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# FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY

Fall, 2009

Dear Friend,

**Jewish Family Service needs YOUR support – please become a Friend of the Family and help people in need.**

Did you know that last year, a record amount of donors - in an extraordinarily difficult economy – contributed to the JFS Friends of the Family campaign?

Did you know that because of these donors, JFS was able to help people who never thought they'd need our help? There were individuals who lost their jobs, families who couldn't pay their mortgages, seniors who couldn't afford food, and children and families who needed counseling due to unprecedented stress and anxiety.

Did you know that the number of people who came to JFS for subsidized or free services last year increased by 18%? Because of the generosity of our Friends, they didn't have to wait for appointments, and they received comprehensive services of the highest quality.

Did you know that while the economy may be improving, not everyone's situation is improving along with it? **Many people right here in MetroWest are still in dire need.** You've read the stories: people are still out of work, foreclosures occur daily, and food insecurity abounds, all while traditional funders such as foundations and the government are reducing their financial support.

This is why we need YOUR generous support, too! We need you to join other Friends of our Family to help us help people in need, because in the last six months, there has been a:

- 40% increase in calls from people looking for assistance with debt management
- 45% increase in emergency financial assistance provided to community members
- 60% increase in requests for subsidized counseling to help families struggling with the ongoing stress of living with new economic realities

JFS is MetroWest's Center for Caring – the place every member of the community can count on for confidential, swift, and extraordinary assistance. But for us to continue to provide that help we need YOU and your support, and we need it SOON.

As a Friend of the JFS Family, you will make a positive difference in the lives of your friends and neighbors with nowhere else to turn. Thank you, in advance, for your help.

Sincerely,

Marian Z. Stern  
President

The Maslow Family  
Counseling Center  
of JFS ensures the  
continuity of counseling  
services for families.



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