

ANNUAL

2021

MEETING

JCFS 
CHICAGO

PROGRAM

Welcome

Jennifer Lucas, *Chair, JCFS Chicago Board of Directors*

Approval of Minutes (September 2020 Annual Meeting)

Jennifer Lucas

Financial Report Summary

Andrew Glick, *Treasurer*

Community Partner of the Year

Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Chicago

JCFS Chair's Report

Jennifer Lucas

President & Chief Executive Officer's Report

Stacey Shor

Above and Beyond Award

Nomination of New and Reslating Directors

Mitchell Kaufman
Chair Nominating Committee

Neil Posner
Vice Chair Nominating Committee

1-year term

Rachel Ferber
David Greenbaum
Adam Tarantur

3-year term

Alan Alport
Michael Capone
Glenn Ferencz
Stanley Friedell
Marci Friedman
Jennifer Lucas
Marshall Pred
Elisha Prero
Milton Zimmerman

2-year term

Carol Henriques
Robert Brimm
David Lowenthal
Susan Rubin Elfant
Barbara Wolf

Nomination/Election of Officers

Chairperson-Elect

Michael Capone

Treasurer

Michael Capone

Secretary

Todd Grayson

2021 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Elaine Schwartz Impact Award

Presented in memory of dedicated board member, Elaine Schwartz, to an impactful JCFS program that exemplifies the agency's commitment to meeting the needs of the community.

Contracted Employment Services

Ken Jacobson Award for Professional Excellence

Presented in memory of longtime staff member, Ken Jacobson, to a professional staff member who exemplifies these traits and a commitment to children, adults and families.

Edie Sue Sutker, Assistant Director, Adult, Child and Family Services

Howard Sitron Distinguished Service Award

Presented for sustained contribution to the overall success of JCFS Chicago and demonstrated commitment to our mission, staff and those we serve.

Shannon Corona, Director, Development Operations

Robert B. Bloom Recognition and Excellence Awards

Peer nominated and selected, this award recognizes staff whose work exemplifies the agency's mission. This award was made possible through a generous gift from the Donna and Jack Greenberg Charitable Trust.

Maureen Grey, Financial Counselor

Julia Kaminski, Office Manager

Scott Kloosterman, Administrative Assistant

Nina Henry, Addiction Specialist and Mental Health Educator

Mimi Stern, Quality Improvement Associate

Closing

Jennifer Lucas

**RECOGNIZING
YEARS OF
SERVICE BY
JCFS CHICAGO
STAFF 2021**

JCFS Chicago acknowledges the following staff for their years of contribution and dedication to the children, adults and families we serve.

FIVE YEARS

Bea Adams
Hannah Aron
Nataiya Brewton
Nita Cotton
Sandra Crasko
Nicole Druckman
Michelle Dubose
Carolyn England
Anna Marie Fosco
Kevin Grenda
Alana Groves
Rich Henquinet
Gabriela Huizar DeCamarillo
Andrew Pagett
Denise Pugh
Michelle Simmons

TEN YEARS

Mary Arnold
Tanya Baptiste
Laura Becker
Jeff Blumenfeld
Danielle Brosch
Vince Everson
Lara Jaffe
Dana Rhodes
Leah Rudy
Leonard Strum
Jori Swift
Daniella Verde

FIFTEEN YEARS

Shannon Corona
Jamie Ebler
Jayme Gualtier
Celetha Jacobs
Linda Jamison
Jennifer Krapfl
Elisabeth Llewellyn
Eddy Loew
Linnet Mendez
Sandra Spicher

20 YEARS

Tammy Besser

Tammy is an incredible advocate for people with disabilities and teaches everyone around her how to do the same. Her colleagues value her knowledge and experience and seek her out for input and guidance regularly. One colleague says, "I always learn a little more listening to Tammy." She will never sit back and let someone feel left out.

Nonna Bolotina

Nonna has the unique ability to juggle many things at once - assisting clients with their applications for legal services, supporting staff with operations, and guiding her team through office changes. She works quietly and diligently to ensure that all aspects of the HIAS program move seamlessly and efficiently.

Roberta Glick

As a Career Counselor, Roberta shows a great dedication to her clients and their path toward fulfilling their aspirations. She strives to help her clients achieve their employment goals through carefully guided career exploration, resources, and a targeted job search. She is a valued member of the Career Services team.

Rhonda Weeks

Rhonda is a Vocational Trainer for the JCFS Contracted Employment Service (CES) Department at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) where she oversees the mailroom and copy center operations. Rhonda is known for her patience and calm approach when working with clients and government employees. Considered an essential worker, she worked throughout the pandemic and successfully led our clients through this fluid landscape.

25 YEARS

Jolynn Houlihan

Jolynn currently works on-call at Knapp School, and fills-in during a maternity leave, an influx of students, or when someone leaves. Jolynn's persistence and client-focused clinical skills are outstanding, often making awe-inspiring progress with students in a short time.

Margarita Sandler

Margarita is highly respected by clients, colleagues, and partners. Our resident HIAS legal services expert, Margarita is smart, organized, thoughtful and incredibly thorough in her work. She cares tremendously for her clients, who are refugees seeking safety, families hoping to be reunited, and immigrants looking for permanent status in the United States.

Stacey Shor

Stacey began her career at JCFS as a group home childcare worker. Moving into the area of fundraising, she worked as coordinator of volunteers, leading to her previous role as Chief Development Officer and then Chief Operating Officer. In 2020, Stacey became Chief Executive Officer, in midst of a pandemic. Throughout Stacey's tenure with the agency, she has demonstrated a passion for the work the agency provides as well as a true understanding of the impact this work has on the larger Chicagoland community.

30 YEARS

Eric Kramp

Eric is a devoted family man who has worked his way up from Case Manager to Director of Contracted Employment Services. He is described as honest, ethical, and committed to the professional development of his staff and the well-being of our clients. And you can't think of Eric without thinking of him as the master of quirky expressions such as "juice is worth the squeeze."

35 YEARS

Mollie Reed

Mollie's long-standing time with the Virginia Frank Child Development Center makes her our resident historian, keeping memories of Virginia Frank alive for the rest of the team. She continues to truly enjoy her work as an early childhood mental health consultant. Her experience and knowledge make her an excellent mentor for our staff.



**JVS CAREER &
EMPLOYMENT**

**HIAS
IMMIGRATION
& CITIZENSHIP**

**INTEGRATED
PEDIATRIC
THERAPIES**

**KNAPP
SCHOOL
& YESHIVA**

**VIRGINIA FRANK
CHILD DEVELOPMENT
CENTER**

**RESPONSE
FOR TEENS**

**DUMAN
OPPORTUNITY
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We embrace diversity. Our commitment to inclusivity is woven throughout our services, programs and welcoming workplace.