



JEWISH FOUNDATION
OF MANITOBA

OPPORTUNITY^{for} IMMEDIATE NEEDS 2024 IMPACT

Thank you for your dedication to building your endowment.

Every year we ask community organizations to provide us with their most pressing needs. When you direct your annual distribution to these projects, you make a significant difference to the well-being of your fellow community members.

There are so many ways that your endowment can make the positive change you've hoped for! Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or aspirations for your philanthropy. We are here to help.

Shalom Residences

"We are asking for \$10,000 for essential furniture updates for residents' living spaces."

Shalom Residences is dedicated to nurturing adults with intellectual disabilities, offering supportive environments in both staffed houses and Supported Independent Living (SIL) apartments. However, SIL residents need additional help with financial challenges that hinder updates to their living spaces.

Six individuals urgently require new, durable furniture, especially pieces prone to wear and tear. This initiative aims to enhance their comfort, safety, and overall well-being by providing sturdy, long-lasting furnishings. With a budget of \$10,000, including couches, bed frames, and recliner chairs, we seek to transform their living conditions, ensuring a more supportive and sustainable home environment.

Gray Academy

“We are requesting \$2,500 per child to support attendance for 28 children in need in 2024-2025.”

Gray Academy is proud to accommodate 19 new Israeli students who are already enrolled for 2024-2025, with more expected in the coming months. Our ability to do so is critical, as parents who await a Canadian work permit are only eligible to send their children to an independent school. Once they obtain their work permit, these families often remain in a precarious financial position as they seek employment and strive to establish themselves in Canada. We are very grateful for Immediate Needs Support that ensures all children whose families have fled the perils of war have access to education in a warm, welcoming Jewish environment.

These needs are over and above those Gray Academy already supports annually. Each school year, Gray Academy disburses over \$1.5 million in Bursary Assistance to ensure Jewish day school education remains accessible to families. Among those who receive a bursary, approximately a dozen families living at or near the poverty line or experiencing sudden financial hardship require additional Immediate Needs Support to afford even the minimum Parental Contribution (tuition). In the face of rising inflation and increased costs of living, we anticipate greater emergency needs next year. To accommodate this we are in need of \$70,000 for 2024-2025.



Camp Massad

“We are requesting \$13,262 so four relocated Israeli children can attend camp in 2024.”

Camp Massad of Manitoba, North America's sole Hebrew Immersion Summer Camp, faces an unexpected financial challenge this year. Due to the emotional and safety concerns of the ongoing conflicts in Israel, four Israeli children have relocated with their families to Winnipeg, seeking refuge and stability.

These families have yet to secure permanent residency in Canada despite their arrival. Recognizing their circumstances, Camp Massad has extended a warm welcome, offering these children a safe haven and the opportunity to immerse themselves in our unique Hebrew language and Zionist education program.

We require additional financial assistance, totalling \$13,262, to accommodate these new campers. This sum will cover the camp fees for three campers joining us for three weeks each and one 15-year-old camper attending for five weeks.

Jewish Child and Family Service

“We are asking for \$10,000 to evaluate and enhance people’s mental health.”

Assessment Supports offer stipends for vital assessments enhancing wellness. Typically out-of-pocket expenses, these assessments, like psychoeducational, occupational, career, or psychometric evaluations, are crucial but financially burdensome.

By providing stipends, we alleviate financial strain, ensuring families the needed support for advocacy and accommodations. This assistance reduces stress, empowering individuals and families to prioritize their well-being.

“We are asking for \$6,000 to provide specialized dietary foods to combat food insecurity for 60 people.”

This project will supply specialized dietary foods to the JCFS food pantry, including kosher, sugar-free, vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, low-sodium, and high-fiber options. These foods, often costly in stores, can be inaccessible to those facing food insecurity. Examples include sugar-free applesauce, gluten-free cereal and pasta, vegetarian hot dogs, low-sodium broths, falafel, and kosher items like gefilte fish and latke mix.

“We are asking for \$5,000 to provide transportation for 30 people’s mental health appointments.”

Through this project, JCFS provides supportive transportation options—taxis, staff-driven rides, and bus tickets—for mental health clients to attend appointments, workshops, and groups. Whether it's therapy sessions or wellness workshops, we ensure individuals receive the assistance they need, fostering a caring environment for their journey toward well-being.

“We are asking for \$7,000 to provide emergency health assistance for newcomers.”

From time to time, newcomer families experience extreme health challenges, either with a parent or child, that have a significant impact on the family's finances and functioning. These newcomer families may not have the financial resources and savings in Canada to provide support during this difficult time. They also may not have provincial health coverage, enough hours for EI, or not have a disability through work. This project aims to provide financial support to newcomer families in need, including transportation, assistance with medical supplies, and general support.

“We are asking for \$5,000 to create a plant therapy and nutrition project to help over 20 people be more self sufficient.”

This pilot project aims to empower 10 JCFS families facing mental health, homebound, or food insecurity challenges to cultivate nutritious plants at home. Each family receives a hydroponic grow kit, seeds (e.g., basil, tomatoes), soil, plant food, a gardening book, and recipe samples. Families will share progress with workers and provide testimonials on the project's impact. Plants may also benefit the JCFS Wellness Group and be planted at the Asper Jewish Community Campus.

“We are asking for \$2,500 for Project Warmth: to provide winter clothing for more than 50 people.”

We aim to support JCFS clients facing financial strain and mental health challenges by providing winter clothing supplies. Funds will be used to purchase essential items needed to survive the winter months, such as long underwear, socks, gloves, hats, mittens, scarves, coats, and boots, ensuring those in need receive assistance during the colder months.

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