

# JEWISH COMMUNITY ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUND

PROVIDES RELIEF TO THOSE IN NEED

Single mothers, victims of domestic violence, seniors living on fixed incomes, formerly middle-class families now struggling to get by; the economic recession has created profound, immediate needs.

In response to spiraling demands for assistance, the **San Diego Jewish Community Economic Recovery Fund**, a joint venture of the Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego (JCF) and the United Jewish Federation of San Diego County (UJF) has awarded more than \$800,000 in grants to provide direct relief to those in need.



*Food distribution at Jewish Family Service's (JFS) Hand Up Youth Food Pantry.*

"We hope that these funds will provide the support and encouragement families need to help get them on the road to self-sufficiency," noted Andrea Oster, chair of UJF. "This is vital assistance that we as a Jewish community, can provide."

"While these are surely troubled times, we also have a time-sensitive opportunity to step up and help those in need," stated Murray Galinson, chair of JCF. "By working together and responding quickly, we can emerge from this recession stronger, more innovative and with confidence in the future."

## FUNDING PRIORITY #1

### 45% EMERGENCY SERVICES

"In many cases, our programs are seeing double the number of clients they did a year prior," said Jill Borg Spitzer, CEO of JFS. "Without this Fund, we would not be able to provide services to the many families and older adults in our community who need immediate help to reclaim their lives and get back on track."

- **Expanded emergency case management** through JFS
- **Emergency financial assistance** through grants to rabbis' discretionary funds at more than 30 local synagogues throughout the county and through JFS
- **Project SARAH**, addressing significantly increased cases of domestic violence
- **Hand Up Youth Food Pantry** at JFS
- **Charitable Care for Elderly** at Seacrest Village Retirement Communities

If you or someone you know needs help, please call JFS at (877) 537-1818. Your call is completely confidential.

## FUNDING PRIORITY #2

### 15% MOVING OUT OF CRISIS

- **Vocational services advocacy** and career development counseling at JFS
- **JFS Economic Crisis Response Program** workshops offered to arm community members with skills and strategies to get back on their feet

## FUNDING PRIORITY #3

### 40% SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

"We've seen a major increase in the need for tuition assistance this year," said Larry Acheatel, executive director of San Diego Jewish Academy. "Maintaining a caring Jewish community is so important at this time."

- Five Jewish day schools
- Six Jewish preschools
- 10 congregational schools
- Funds were also designated to provide scholarships for Jewish summer camp



*Children enjoying playtime at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS' Niernman Preschool, one of six local preschools receiving support from the Fund.*