

# Jewish Social Services of Madison Annual Report



2015-2016

# A Letter from the Board President

Dear Friends of Jewish Social Services,

I am happy to have this opportunity --first off-- to thank our Jewish Social Services donors, volunteers and incredible staff for all their generous efforts and contributions in the past year. I say that in the most heartfelt way possible. And, believe me, it cannot be said enough. I also consider this Annual Report an opportunity to briefly review our past year and to give you a look at what is ahead.

Many of you joined us last summer for Immigration Sensation, where we got to enjoy (sometimes loud!) music from a variety of cultures, and where we got the opportunity to tell others about JSS. We had a huge turnout for the 2016 Levy Summer Series, and are delighted to report that a 2017 Series will follow next year. We have received a three-year grant from the Goodman Foundation to start a Community Chaplaincy program which will begin by the end of 2016. Lechayim continues to provide an opportunity for socializing among members of our senior adult community. And staff continue to shine, with two staff last year winning awards from local and national organizations.

These are all in keeping with our Mission Statement which says that we have a "strong commitment to the Jewish community..." and that our work is "inspired by the values of Jewish tradition." One such value is 'care for the stranger' a commandment we read in Torah at least 36 times. JSS activities next year will be heavily influenced by that statement as we begin work, in collaboration with HIAS, as a refugee resettlement agency.

As I write this, there are more refugees and displaced person around the world than at any time since World War II. Jewish Social Services will settle about 50 of them in our community over the next year. We will be working with local Jewish congregations and organizations, Lutheran Social Services, the Literacy Network, the Islamic community and many other community partners to create a new beginning for people who have been forced to flee their homes due to violence and devastation. We are excited about what the next year will bring. We hope we can count on your help and generosity as we have in years past.



Linda Reivitz  
Board President





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**2016 Staff**

**Executive Director**  
Dawn Berney

**Individual and Family Services Specialist**  
Katy Polich

**Director of Immigration Services**  
Janice Beers

**Senior Adult Services Specialist**  
Mindy Wiseman

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Ingrid Reis-Glass

**Bilingual Immigration Assistant**  
Karen Shevet Dinah

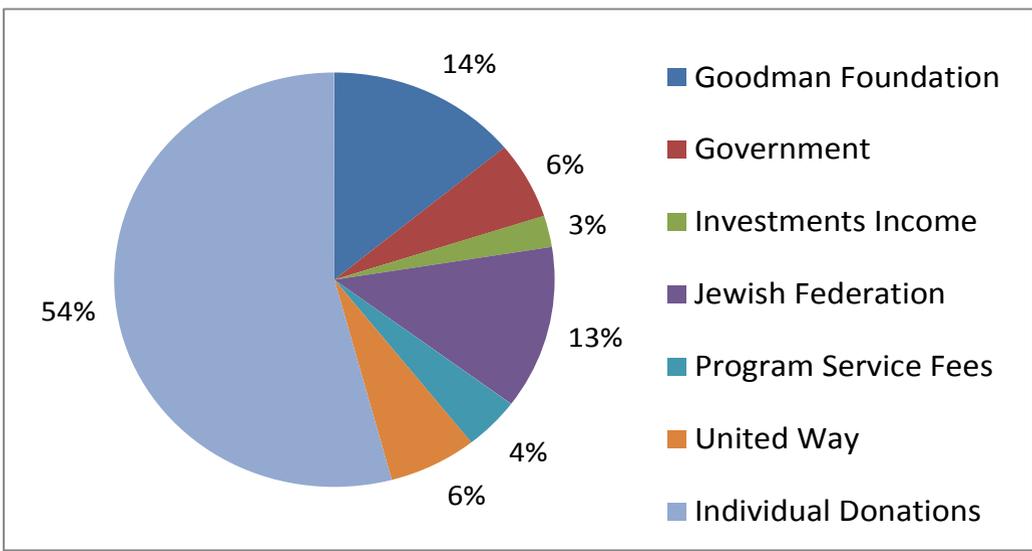
**Executive Assistant**  
Jim Mackman

**Communications and Development Assistant**  
Elena Robbins

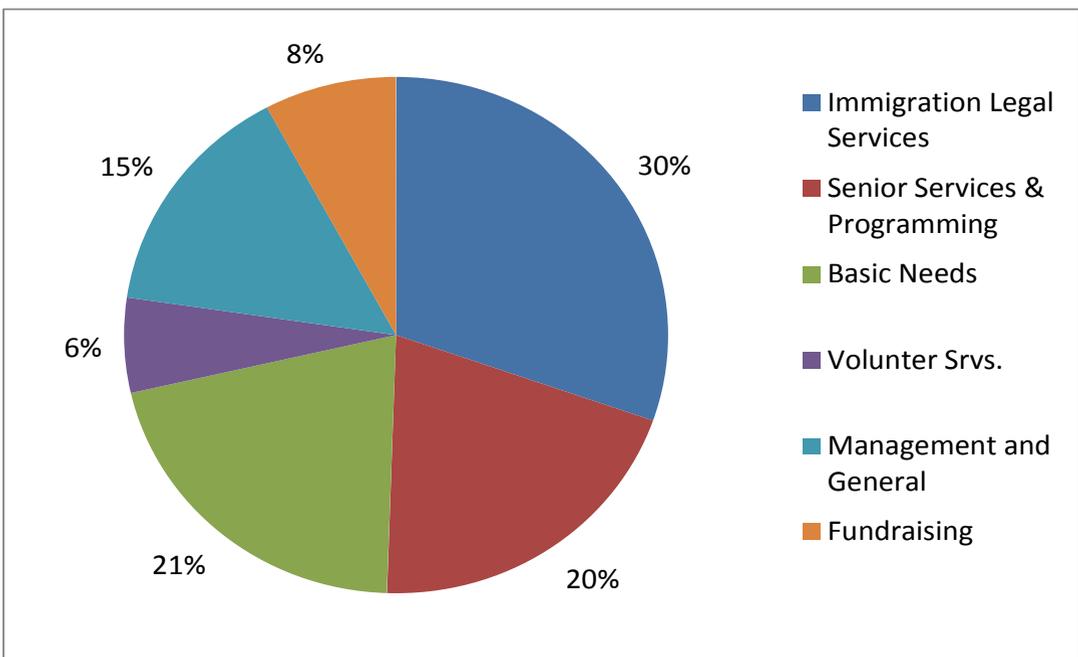


# 2015 Financials

### Operating Revenue



### Operating Expenditures



## Statement of Financial Position

### Assets

Cash .....	\$417,806
Investments .....	\$2,053,612
Accounts receivable .....	\$3,000
Promises to give .....	\$16,000
Prepaid expenses .....	\$6,252
Equipment- net .....	\$4,945
<b>Total assets .....</b>	<b>\$2,501,615</b>

### Liabilities

Accounts payable .....	\$13,978
Accrued Expenses .....	\$11,703
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>\$25,681</b>

### Net Assets

Unrestricted .....	\$1,100,743
Temporarily restricted .....	\$238,446
Permanently restricted .....	\$1,136,745
<b>Total Net Assets .....</b>	<b>\$2,475,934</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS .....** **\$2,501,615**

## The Friends Campaign

The annual campaign for Jewish Social Services, the Friends Campaign, sends out direct mail requests to donors and potential donors in the summer and at the end of the year. Donors may also make a tribute donation in a person's honor or memory. Funds garnered through the Friends Campaign are generally unrestricted and can be used to support any of the services that JSS provides.



The Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) recognized Director of Immigration Legal Services Janice Beers for 25 years of service.



JSS continues its work of protecting those in need. Jewish Social Services will launch its Refugee Resettlement Program in December of 2016 as an affiliate of HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society).



Jewish Social Services celebrates its long history of service to immigrants with Immigration Sensation, an international music festival with over 150 clients, donors, and volunteers in attendance.

*289 individuals* attended the 2016 Levy Summer Series, bringing in record-breaking numbers.

Jewish Social Services Immigration Legal Services program received national recognition in the CIRI (Committee for Immigration Reform Implementation ) DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) four-year anniversary report.

The Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Foundation awarded Jewish Social Services funding to create a Jewish Community Chaplaincy program, launching in November of 2016.



“Thank you again for your help, your calming influence, and your reassurance during a difficult time.”  
-JSS Client

Jewish Social Services continues to provide social recreational opportunities for seniors in Dane County. Through holiday celebrations, and Goodman Lechayim Lunchtime Plus, JSS helps seniors remain independent while avoiding social isolation.



Development and Communications Assistant Elena Robbins won a second-place Don Gray Award from the UW Foundation during its “Fundraising and Development for Nonprofits” Conference.



At the end of 2015, JSS celebrated the retirement of long-time Volunteer Manager Louise Goldstein. Throughout her time at JSS, Louise was instrumental in developing exciting programming for seniors and engaging volunteer opportunities.

Jewish Social Services is a beneficiary of the Jewish Federation of Madison, is a participating agency of the United Way of Dane County and is an affiliate of the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies.



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