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We apologize if we inadvertently omitted anyone. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Weil at jweil@erjchouston.org.

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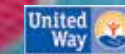
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2017 Impact Report



2016–2017
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As I look back on what has been accomplished in the last year, I am energized and inspired to know every day, the J is an open tent that welcomes everyone and continuously reaches and engages generations of people in the Jewish community and beyond.

The J is called the Jewish Community Center for a reason. It is the center of Jewish life and experiences in Houston... of our children's activities... of learning... of friendship and community. The J is also a center where we all come together to enjoy a wide range of social, cultural, educational and wellness programs for all ages, faiths and nationalities.

Unfortunately, the reality of today's fractured world has tested our resilience as a community. Thankfully, over the last year, we have made it a priority to review, update and strengthen our security procedures and protocols on all of our campuses. Together, we must embrace these new security measures and report any activities that seem out of the ordinary. We will not be deterred from fulfilling our mission and serving the needs of our community.

As you know, facilities have been a primary focus during my term as President. Following the floods, our Board reaffirmed our commitment to the Meyerland area, the heart of the Jewish community, and began to envision a master plan designed to explore the opportunities available to reinvest in our 50-year old facility and develop a J to meet the desires of current and future users. As you look around our campus, you will see signs that work is underway to repair the critical infrastructure needs of our aging building. These upgrades, which include HVAC, boilers, electrical and plumbing, will also make our building more energy efficient once fully implemented.

In addition, we continue to build a case that uncovers the most appropriate ways to reimagine our physical space and ultimately, our programs for the next generation.

We need to stay relevant and regularly review trends and data on how people connect to the J. As an agency, we strive to be innovative and progressive with programming while also creating outreach opportunities to meet people where they are located. We are in the process of creating a strategic think tank and realizing that "out of the box" ideas create excitement and engagement.

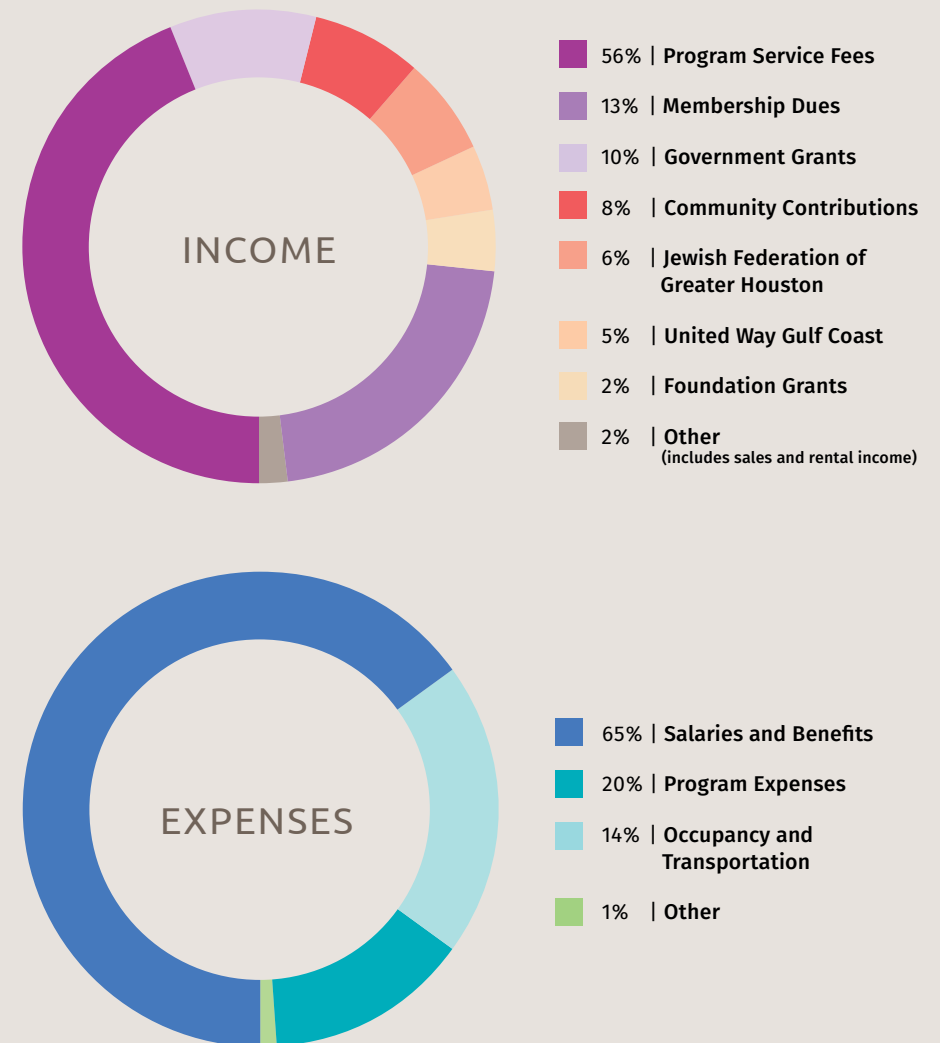
The foundation of the J is our broad reach and we are fortunate to have created collaborative partnerships with the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, United Way of Greater Houston, Jewish Family Service, Seven Acres, congregations, theatres, universities and other businesses and organizations in our Greater Houston community. The J is powered by the efforts and ideas of our numerous volunteers serving on standing and special committees – the programming and services they create are the essence of what we do. It's a pleasure to work with the talented members of our Board of Directors and Past Presidents who are committed to our mission and serve as ambassadors of the J. Of course, our dedicated staff gives above and beyond what is required to engage, enrich and serve the needs of our community. Joel Dinkin, our Executive Vice President, offers strong leadership, guidance and focus and he has been a true partner in what we have accomplished this year.

The J is a dynamic part of our community – it continues to withstand the test of time and touches many lives. I am honored to serve an additional year as President and look forward to positioning the agency for the future.

I stand with the JCC and I am so glad you are standing next to me!

DEBBIE KAPLAN, PRESIDENT

WITH AN OPERATING BUDGET OF \$16,518,160, the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center serves the greater Houston Jewish and secular communities through a multitude of programs and services. The long-standing tradition of serving every segment of the Jewish population and ensuring the continuity of Jewish life in Houston is sustained through grants, membership dues, program fees and donations.



SCHOLARSHIPS | \$451,370

The J does not turn anyone away for inability to pay. We help those in need with financial assistance in many different areas of the J. Many of the scholarship dollars are made possible by the Irvin Kaplan Scholarship Fund which is supported through individual donations and the Children's Scholarship Ball.



1100+ volunteers
making a difference in people's
lives every day



"I can't drive because of a problem with my eye and **J Ride has been a life saver** for my wife and I! They take us to doctors' appointments, the bank, and shopping; **we feel so much more independent now.**"
– Marcos Kaminsky



1,436 rides
provided by J Ride in collaboration with
Jewish Family Service and the Jewish
Federation of Greater Houston

50% more toddlers



registered for Bertha
Alyce Early Childhood
School than 2015–2016



120,000 meals
delivered to
Senior Adults who
are unable to cook
for themselves



2,270 children
taking gymnastics, dance,
tennis and other classes
and lessons



YOUR J BY THE NUMBERS
THE J'S IMPACT IN 2016–2017



625 families

connect to Judaism
through family programming

13,652 people
attending arts, culture and
education events



190 students
learning in the
Melton Adult Jewish
Learning program



2,200 participants
in group fitness classes

76,865
members checked
in at the J



3,200 individuals
taking advantage of
swim instruction
with our certified
aquatics staff

"It is not always easy to find one place that satisfies the needs of two children who are four years apart in age. **It is so nice to have found the J where they can do so many different things under one roof!**" – Kami and Clay Guinn



2,000+ children
ages 0-17 create memories
in J schools and summer camps

2,800 boys and girls
participating in Houston National
Invitational gymnastics meet held
in Galveston for the first time

