Past Presidents of the JCYS Board of Directors. They received an operational update and discussed the challenges and opportunities facing the agency today.



January 25, 2019 – JCYS Boot Camp

All JCYS Board Members and Designates participated in the very first JCYS Boot Camp, a full day of customized, interactive training created in partnership with Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. Boot Camp topics included:

- Leading Contagious Change
- Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members
- The Board's Role in Fundraising
- Keys to Successful Board-Staff Relationships

February 28, 2019 – Fundraising Panel of Board Alumni

The Board welcomed Past President Steve Glick, Director for Life Alyssa Knobel, and Past President Jon Levey for a panel discussion on how to be an effective fundraiser for the agency. The discussion was facilitated by Matt Gaines, Vice President of Development.

April 30, 2019 – Understanding Financial Statements

Charles Thomas DeGarmo, Board Treasurer, and Caryn Fields, Assistant Board Treasurer, reviewed the fundamentals of nonprofit budgets and audits with their fellow board members, focusing on how to ask relevant questions to further their understanding of financial statements.



JCYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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



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PROGRAM & FINANCIAL DATA

JCYS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION
Figures represent June 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019

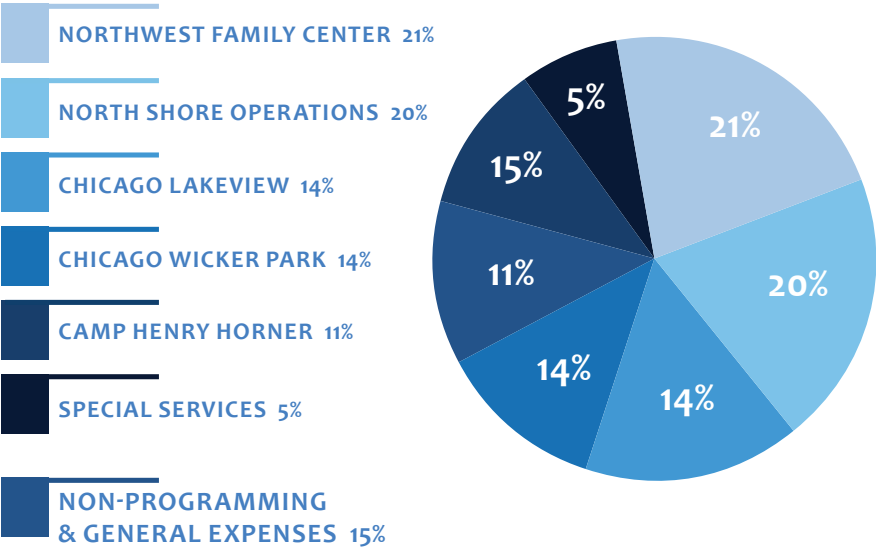
	Participants
Family Centers	1,350
Summer Camps	878
Camp Red Leaf	748
Retreat and Outdoor Education Center	3,588
Special Events	476
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS	7,040

DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATING EXPENSES

TOTALING \$10,747,789*

Fiscal year ending May 31, 2019

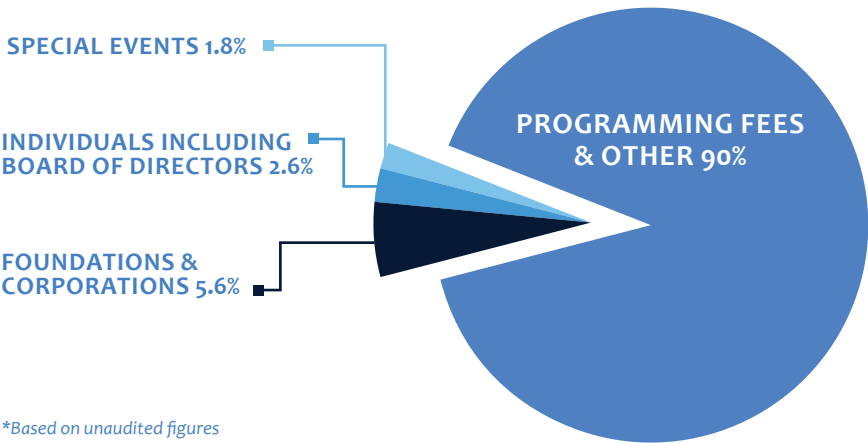
DIRECT PROGRAM EXPENSES 85%



SOURCES OF OPERATING REVENUE

TOTALING \$11,499,651*

Fiscal year ending May 31, 2019



*Based on unaudited figures



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