



jfs KC | Keshet Programs

Food Pantry Navigator Social Work

Keshet means connection: connection to resources, help, and people.

KeshetKC is a low-barrier path for people to access JFS services, usually beginning with one of our food pantries and expanding to additional supports, such as case management, mental health services, aging resources, and more. Because of our commitment to serve families holistically, JFS also harnesses the collective power of Kansas City's social services community to provide resources beyond our core programming areas.

Focusing on each family's inherent strengths, JFS's on-site social workers help families meet the challenges of day-to-day living, resolve immediate crises, and move toward permanent stability. Our goal is not only help families get back on their feet, but ensure they continue standing.

In 2023, JFS distributed 379,484 pounds of food, serving over 3,000 individuals. In addition to food, 638 people received holistic case management and additional support services.

The annual cost of JFS's Keshet Programs is \$2,176,714; 100% of which is raised through community support. Your investment ensures JFS can freely extend the invitation of "Here for You" to people of all faiths, cultures, ages, and identities, helping creates a stronger, more resilient Kansas City.

jfs KC | Jewish Life

Chaplaincy Priya Spiritual Care

Jewish Life programs support the unique cultural, spiritual, and communal needs of Kansas City's Jewish population. In the wake of the October 7th, 2023 attack on Israel, the significance of these efforts became even more pronounced, as JFS supported a community grappling with fear and grief.

In 2023, over 700 individuals participated in 38 community celebrations, support groups, classes, and workshops to deepen their understanding of Jewish culture, form intergenerational bonds, and individuals received special gifts and Hanukkah packages to ensure the season felt a little brighter.

Eight Jewish families facing fertility or family-building challenges received financial and emotional support through the Priya program. Priya welcomes single individuals, LGBTQ+, and interfaith couples in their commitment to raising Jewish children.

The annual cost of JFS's Jewish Life Programs is \$255,135; 100% of which is raised through community support. Your investment ensures JFS can freely extend the invitation of "Here for You" to people of all faiths, cultures, ages, and identities, helping creates a stronger, more resilient Kansas City.

jfs KC | Mental Health

Counseling Mental Health Coalition Mental Health Resources

Since the 1940s, mental health services have been embedded in all we do. This past year, JFS extended our reach into the community with a range of peer-support groups and community conversation events.

JFS prioritizes accessibility, providing mental health services to those who might otherwise face barriers to care, such as financial constraints, lack of insurance, or stigma associated with seeking support. Because many of life's struggles are intertwined, JFS implements a "whole person" approach, integrating other resources such as KeshetKC, Jewish Life, Older Adult Services, and trusted community partners into each individualized care plan. By building stronger more resilient families, JFS helps create a stronger, more resilient Kansas City.

"I was overwhelmed and didn't want to ask anyone for help. My JFS counselor helped me help myself."

-JFS Client

The annual cost of JFS's Mental Health Programs is \$948,949; 100% of which is raised through community support. Your investment ensures JFS can freely extend the invitation of "Here for You" to people of all faiths, cultures, ages, and identities, helping creates a stronger, more resilient Kansas City.

jfs KC | Older Adult

Care Management Help@Home JET Express

JFS provides comprehensive and compassionate care to help adults aged 60+ and their families navigate the aging journey with dignity and respect.

In 2023, 509 Older adults and their families received personalized support from JFS Care Managers to address challenges related to healthcare, transportation, aging in place, and overall well-being.

JFS served 51 Holocaust survivors through chaplaincy and spiritual care, counseling, transportation, food pantry assistance, and more.

The annual cost of JFS's Older Adult programming is \$1,390,923; 100% of which is raised through community support. Your investment ensures JFS can freely extend the invitation of "Here for You" to people of all faiths, cultures, ages, and identities, helping creates a stronger, more resilient Kansas City.


jfs KC 2023 BY THE NUMBERS

KESHER KC

 **379,484**
Pounds of food were distributed to over **3,000 individuals**


579 
Households received pet food and supplies


 **638**
Individuals received person-centered case management and additional support services through KesherKC

\$673,587 
Dollars of financial assistance were shared with **454 families** to help provide stability during times of hardship



2,000+ Neighbors attended 28 KesherKC Mobile events across the city.

OLDER ADULT


 **509** Older adults and their families received personalized support from JFS Care Managers

51 
Holocaust survivors served through chaplaincy and spiritual care, counseling, transportation, food pantry assistance, and more.


 **12,071**
JET Express rides kept **381 older adults** active and connected


187 
Households received **1,083** Help@Home services, including 67 safety modifications

JEWISH LIFE

1,986 
Visits from JFS's Community Chaplain and 15 dedicated Spiritual Care volunteers, providing counsel and support to **475 individuals**


727 
Holiday meals provided


8 
Jewish families facing fertility or family-building challenges received financial and emotional support through the Priya program.

 **304** Individuals received Hanukkah gifts


700+ 
Individuals participated in 38 community celebrations, support groups, classes, and workshops


MENTAL HEALTH

 **3,401**
Private counseling sessions were provided by JFS's trained therapists and clinicians to **257 individuals** ranging from age 5 to 95.

 **2,079**
Community members gathered at **229 JFS workshops**, support groups, and family education classes to learn from, and support one another, in a safe, inviting environment.

VOLUNTEERS

 **295+**
Dedicated volunteers provided 8,198 hours of service.

 **\$233,643**
Dollars of monetary value attributed to JFS volunteer work.