

Volunteer Voice

JFS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Recipe for Success

2024 JFS Executive Luncheon



JFS News

Join us at the 19th annual Executive Luncheon on May 8. Enjoy lunch, learn more about JFS, and honor this year's annual Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck Community Leadership Award recipient, Temple Emanuel. Guests will listen to a fun, moderated conversation with Martha Stewart, the founder of the first multi-channel lifestyle company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, an entrepreneur, bestselling author of 99 (to date) lifestyle books, and Emmy Award-winning television show host and Corby Kummer, executive director of Food & Society at the Aspen Institute, a senior lecturer at the Tufts Friedman School of Nutrition Science, and a senior editor of The Atlantic!

[Learn More](#)

JFS Volunteer Appreciation

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US GROW

For all you do throughout JFS and our community, we are looking forward to honoring you at our Volunteer Appreciation celebration on Sunday, April 14, 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the JFS Atrium. Enjoy conversations, a short program, and an assortment of tea and delectable sweet and savory treats. If you have not already, please [RSVP](#).

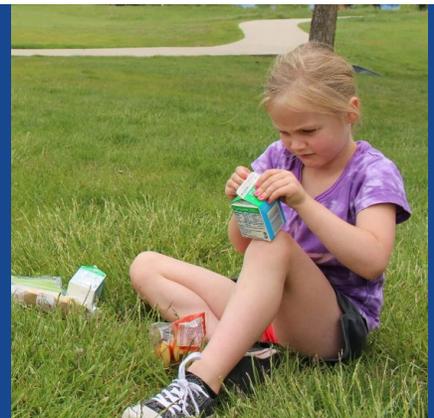


We Want to Hear Your Voice!

With Volunteer Appreciation Week and Month coming up, we would love to hear from you! We would like to share how volunteers support our mission in our newsletters, on social media, and on our website. Share why you volunteer with JFS in a 30 second video [here](#) or 3-5 sentences to volunteer@jewishfamilyservice.org.

Lunchbox Express program update

[Learn more](#)



Thank You to the Next Generation of Volunteers

This past school year, Graland Country Day School sixth graders partnered with JFS and volunteered every Thursday in the Weinberg Food Pantry to sort and stock food.

The 65 students participated in a service-learning year that included learning about food insecurity and poverty from various angles. They integrated the work into all their core subjects (i.e., math, English, science, and history) and art and actively joined in action projects where they did volunteer work. JFS is grateful for the impact that the Graland students made and to share the importance and joy of volunteering with the next generation.

JFS Boulder Highlights



Golden West residents celebrate long-time JFS volunteers

Evie and Mary Ann have been spearheading programs at Golden West Senior Living for more than 18 months. Evie and Mary Ann organize monthly movie nights, choose films with compelling themes, from documentaries to comedies. They have enjoyed getting to know people, watching films, and hearing everyone's input

during discussions. They worked together with staff and residents to create successful events, arranging the community room's chairs, serving snacks, and navigating AV systems.

[Read More](#)



Women of the Boulder JCC Help Bring Passover and Spring Joy to Older Adult Seders

More than 20 members of "Women of the J" gathered at the Boulder JCC on Thursday March 7 for an evening of Mitzvot (good deeds). Participants worked on several projects, including making colorful paper flowers to decorate the tables at Passover seders that JFS is hosting at several local older adult communities. This project, spearhead by Repair the World Service Corps members Sophia Englezos and Eleanor Steele, gave participants a chance to catch up with old friends, make new ones, learn about JJFS, AND discover that they could make something delightful, even after saying they were "not crafty!"

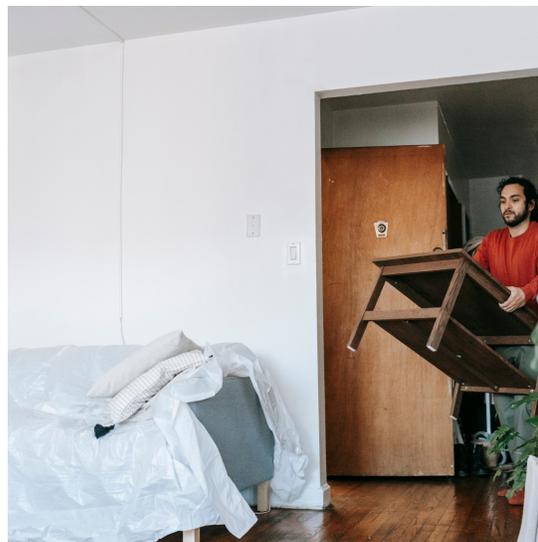
[Boulder Volunteer Needs](#)

Volunteer Program Spotlight

Resettlement On-Call Support

JFS's Yana Vishnitsky Refugee Resettlement Program has more than 100 volunteers helping resettle hundreds of refugees and asylum seekers across Colorado. Volunteers play a critical role in setting up housing, transporting families, locating schools, and acclimating newcomers to U.S. culture.

[Read more about what some of the volunteers have had to say about the important work they do.](#)



Denver Volunteer Needs

Support Teams

Volunteers who work directly with refugee clients typically go to the client's house once a week to provide support and information. For many new refugees, this becomes their first U.S. friendship with someone outside their community. Many of the connections made when we match volunteers with refugees become deep and long-lasting relationships that are equally meaningful to both parties.

Currently, we are seeking pre-formed groups of about 2 to 6 members. This is a terrific opportunity for families!

[Learn more](#) about this opportunity, including assignment details and time commitment.

Contact [Marissa](#) or 720.459.3878 if interested.

[Click Here for Additional Volunteer Needs!](#)

Welcome New Volunteers

Stacey Branch
Fran Cohen
Chrystal Eckman
Ruth Elbaum

Ricki Rosenberg
Rebecca Sandmeyer
Rebecca Sands
Amy Shaw

Reminders/Updates - closures

Please remember to submit your March hours into [VicNet](#) by the April 5th.

Inclement Weather Closure Procedure

JFS's goal is to ensure the safety of staff, volunteers, and clients while giving advance notice of a change in schedule due to inclement weather, whenever possible. If weather conditions could impact volunteers' safety, conditions are closely monitored, and information is gathered from multiple sources.

As soon as a decision is made, JFS closings or late starts will be communicated no later than 7 a.m. through the following:

- Email via Volgistics
- Voice recording on the main JFS phone. Please note: It is a volunteer's responsibility to call into the main JFS phone line at 303.597.5000
- Posting on JFS's website's homepage

For questions, please contact Renee Newhouse, Director of Volunteer Services, at 720.897.6803.

Please note our upcoming holiday hours:

Passover:

- Monday, April 22: Early closure at 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 23: Closed
- Wednesday, April 24: Closed
- Monday, April 29: Closed
- Tuesday, April 30: Closed

Shavout:

- Wednesday, June 12: Closed
- Thursday, June 13: Closed

Juneteenth:

- Monday, June 19: Closed

Cancellations – If you need to cancel in less than 48 hours of your volunteer shift, you must cancel via a phone call with your staff supervisor and volunteer services at 720.724.9332.

Let us know if you are no longer interested in volunteering and wish to be removed from the volunteer services email list by calling 720.724.9332 or

email volunteer@jewishfamilyservice.org.



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