Who will take care of me?

A child is abused or neglected every 47 seconds.

The growing epidemic of child abuse and neglect in this country can have devastating repercussions when children are removed from their homes, and placed in the state’s foster care system.

While the majority of states are trending toward a reduction in foster care cases, Arizona has the greatest increase in the nation of child removals from their home. Read more on the next page.
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—ROBERTO, Real World Job Development

$200 pays for
- 4 GED exams for foster care youth
- 2 college application fees for foster care youth
- 3 hours of prevention workshop to reduce school violence

$400 pays for
- 1 month of shelter for a homeless youth who has aged-out of foster care
- 4 counseling sessions for a child who has experienced trauma and abuse

I have a college degree, and was married to an abusive man who assaulted me and my daughter. About 5 years ago, with the help of Shelter Without Walls, I was able to leave him, find a decent job, and move on with my life. My heart is so full of gratitude that I now make a donation to JFCS every year.

—CINDY, Shelter Without Walls

Every Arizona taxpayer who donates to JFCS qualifies for the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit. You do not need to itemize deductions to claim the tax credit. At the time you file your taxes, list JFCS as your charitable organization along with your donation amount on the AZ Tax Form 321.

When I was laid off the job that I had for 40 years, I fell onto hard times. My sister arranged for me to see a Jewish therapist who really understood my situation. JFCS helped me apply for Medicaid, and even gave me money to pay some bills. I didn’t know there were these services for older folks like me. Thank you JFCS for all your help!

—DAN, Jewish Community Services
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Every month, the Arizona Division of Child Safety (DCS) child-abuse hotline receives on average 3,826 reports of child abuse and neglect that meet the criteria for investigation, and currently, there are nearly 18,000 children in the foster care system. Nearly 60% of foster care children are under 8 years old. Recently, there has been considerable media coverage regarding the under-staffed and under-funded Arizona child welfare system.

“At JFCS we understand the overwhelming demand being placed on DCS, and we are collaborating closely with the state to provide trauma-informed care as well as a wide-range of behavioral health and social services for children in foster care.”

- Linda Scott, V.P. of JFCS Child & Family Solutions

Jamie, a 9 year-old boy, was placed in a foster home after suffering abuse from his heroin-addicted parents. Jamie had crippling anxiety attacks along with many behavioral issues related to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). With the help of the JFCS child therapy and integrated healthcare team, the young boy is healing physically and emotionally. He learned basic coping skills, and over time, began to bond with his foster family, improve in school, and even play in a youth soccer team.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the total lifetime estimated financial costs associated with just one year of confirmed cases of child maltreatment (physical abuse, sexual abuse, psychological abuse and neglect) is approximately $124 billion nationally. Child abuse and neglect can occur in families of all income levels, especially when they are facing challenges such as substance abuse, untreated mental health problems, domestic violence—and they lack access to much-needed services and treatment.

Give to JFCS and receive a tax CREDIT for your donation on your state tax return.

JFCS is part of the solution of the child welfare crisis in Arizona. In addition to therapy, counseling and behavioral health services, JFCS offers home-based parenting support aimed at family reunification, job readiness training for foster care youth, advocacy and support for victims of domestic violence and their children, as well as other social service programs.

Read more about the AZ Charitable Tax Credit program on the next page.”

Facts about Child Welfare

| 1 in 5 | $124 | 18,000 | 1,825 |
| U.S. children live in poverty | billion in societal costs, i.e. health services & crime | Arizona children in foster care | children abused or neglected EVERY DAY |

Donate to JFCS and take the AZ Charitable TAX CREDIT

What does this mean for you?
When you donate to JFCS, you will receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your Arizona state income tax return. This means that you can SUBTRACT the amount of your donation from the amount of taxes that you owe. It’s a simple way to make a difference in the lives of people in need facing serious mental, behavioral and social challenges.

What’s the AZ Charitable Tax Credit?
The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit is a tax credit for individuals who have made donations during the tax year to a Qualifying Charitable Organization. Since 97% of the people we serve are living at or below the poverty level, JFCS is a Qualifying Charitable Organization for the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit.

How much can I give?
We appreciate any amount you can afford to give. Your tax credit is capped at $200 for individuals and $400 for those filing jointly.

How much will I receive?
If you are a single taxpayer, you can receive tax credit up to $200. Couples filing jointly can receive up to $400 credit on their Arizona State income tax return. A tax credit is much better than a deduction because a tax credit is SUBTRACTED directly from the amount of taxes owed.

How does it work?
Make your donation to JFCS online at www.jfcsaz.org/CREDIT; mail a check using the enclosed envelope; or call us at (602)279-7655. We’ll send a receipt. When you file your taxes, list JFCS as your charitable organization and the dollar amount of your donation on the AZ Tax Form 321. Every Arizona taxpayer who donates to JFCS qualifies for the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit. You do not need to itemize deductions to claim the tax credit.

Is this a good thing?
Absolutely! You pay less in taxes and you help the most vulnerable people in our community. It doesn’t get better than that! You can GIVE and RECEIVE.

Can I receive multiple charitable tax credits?
Yes! You can participate in any or all of the AZ tax credit programs and receive a separate credit for each donation you make up to the limit of each tax credit: The AZ Charitable Tax Credit, the Public School Tax Credit, the Private School Tuition Tax Credit and the AZ Foster Care Tax Credit.

Need more information?
AZ Charitable Tax Credit: www.azdor.gov/About/FAQs/CharitableTaxCredit
JFCS Charitable Tax Credit Fund: (602) 279-7655 or www.jfcsaz.org/taxcredit
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You can be a part of the solution.

In 2015, the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit was enacted by the state legislature. This program allows Arizona taxpayers to make a dollar-for-dollar contribution to a nonprofit organization, including JFCS. The charitable tax credit is a tax credit for donations to Qualifying Charitable Organizations (QCOs). Donations are deducted from your tax owed. It’s a simple way to make a difference to the lives of vulnerable people in our community. It doesn’t get better than that! You can give to JFCS and receive a tax CREDIT for your donation on your state tax return.

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Now thru December, 2015
JFCS Holiday Program
The only program in the Valley where you can sponsor a family in need for either Chanukah or Christmas. www.jfcsaz.org/sponsor

December 1, 2015
Giving Tuesday
A national day of giving after ‘Black Friday’ and Cyber Monday. www.jfcsaz.org/donate

December 3, 2015
It’s A Wrap Holiday Luncheon
Join us for gift wrapping fun in support of our Holiday Program. Ina Levine Jewish Community Center 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

February 26, 2016
7th Annual Brighter Tomorrow Luncheon
Arizona Biltmore Resort, Phoenix 11:45 am – 1:15 pm

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DAVID MACHBITZ’S Bar Mitzvah project

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$264,000 partnership grant for core operational support for JFCS Jewish Community Services. $50,000 grant for the Senior Concierge Program, a collaborative effort to provide information and referral services for seniors and caregivers.

Bank of America

$15,000 grant for GED preparation, tutoring, and study skills training for transitional foster care youth at Real World Job Development.

Valley Leadership - Youth Leadership in Philanthropy Program

$2,000 grant to Real World Job Development for homeless prevention efforts among foster care youth.

Valley Kids Foundation

$3,000 to Real World Job Development for general support and services for foster care youth.

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Learn how you can help neglected children, and get AZ Charitable Tax Credit alerts on your mobile phone.

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

$16,410 to Shelter Without Walls for survivors of domestic violence.

Arizona Child Abuse Prevention License Plate Program

Along with AZ Republic/12 News and The Governor’s Office for Children, Youth & Families $15,000 to Creating Peaceful Families, a school-based drug abuse and bullying prevention program.

Arizona Foundation for Women

$5,000 to Shelter Without Walls for emergency funds.

Glendale From the Heart

$7,500 to Shelter Without Walls for survivors of domestic violence in Glendale.