



**JEWISH
FOUNDATION**
— OF MANITOBA —

2023 IMMEDIATE NEEDS

As you determine your distribution allocations for 2023, we present the following requests for your consideration. These are a few of our community's most pressing needs. Your allocation can make an immediate and significant difference in the well-being of our community.

Gray Academy

Now fully funded!

“We are asking for \$45,000 to ensure that all children registered for school in 2023/2024 can attend.”

The Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education remains committed to ensuring the accessibility of Jewish day school education; this is accomplished through the school's robust bursary program. Approximately 60% of families whose children attend Gray Academy require financial assistance, based on their combined family income. The additional amounts needed per family range from \$1,000 - \$2,500 per family.

An additional \$45,000 in subventions will have immediate impact and helps the families immensely.

Camp Massad

“We are asking for \$12,000 to ensure that all children registered for camp in 2023 can attend.”

This year Camp Massad has seen incredible growth in financial assistance requests and over 60% of registered campers require subsidies.

All of those applying for subvention of fees must provide a copy of their most recent tax summary - many of these families are seeing significant decreases in their annual salaries. Many of those who have applied are newcomers.

In order for all children registered to be able to attend camp, Camp Massad will require \$12,000 of additional funding over and above the \$70,000 that was budgeted.

Shalom Residences

Now fully funded!

“We are asking for \$4,360 to help a resident meet her biological family for the first time.”

SM is a 62-year-old woman who joined the Supported Independent Living program at Shalom Residences in 2005. SM shared that she was adopted at birth from Toronto and relocated with her adoptive family to Winnipeg.

After SM moved into Shalom, she expressed a desire to find her biological family. After many years of searching, in 2020 it was discovered that she did have siblings still alive in the Ottawa area. A sister was contacted, and a relationship was formed over phone calls and video chats.

SM lives in independent living with Shalom and has limited finances. She is not comfortable traveling alone, so a staff would accompany her. A donation of \$4,360 will allow this individual to visit her birth family this summer.

Jewish Child and Family Service

“We are asking for \$5,000 to assist over 50 JCFS clients struggling with food security.”

Now fully funded!

More than 50 clients of JCFS will benefit from this initiative throughout the year. Specific client demographics include seniors (primarily), individuals living with mental health and/or addictions, newcomers, and participants in the Child Welfare program.

Any amounts collected will be used to purchase healthy kosher food options for the JCFS Food Pantry on an ongoing basis. Items include kosher meat, challah, frozen vegetables, fruits, eggs, and cheese.

“We are asking for \$10,000 to provide more than 90 Holocaust Survivors with homecare support.”

Now fully funded!

JCFS has over 90 Holocaust Survivors currently receiving support through their Older Adult Services program.

JCFS will utilize these funds to provide additional home care support, and services not covered through the Claims Conference to Holocaust Survivors. At a time when Survivors have increasing complexity of healthcare needs, these funds will assist Survivors in remaining in their homes as long as possible. This additional support will not only be of benefit to the Survivors, but also their families or caregivers.

“We are asking for \$3,000 to apply pest prevention and control to the homes of over 15 JCFS clients.”

Now fully funded!

An estimated 15 JCFS clients will benefit from this support throughout the year. With Winnipeg having Canada's second-highest bedbug rate, clients increasingly find these pests in their rental space. Funds will support the client in preventing pests, but also rebuilding after an infestation.

JCFS will use funds to purchase supplies and items related to bedbug/cockroach treatment, prevention, and control. Examples of items include mattress covers, new mattresses, traps, spray, cleaning supplies, booties, etc.

“We are asking for \$10,000 to supply medical equipment for older adults.”

Now fully funded!

For seniors living on a limited income, purchasing medical equipment, even if second-hand, can be extremely expensive and unobtainable. Hearing aids for an individual can range from \$900 - \$4,000 per device, while prescription glasses can cost \$200+ per pair.

JCFS will use these funds to help 5 – 15 senior clients purchase medical supplies and/or equipment that are both needed and will enhance their well-being. This includes hearing aids, glasses, orthotics, wheelchairs, etc.

“We are asking for \$5,000 to provide Wellness Group supplies for 8-10 vulnerable clients.”

Now fully funded!

The JCFS Wellness Group is a therapeutic peer-to-peer space that provides wellness activities for the spirit, physical health, emotional health, and social well-being. The group meets on a weekly basis.

JCFS will use these funds for 8-10 participants in the Wellness Group. Funds will be used to purchase items such as healthy snacks (e.g., fruits, hummus, yogurt, etc) and wellness equipment (e.g., stress balls, arts and crafts, etc). Funds will also support entry costs for field trips, such as to The Leaf.

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