

JCFS Chicago Opens New Seigle Campus: A Social Service Hub in Skokie

Skokie, Illinois – August 5, 2021 JCFS Chicago is pleased to announce the opening of the Seigle Campus, a social service hub for people of all ages and abilities and their families, located on Golf Road in Skokie. Each year, the services provided on the Seigle Campus will touch the lives of over 20,000 people in the city and suburbs.

A dedication ceremony took place on August 5 with many supporters, elected officials, and community members present. "This building exceeds all of our expectations. The physical space is only part of the benefit of this building. What will take place inside these walls will be forever life-changing for every person who walks inside," said Senator Laura Fine. Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky spoke about the importance of JCFS services being accessible to ensure the well-being of our communities.

A resolution issued by the Illinois House of Representatives of the 102nd General Assembly was sponsored by State Representative Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz to recognize the significance of the new campus for the community. JCFS also received a letter of support from Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen.

Jewish United Fund (JUF) President and CEO, Lonnie Nasatir recognized both the generosity of Harry Seigle and important work of JCFS, "The Seigle Campus will stand as a permanent testament to Harry Seigle's generosity and vision for our community. JUF is very proud to partner with JCFS Chicago, and especially proud to dedicate the Seigle Campus, which offers facilities befitting their life-transforming work."

The new campus and Seigle Building were both named by philanthropist Harry J. Seigle. Together with his three sons, Ben, Max, and Joe, the Seigle's have played a role in organizations such as JCFS Chicago, Jewish United Fund, Sinai Health, and Washington University in St. Louis recognizing that "doing well means doing good."

The newly renovated Goldie Bachman Luftig Building at 5150 Golf Road will make more efficient use of space to facilitate collaboration between the programs housed there, including: counseling services, that enhance the emotional well-being of community members; financial counseling and assistance, which provides support to community members in financial need; HIAS Citizenship & Immigration, which offers legal services, case management, education, and other services to immigrants and refugees; and JVS Career & Employment, which helps people obtain meaningful employment.

The Seigle Building at 5140 Golf Road was transformed into a modern space that allows Response for Teens to offer flexible programming rooms for counseling and community education. Response for Teens has been serving youth and their families since 1970, with the goal of empowering teenagers and young adults to make healthy choices in all areas of their lives. Together, the buildings create a campus, with benefits to clients, community, and staff.

The renovation of both buildings was designed by Perkins Eastman's Chicago studio and built by Landmark Construction, all done in partnership with the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago (JUF).

JCFS Chicago, a non-profit social service agency, offers expert, individualized help to support people of all ages and abilities as they strive to live successfully in their community. Our services enhance emotional well-being for adults, children, teens, and families – regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, ability, gender, or sexual orientation. Offering over 30 programs, such as counseling, services for people with disabilities, Jewish community services, immigration and citizenship support, therapeutic K – 12 education, career services, and child welfare, throughout communities across Chicagoland and beyond.