

Connections

Your Donor Newsletter

A Survivor Speaks Out

1 in 4 women are a victims of domestic abuse

My name is Francine. I am a fortunate survivor of domestic violence. The reason I say "fortunate" is because I feel there are three types of domestic violence victims. First, there is the woman who stays in the abusive environment. Second, the woman who is no longer here with us because she was killed by her abuser. Third, women like me, who are fortunate enough to have escaped the abusive relationship.

It was an early Saturday morning when I received the last bruises from my now ex-husband. **I was determined to seek help. It all started at the Scottsdale Police Department.** *Read more on the next page. ■*

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Dr. Zent leaves behind legacy of leadership.
■ See inside.



Holiday program delivers cheer.
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A woman is turned away from a shelter in AZ due to lack of space **EVERY 30 MINUTES**

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I was introduced to Christine, Senior Crime Advocate for the City of Scottsdale, who encouraged me to call Jewish Family & Children's Service. I did. The domestic violence advocate at the **Shelter Without Walls** program helped me find a place to live, food, clothing and even gave me bus passes since I didn't have transportation. I was encouraged to join a weekly therapy group program, as well as individual therapy sessions. They also put me in touch with a legal advisor who prepared the divorce paperwork and guided me through every single step until I was declared legally free.

Shelter Without Walls taught me that I have the right to say yes or no, when needed, and not feel guilty about it. I learned to accept compliments, to know I am beautiful, to have confidence, to believe in myself, to feel I can accomplish anything, to realize it was not my fault.

I feel so grateful for all the support the staff at Shelter Without Walls gave me. I couldn't have done anything without their help. They were there for me to listen to my insecurities, to reassure me that I am intelligent and that I can do it. It was a

comforting feeling knowing that someone was just a phone call away.

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I consider myself a different woman now. I was able to work hard, save money, keep focus to buy my first home. I continue to go to school. With discipline, I know I will complete my Social Services degree. Although it has been some time since I left the violent atmosphere, and come so far with accomplishments, I still struggle with fear and insecurities. I know in my heart that these emotions will eventually subside with time.

I feel I am a positive living proof of what JFCS and Shelter Without Walls can do. I am eternally grateful for this charitable, giving organization that helped save my life.

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SHELTER WITHOUT WALLS was created to fill a gap. Most state or federally funded domestic violence services are designated for those who have left an abusive relationship and are living in a shelter. These programs typically have time limits associated with them and they are bed-oriented. **Shelter Without Walls has no time limit; clients are offered assistance for as long as necessary.**

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636
survivors
were
served

1,145
children
of survivors
were
impacted

88%
of survivors
reported increased
knowledge of the
legal system

100%
of survivors reported
increased knowledge of the
**VICTIM'S COMPENSATION
PROGRAM** and
other financial
assistance services

Honoring a remarkable man

Michael R. Zent, Ph.D., 1947-2016

JFCS President and CEO Michael R. Zent, Ph.D., a fourth generation Arizonan and long-time resident of both Phoenix and Tucson, passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 11, 2016. For four decades, he dedicated himself to the continuous improvement of the behavioral health system in Arizona. Whether working at the Arizona State Hospital at the outset of his career, directing administrative bodies such as Community Partnership of Southern Arizona and Value Options, or managing a provider organization, Dr. Zent was a visionary committed to improving Arizona's behavioral health system.

Since 2008, Dr. Zent held the role of president and chief executive officer at JFCS. He provided extensive leadership and deftly guided our diversified, non-sectarian organization through a period of growth, increasing JFCS' total revenue base from \$18 million in 2008 to nearly \$50 million in 2015.

Dr. Zent positioned JFCS in the forefront of the movement toward integrated healthcare in Arizona and was instrumental in JFCS' collaboration and rollout of the combined practices of mental health and primary healthcare through the use of electronic health records (EHR). In November 2014, he celebrated the opening of JFCS' Catalina Health Center Behavioral Health Wing and on January 4, 2016, the Molly Blank Medical Wing opened. The Catalina Health Center in the Phoenix neighborhood of Maryvale now serves as a model of an integrated primary medical and behavioral health clinic for under-served populations.

Dr. Zent championed technology in the behavioral health industry and led strategic initiatives in the design and development of EHR applications and Health Information Exchanges (HIE). Most notably, he helped develop TOPAZ Information Solutions as a preeminent resource and provider of high-quality integrated EHR solutions and served as its managing partner and most articulate champion. He also developed the Behavior Health Information Network of Arizona (BHINAZ) as an integrated network of behavioral health providers with the goal of maximizing the use of information technology to enhance behavioral healthcare.

JFCS' cultural competency strategy was also a key focus of Dr. Zent's. Soon after arriving at JFCS, he formed a Cultural Competency Committee to implement best practices in cultural diversity and focus on bilingual skills and language certification – all to better serve JFCS' multicultural client population.

Dr. Zent's accomplishments consistently speak to his distinctive value to JFCS as an organizational visionary and leader; to the individuals whose lives, as a boss and a mentor, he touched; to the clients for whom he was an inspired voice; and to the community for his sensitivity and responsiveness to their human service needs. He is greatly missed.



MICHAEL R. ZENT MEMORIAL FUND

To honor Dr. Zent's legacy, the Michael R. Zent Memorial Fund has been established. Contributions may be made online at jfcsaz.org/zent or via Jewish Family & Children's Service, 4747 N. 7th Street, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85014.

You make the holidays brighter!



Thanksgiving meals delivered

Zack Beraznik donated 60 Thanksgiving meals to JFCS families in need. Celebrating his Bar Mitzvah so close to Thanksgiving, Zack wanted to make sure our neediest families didn't go without. He raised more than \$3,500 to purchase the family-sized, pre-prepared meals with dessert too. Meals were delivered by Zack and his parents to JFCS Homebased Services and Catalina Health Center for families to take home. Thank you, Zack!

Families in need received gifts

Thanks to you, our most vulnerable and needy families celebrating Christmas and Chanukah across Maricopa County enjoyed a very happy holiday. You gave these families an extra dose of hope and joy with your gifts! Plus, more than 90 Jewish seniors received care packages. Go to jfcsaz.org/storiesofhope to read more about your impact.



Thanks to everyone who brought and wrapped gifts at our annual It's A Wrap! Holiday Luncheon held on Dec. 3.



Foster teens enjoyed gifts and a feast

More than 100 foster teens who otherwise would have had nothing special for the holidays received gifts and a holiday meal. We would especially like to thank **Lincoln Air, Dress for Success, General Mills** and **Pardes Jewish Day School** for their incredible support of these teens.

Also, thank you to **all the volunteers** who helped with the Youth Holiday Dinner on Dec. 15, 2015.

Special Thanks

We appreciated support from the following sponsor organizations over the holidays:

Arizona State Bar Association
Arizona Sunrays Gymnastics
Beth El Congregation
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Puroclean
SOS Systems
Temple Emanuel Sisterhood
Westbrook Village Shalom Club

Be the Solution: Leave a Legacy



JFCS has joined with 11 other local organizations in a partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Phoenix as a part of a national program to dramatically increase philanthropy to local organizations in Jewish communities. The *Life & Legacy Program* promotes after-lifetime giving, such as bequests and endowments to benefit our community and especially JFCS.

As part of the program, participating agencies that reach certain milestones will receive financial incentives. When JFCS obtains 25 donor commitments, we will receive a \$10,000 unrestricted grant. To date we have added 26 donors to the JFCS Legacy Society and are proud to be the first agency in the Phoenix area to qualify for the grant. When JFCS obtains another 24 commitments, we will be eligible to receive another \$10,000 grant.

The JFCS Legacy Society is comprised of donors who have confirmed us as a beneficiary in their estate plans by listing JFCS in their will, trust, life insurance or retirement plan.

You do not have to be wealthy to leave a gift to JFCS, and a commitment at this time costs you nothing during your lifetime.

For more information, please contact Frank Jacobson at 602-567-8329 or frank.jacobson@jfcsaz.org.

JFCS Legacy Society (as of February, 2016)

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Anonymous (9)
Janet Arnold +
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Bernard and Dora Jacobs
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+ New additions since May 1, 2015

* Of blessed memory

** Realized gift

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Grantor Recognition

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A Jewish Response
To Hunger

\$30,000 grant to the Older Adults Program to strengthen JFCS' capacity to provide outreach, education and enrollment assistance to seniors who qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Solutions to Senior Hunger™, which is conducted in partnership with the Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies (AJFCA) and generously funded by the Walmart Foundation, is designed to reduce the barriers that keep vulnerable seniors from enrolling in SNAP.



\$25,000 grant from the Michael & Carmela Blank Family Philanthropic Fund to support JFCS Jewish Career Services.

Enterprise Holdings Foundation

\$1,500 grant to provide general operating support for JFCS programs and services to the community.



\$7,500 grant to support the JFCS Shelter Without Walls community-based domestic violence program.



\$15,000 grant to Real World Job Development to provide education and GED support, job training, paid work internships, life skills classes, mentorship and more to youth who are aging out of the foster care system.

Mark Your Calendar

April 5, 2016

Arizona Gives Day

A statewide celebration of Arizona nonprofits and philanthropic giving

April 6, 2016

Mind, Body, Spirit in Action

Ina Levine Jewish Community Campus, Scottsdale

8:30 a.m. to noon

An interactive approach to managing your overall health

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Upcoming Events.

April 27, 2016

Jewish Crisis Response Training

Ina Levine Jewish Community Campus, Scottsdale

5:30-9 p.m.

Training will review the essential concepts of crisis, trauma, victim, witness, survivor and ripple effects

May 11, 2016

Ethics

Ina Levine Jewish Community Campus, Scottsdale

8:30 a.m. to noon

How to balance personal biases in our professional domains

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