



Tampa Jewish  
Family Services

# 2006 annual report

*He who saves one Life... it is as if he has saved the entire Universe" - Talmud Sanhedren 4:5*

## Who We Are

Tampa Jewish Family Services (TJFS) is a forty-year-old independent social service agency operating from its facility on the Tampa JCC/Federation Campus. As a non-sectarian, non-profit community agency, TJFS provides counseling, food bank and other social services meeting the needs of children, aging adults, and families. TJFS receives funding from the Tampa JCC/Federation, United Way and generous individual donors. TJFS is a member of the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies of North America (AJFCA).

The vision of guiding TJFS staff is to provide community leadership by developing collaborative relationships with and among related organizations; to offer personal growth volunteer opportunities; and be a model provider of services by treating people respectfully and in a way that preserves their dignity.

TJFS encourages the performance of mitzvot, in the service of tikun olam by making vital connections between individuals and agencies which hopefully, will contribute to creating a sense of brotherhood within a caring community through compassionate action plans and shared values.

## What We Do.

In the service of its core mission, TJFS manages a community food bank, offers counseling, provides senior support services, facilitates a board-driven Tikvah (Special Needs) Program, organizes workshops and therapy groups as needs arise and opportunities are identified..

*The mission of Tampa Jewish Family Services shall be to develop, preserve and strengthen harmonious family living, consistent with Jewish values, through the provision of counseling service programs and community service to individuals and families in the Jewish and general community.*

TJFS strives to remain affordable, creative and supportive while meeting the challenge of responding to community needs in the most efficient and effective ways our resources allow. Our volunteer opportunities offer diversity and flexibility. Our new volunteer opportunities offer training and flexibility. TJFS is grateful for the participation of individuals who are looking for opportunities to develop their leadership qualities and give back to this community in a meaningful way.

Expanding our core of committed volunteers serves our mission by creating cost effective innovative programs which bring together diverse populations of the community in ways which enrich the lives of both the clients and volunteers.





## Community Outreach & Support Groups

Tampa Jewish Family Services offers Support Groups and Workshops on a variety of topics. In Spring 2006, for example we partnered with local synagogues, mental health professionals, community agencies and formal support groups to provide programs on: intermarriage, homosexuality, parenting, bereavement, building healthy relationships and health



care concerns for the aging and chronically ill.

## Tikvah Special Needs Program

It is the mission of the Tikvah Special Needs Committee to support and empower individuals and their families in the Tampa Bay area. The committee organizes programs and workshops and social events for people with developmental disabilities.

After an exhaustive period of consideration for building a Tikvah residential facility on the JCC Campus, the Board and Tikvah Committee decided to focus on supportive, educational and social programming for families and individuals with special needs for the present time. In December 2006,

Tikvah received a generous donation from the Donchin Family, in memory of their son Gil. The Committee will identify the best option for a fitting program to be presented in Fall 2007 with these designated funds. Jan Lepow, special education teacher and Board member, chairs this important committee.

## Food Bank

The TJFS Community Food Bank packs more than 2800 bags of food and provides a well balanced supplement to more than 225 households throughout Hillsborough County on a twice monthly basis. Although our professional staff person, Lea Merrill Davidson-Bern, oversees the program, it could not continue to operate at its current level without the efforts of faithful hardworking volunteers.

Both individuals and groups work with our Food bank coordinator to solicit, package, distribute and organize our donations weekly. Thank you to all the individuals, synagogues and groups who participated in our many 2006 Food bank programs to help provide basic necessities to those in need. A

special thanks to Chesed Shel Emes and the 1818 Giving Circle of Federation for their support in 2006 with holiday purchases. Thank you to Congregation Kol Ami for their support of our 2006 Community based Second Night Seder Program

## Counseling



Tampa Jewish Family Services offers a dynamic Counseling Department designed to assist individuals, families and couples function at their highest level possible.

Counseling is a process of learning, growing and expanding your awareness of yourself and others. It involves considering new perspectives, developing a sense of empowerment and ultimately making better choices. This is possible at any stage or age of life.

Our licensed professional staff is dedicated to bringing healing into the lives of people. Counseling services are provided in a confidential and supportive setting, matching the unique needs of each client. Scheduling a counseling appointment is as simple as making a phone call. Medicare and some insurance plans are accepted; a sliding fee scale is available if necessary. The counseling services are offered to all residents of Hillsborough County, to persons of all races and religions.

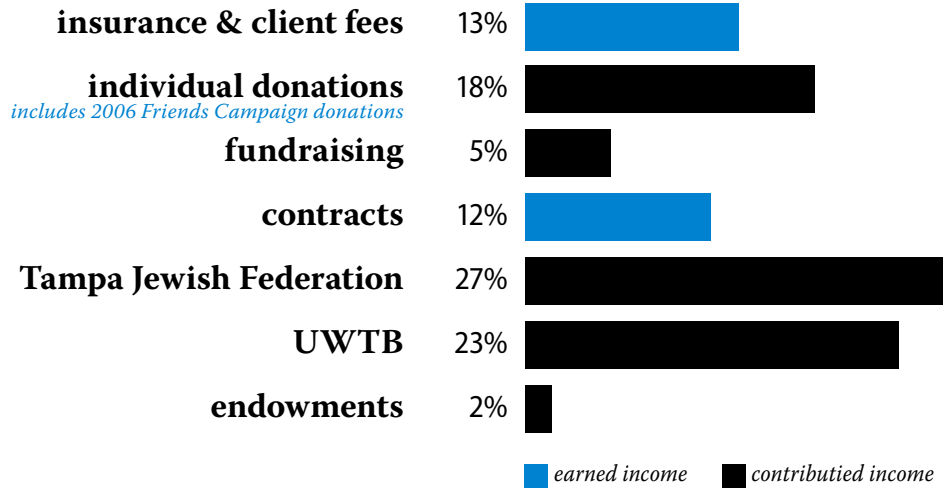
Tampa Jewish Family Services offers Therapy Groups and Workshops throughout

## Senior Services

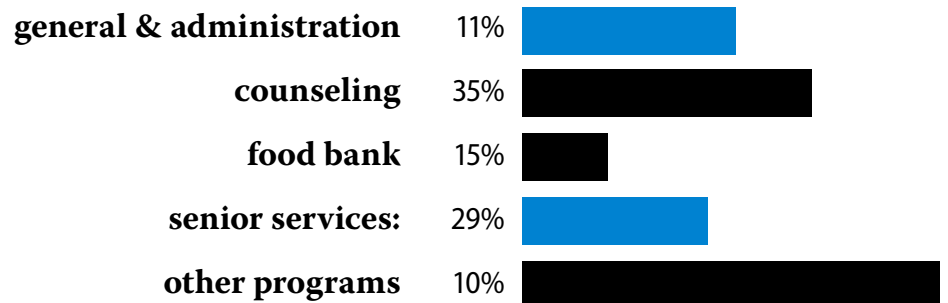
Older Americans are the fastest growing segment of our society. They are living longer, and most seniors tell us that given the choice, they prefer to be living in their own homes. Our Senior Support Program assists both these older adults and the people who care for them to determine if this is the best option. By working together, we identify the strengths, preferences and unmet needs of seniors in our community. Presently TJFS is embarking on a new Friendly Visitor Program which, at this initial stage, utilizes volunteers to meet with homebound seniors at Weinberg Village ALF on the campus.



## Total Operating Support & Revenue: \$377,097



## Total Operating Expenditures: \$350,029

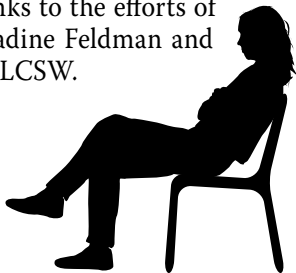


## Individuals Served

the year on a variety of topics.

For example, in 2006 we offered workshops and programs which dealt with varied topics including intermarriage, homosexuality and Judaism, parenting issues, grief and building healthy relationships. Sofia Maisler LCSW, Dir. Of Sr. Counseling and Programming, hosted a "Lunch and Learn" program with author Judy Kramer titled Fears and Feelings and Flow of Time in March 2007. Currently, TJFS is offering weekly bereavement support groups, in partnership with Lifepath Hospice, at the JCC.

TJFS has made plans to partner with Lifepath Hospice to offer bereavement support groups to Jewish and local individuals beginning in January 2007 at the JCC. We have also reintroduced a Friendly Visitor Program, similar to our Mitzvah Corps Program of years ago, to match Weinberg Village residents with community volunteers to begin in Spring 2007 thanks to the efforts of Esther Segall, Nadine Feldman and Barbara Gerson, LCSW.





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## staff

- Carol Lieber, MSW, MEd *- Executive Director*
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- Denise Thorner *- Secretary/Receptionist*
- Justin Roth, MSW *- Student Intern*

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