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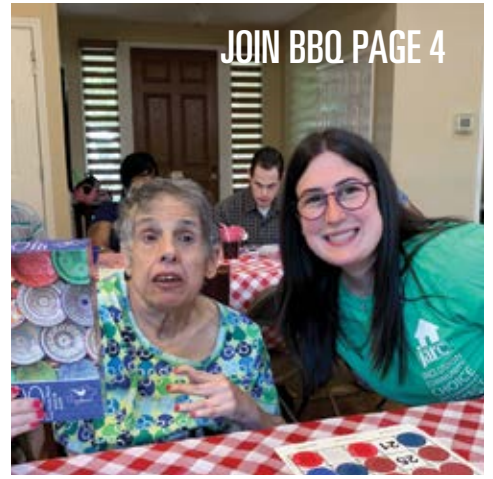
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## A MESSAGE FROM SHAINDE BRAUNSTEIN



**THERE IS SO MUCH GOING ON RIGHT NOW, IT'S HARD TO DECIDE WHERE TO START, SO HERE'S WHAT I AM MOST EXCITED ABOUT**

### ***JARC is moving into the 21st century with its technology!***

We are tremendously grateful to have received funding from The Jewish Fund for a grant to implement an electronic health record system. The system will replace the paper charting staff makes daily for each person we serve, making it accessible in real time from any location.

With this system, JARC can harness the power of technology to determine which interventions are working and moving toward goal achievement and which are not.

There are countless benefits, the least being increased safety for our persons served as their information will be available in moments. This is a game changer for JARC and how we work with those who rely on us to take care of them.

In addition to our electronic health record system, we also instituted new electronic scheduling software for staff in the homes. Prior to the technology being introduced, each of the 30 homes maintained its own staffing schedule on paper. This was a cumbersome process that took many hours of time from our managers.

This new technology has made it easier not only to schedule, but for staff to know exactly when they are working. This frees up valuable time for our managers to focus on the people we serve.

My first year at JARC has been a great one! Now in our 50th year, we are looking forward to what the future holds and how we can continue to improve lives for those we serve and staff.

Thank you for helping us come this far and for investing in JARC's future.

I hope to see you at our 50th Anniversary Spectacular with Earth, Wind and Fire on November 3!

Shainde Braunstein, Chief Executive Officer

Celebrating at the Birthday Bash with  
(L-R) Maryam Peterson, Henny Peterson  
and Daniel Cohen.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING STAFF!

The following JARC staff members were recognized at the annual meeting on June 25 for their outstanding service.

### **Deshon Henderson**

*The Marilyn Sisler Memorial Award*

*for excellence in the provision of direct care services.*

### **Justina Peoples**

*The Anna Slomovitz Memorial Award*

*for excellence in management.*

### **Etta McDuffey and Monee Whitney**

*The Joseph Tanzman Memorial Award*

*for excellence in administrative services.*

### **Joe Lail**

*The Joyce Keller "Strengthening JARC through Creativity" Award*

*for bringing creativity to improve service provision or operations.*

### **Shilinda Carter and LaTrice Watts**

*The Culture of Gentleness Award*

## SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generosity toward JARC as we celebrate our 50th anniversary!

We are thrilled to announce that the increased portion of annual gifts will be matched up to \$50,000 by the Lila V. and Henry Wagmann Trust; Sid Blackman, Trustee. An extra \$50,000 for our 50th year!

## DONATE

Visit [www.jarc.org](http://www.jarc.org) or contact Jenny at [jennykabert@jarc.org](mailto:jennykabert@jarc.org) or 248.940.2603.

# THE FIRST JARC HOME



Bill Miller and Gabe Slomovitz lived in JARC's first home

**What began as a small group of parents who incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1969 as the Parents Association for Jewish Residential Care (later to be renamed JARC), within two years had more than 200 members.**

In 1971, with the help of Sam Frankel, the first JARC home was purchased. Located on Seven Mile Road and Evergreen in Detroit, the home was formerly known as Sheruth House, used as a temporary home for young adults and children by the Jewish community.

Within the year, four men and three women moved into the Haverim Home, after the Hebrew word for friends. But it was more than a home for friends. It was a place where adults with developmental disabilities could live in dignity. Trained staff provided 24-hour care. The residents could learn household chores, how to work together, how to make choices, and be part of a community.

"During those early years, we had a group of committed parents who worked hard to maintain a presence in the community," said JARC past president Norman Wachler, reflecting on JARC history during the organization's 25th anniversary in 1994. "With the opening of our first home, we were hopeful for the future."



Early JARC leaders Norman Wachler and Sara Mitteldorf

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## Flower-A-Thon

Our annual clean-up and beautification of the homes was a success. Many hands from Blue Cross and our amazing volunteers made the work light!



## JARC Celebrated a Milestone 50th Birthday — Sunday, April 28

From the door to the tennis courts of Franklin Athletic Club, well wishes and fun filled the air. Volunteers, caregivers, residents, family, and friends gathered to celebrate. Over 500 guests teamed up to blow out the candles on 50 years of dedicated service and turn their gaze to a future that continues to celebrate and explore all the exciting opportunities ahead!



## Staff Recognition Luncheon — June 12

JARC hosted its annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon at On The Dunes Sports Bar. It was an afternoon of gratitude, fellowship, fun, food, awards and give-a-ways. Thank you to all of our staff for the work they do every day to enrich the lives and erase the barriers of those we serve!



## Annual Meeting

JARC's 50th Annual Meeting held at the Jewish Federation of Detroit was a celebration of their 50th Anniversary and welcomed new board members as well as recognized staff excellence. JARC President Howard Luckoff welcomed Lisa Fenberg, Lenora Hardy-Foster, Susan Hodess, Caryn Martel, George Roberts and Rabbi Levi Shemtov to the board on June 25.



## JOIN BBQ

Planned by interns from the Jeanette and Oscar Cook JOIN program, this BBQ was a fun summer celebration!



## Shabbat Picnics in July

The Young Adult Committee, with chairs Alex Scharg and Josh Zeman, hosted a fun-filled Shabbat picnic at one of our JARC with burgers, games and karaoke!

In partnership with The Well, we had a lovely Shabbat picnic at one of our JARC homes with hot dogs and hamburgers, games and singing with a guitar.



## #ChariTuesday

A big thank you to Gardner-White Furniture for choosing us to participate in ChariTuesday.

Votes were tabulated online for one week and your votes pushed us to the win!

We used our \$1000 gift certificate to purchase this sofa, coffee table and lamp for one of our homes.

## REMINDER: JARC HAS MOVED

The new offices are located within the Max M. Fisher Federation Building. Updated information:

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## JARC IS A FORTUNATE RECIPIENT OF THE ETHEL HYMAN LIVING TRUST. WE SAT DOWN WITH JACK KAUFMAN TO TALK ABOUT THE TRUST WHICH PROVIDED A TRIP TO FLORIDA FOR SEVEN MEN AND WOMEN JARC SERVES.

*JARC: What is the goal of the trust?"*

JK: When her sister Rose Kaplan passed away Ethel put in motion the formation of the foundation that clearly they had discussed and planned together. They understood the loneliness and isolation of their senior years and wanted to use whatever remaining of their joint savings after their deaths to be used to provide entertainment for seniors with the caveat of recognizing the need for transportation to events. The fiduciaries of the foundation, Karen Amber, Jay Richard and myself, have chosen to interpret the word "entertainment" as "enrichment" and to have a very loose definition of "senior."



*JARC: "What is your philosophy on how people can support organizations like JARC?"*

JK: I believe there are certain things in life that make us feel really good, and I am not thinking of having money or a great meal, but emotional things like holding a door open for a blind person. I could probably list dozens or possibly hundreds. Not-for-profit organizations need help in holding doors open, so giving of my time, expertise or money makes me feel really good. It's truly a selfish pursuit.

*JARC: Why was JARC chosen to be a recipient of the foundation's generosity?"*

JK: Actually, I would have chosen JARC, but it was Rose and Ethel's choice, amongst several other organizations as well. Ethel has given me a great and joyful responsibility that I am learning about on almost a daily basis. My personal goal is to have other folks join me in this great opportunity to help open doors.

## THE TRUST ALSO FUNDED THE SHABBAT BARBECUE ON AUGUST 16, AS WELL AS RECREATION ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



## DTE BENEFITS THE PEOPLE JARC SERVES

As part of a special energy efficiency program managed by DTE in southeast Michigan, all of the homes in which persons served by JARC live received significant energy upgrades. Following an assessment of each and every home, improvements were made including furnaces, hot water heaters, refrigerators, insulation and all new energy efficient light bulbs.

As a result, not only will the people we serve enjoy these upgrades, but the energy bills in 30 different locations have been lowered. This tremendous investment will truly pay dividends for years to come.

CEO Shaindle Braunstein worked closely with DTE to throughout this project. "We are incredibly grateful to DTE for how these improvements are impacting the people we serve," Shaindle said. "These valuable upgrades are worth close to \$250,000."

***"We are excited to partner with Michigan-based JARC because of their mission to enrich the lives of people with disabilities based on a philosophy of care," said David Becker DTE Project Manager.***

***"Truly enriching the lives of those in our communities who need it the most."***

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

We can never speak highly enough about our volunteers and the gift of their service. We are blessed to have relationships with long-term volunteers who are extremely dedicated.

That makes it especially rewarding to hear how two of our JARC volunteers have formed a fast friendship. Our fantastic office volunteers, **Linda Arens** and **Marcia Bennett**, became friends through volunteering at JARC. What makes this relationship even more powerful is the fact that their children, both served by JARC, have become friends because of their mothers' time volunteering.

Linda started volunteering at JARC about 3 ½ years ago, because her son, Jonathan, was being served by JARC.



Linda's passion for JARC stems from "the mere fact that my son has a home... no one knows what tomorrow will bring," Linda explained in our conversation. Linda's son Jonathan is a hard-working, handsome, and kind young man who currently works in the community. He is a bagger at Kroger, an usher at Temple Israel and participates in Special Olympics, making him recognizable throughout the community. Linda finds her work very meaningful because of the wonderful things JARC does for her son. But she never expected to gain a friendship for herself and her son by volunteering at JARC.

Marcia feels that her friendship with Linda is special. Their time at JARC and the fact that their children are both served is what "brought us together, but our friendship doesn't revolve around it." Marcia, similarly, to Linda, became a JARC volunteer because of her extreme gratitude to JARC and "knowing that my daughter has a place where she has grown and will grow for the rest of her life."

Marcia's daughter, Denise, is amicable and outgoing. Denise is known by many for her friendly personality. A couple of weeks ago, Linda, Marcia, and their children Jonathan and Denise went to Soul Café and enjoyed a meal together. They had a great time, and it was "nice to be able to socialize, just us as friends enjoying a social situation," said Marcia of their night out.

Marcia and Linda both feel a deep sense of gratitude towards JARC. Marcia, Linda, Denise, and Jonathan are all excited to get together again for dinner soon.



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