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A message from the CEO

MICHAEL SATTELL

Shalom! and hoping this latest issue of **KAVOD** finds you and your family well!

This past year has presented additional challenges to Ovation Communities as the pandemic lingers on. But, it has also afforded us an opportunity to continue innovating and planning for our future, while providing outstanding care and services for our residents, today. First, please know that the Jewish Home and Care Center Foundation remains strong and capable of helping our community's elders. Please take a moment to review the Foundation's brief Annual Report found by turning to page four.

During this past year we have attracted local students and young professionals through our newly created Teen Ovation and NextGen Ovation initiatives, engaging them to virtually visit our residents and developing future leaders for our communities.

In addition, we have innovated virtually by:

- expanding outreach through our Adult Day Programs, and by working with area agencies and synagogues. This ensures isolated older adults' needs are being met.
- coordinating Israeli visits hosted by David Bitan, offering live tours of significant cultural sights accompanied by history lessons.
- continued assurance for residents and families to gather virtually through FaceTime, Skype and other resources.

We are also so grateful for your support of our employees. Monthly luncheons sponsored by Hand In Hand are a needed and much appreciated respite for our very hard working and dedicated staff. Your donations to our Employee Appreciation Fund ensure that each employee receives a gift this holiday season.

Thank you for your continued support of our vision to Add Life to Lives, L'dor L'dor, From Generation to Generation.

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Cover photo: Hand in Hand volunteers Arleen Peltz and Mary Anne Shelby prepare lunch for Ovation Communities' employees.

ANNUAL REPORT

We are pleased to provide you this report of our Jewish Home and Care Center Foundation's fiscal year-end June 30, 2021 assets and its support provided to Ovation Communities.

The Foundation ended its year with \$195,595,865 in net assets, represented by \$140 million in unrestricted funds, \$62 million in Board Designated funds for resident financial assistance and future capital expenditures, and \$24 million in Temporarily Restricted Funds for the following purposes:

Despite the challenges Ovation Communities has faced through this pandemic, it continues to follow its mission of providing a quality Jewish environment for residents with comfort, meaning, independence and dignity. Finding new and creative ways to engage with and help support residents, the Jewish Home and Care Center Foundation is an important pillar of the organization.

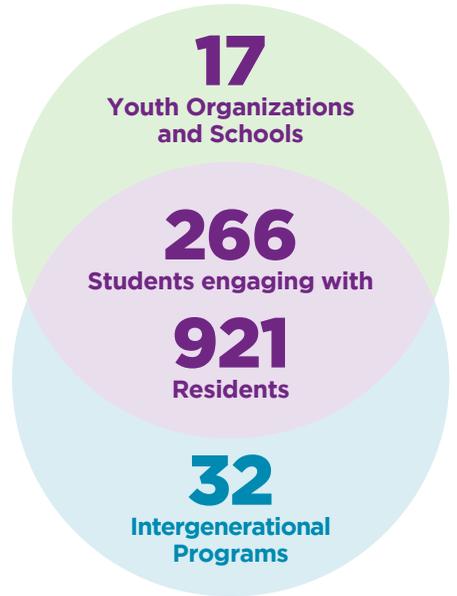
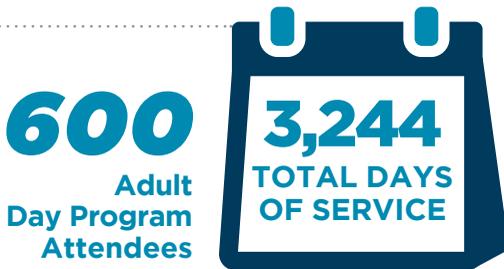
“This past fiscal year was extraordinary for many reasons, led by the ongoing pandemic and its emotional and financial impact on all of Ovation Communities,” said JHCCF VP of Development, Tanya Mazor-Posner. “Through the kindness of residents, families, volunteers and donors, we have been able to continue to make an impact and add life to the lives of residents.”

In fiscal 2021 the Foundation provided over **\$4 Million in Grants** to Ovation Communities for operating cash, capital expenditures to upgrade and improve our buildings, and targeted underwriting of residents’ care, services and activities.

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED FUNDS: (\$000 OMITTED)

Resident Care, Services and Activities	\$13,078
Spiritual Development	\$976
Facilities Support	\$13,004
Employee Education	\$2,468
Employee Appreciation	\$270
Greatest Needs Funds	\$3,906

“Adapting our programs amid the pandemic has been an exciting challenge,” Mazor-Posner said. “We have been able to increase our use of technology to continue and enhance the relationships formed pre pandemic. We are proud that we continued to impact their lives in many ways.”



“We continue to remain strong in the face of this ongoing uncertainty because of your support,” Mazor-Posner said. “Thank you for your continued dedication, and for recognizing the significance and beauty of our mission to enhance our residents’ lives and provide the highest level of service and care that they deserve.”



Adult Day Services Expands Reach



RENOWNED PROGRAMS NOW OFFERED VIRTUALLY

Over the years, many older adults with memory loss have benefited from Ovation Communities' robust Adult Day Services programming. Adult Day Services offers the independence of home living combined with the connection of being part of a joyful community. When the pandemic hit in early 2020, participants and families who relied on this day-to-day support and assistance increasingly struggled due to isolation, loneliness, and the loss of important routines. Adult Day Services quickly pivoted to roll out its innovative programs virtually and provide critical resources for both caregivers and their loved ones.

"In some way, all families have been touched by the overwhelming stress of the past 18 months, which is only

compounded for those dealing with memory loss," said Ovation Communities Social Worker, Dana Rubin-Winkelman. "We want people to know they're not alone, and we have the tools and resources to help ease some of their challenges and offer support."

Ovation is the only organization statewide currently offering this kind of virtual programming. Participants are even joining from cities outside of Milwaukee, including Madison and Green Bay, to connect, gain a new sense of purpose, and stay engaged.

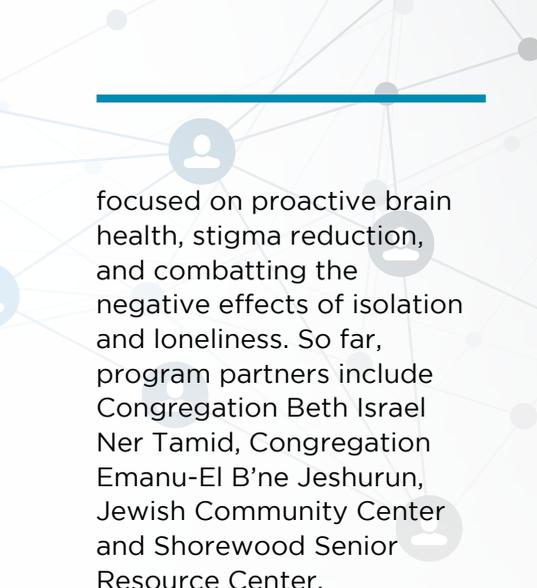


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— Dana Rubin-Winkelman, Ovation Communities Social Worker

A GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY

Generously funded by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, Adult Day Services is implementing a series of virtual programs and workshops to address social isolation for older adults in the Milwaukee-area Jewish community. The efforts are



focused on proactive brain health, stigma reduction, and combatting the negative effects of isolation and loneliness. So far, program partners include Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid, Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, Jewish Community Center and Shorewood Senior Resource Center.

“We’re excited to work with our growing list of community partners and highly respected industry professionals to reach out to more people in new and innovative ways,” said Ovation Communities Director of Adult Day Services, Dawn Adler. “These virtual services are open to everyone. We help people connect to important resources and a supportive community network.”

Studies have found that feelings of loneliness may be linked to poor cognitive performance and can increase the risk of dementia. These entertaining, interactive workshops bring people together while working on a variety of topics to improve brain health and overall wellbeing.

To learn more about Adult Day Services program offerings and community outreach, contact Dawn Adler, 414-277-8838, dadler@ovation.org or Dana Rubin-Winkelman, 414-721-9249, DRubin-Winkelman@ovation.org. All programs are currently virtual.



OVATION ADULT DAY SERVICES **VIRTUAL PROGRAMS**

ReCharge Interactive Brain Health Class

A fun, interactive class that brings people together while working to improve memory.

R&R Club: Recharge and Renew Social Club

Connect socially and enjoy a variety of guest entertainers, artists and presenters.

SPARK!

This collaborative program with the Jewish Museum Milwaukee combines art and featured exhibits.

Caregiver Support Group

Dedicated to those providing care and support for a loved one with memory loss.

Supportive Wellness Group

Participants engage in a supportive group focusing on emotional needs and overall wellness.

Family Support and Consultation

Services including advice, counseling and community resources provided by a Master Level Social Worker.

Touch Points: A Spark of Light with Dana e-Newsletter

Provides meaningful connection and support during the uncertainty of the pandemic.

Community Brain Health & Wellness Workshops

A wide array of community workshops including the Brain & Body Boost and Synagogue Art & Light Collaboration.



Hand in Hand:

Ovation's Volunteer Arm Serves Critical Role

For 115 years Hand in Hand has supported Ovation Communities by providing companionship and comfort for residents and staff, and funding essential services and equipment. Over the past year and a half, this group of dedicated volunteers has been more important than ever.

“The relationship we have formed with Hand in Hand, has allowed us to continue to provide residents with the best care and services,” said Jewish Home and Care Center Foundation Vice President of Development, Tanya Mazor-Posner.” In addition to residents, Hand in Hand has also shown an appreciation for our dedicated staff.”

With Ovation's frontline workers going the extra mile to care for residents throughout the pandemic, Hand in Hand initiated and continues to sponsor a monthly staff luncheon. These grab and go events allow employees to enjoy a catered meal during a busy workday and help boost morale and

show appreciation during an especially challenging time.

In addition, a grant from Hand in Hand recently funded the purchase of a Sit to Stand Lift for the organization. The new device allows caregivers to help residents change positions safely and securely. Residents can hold onto handlebars and the lift does all the work. The Sit to Stand assists with essential activities like getting out of bed or up from a chair. Over the years Hand in Hand's grant program, through the Jewish Home and Care Center Foundation, has ensured residents have access to new technology that enhances their care.

Hand in Hand volunteers continue to focus on lifting spirits and extending friendship throughout the community. To find out more about volunteer opportunities, contact Tanya Mazor-Posner, tmazor-posner@ovation.org.

Photo above: Ovation Jewish Home staff are appreciative to Hand in Hand for donating a brand-new Sit to Stand Lift to help residents.



Top left: Chai Point nurses Glenda Anderson, CMA, and Myrna Orengo, LPN, pick up their Hand in Hand sponsored lunches.

Top right: Jewish Home nurse, Barbara Bell, LPN, picks up her Hand in Hand sponsored lunch from HR Business Partner, Ana Feliciano.



Middle: George Geib from the Chai Point Activities Department, and Chai Point Social Worker Carolyn Schuman, appreciate their Hand in Hand sponsored lunches.

Bottom: Hand in Hand volunteers Barbe DeSmet and Mary Anne Selby pack lunches for Ovation Communities' employees to enjoy.



“Hand in Hand is a very high impact volunteer organization that has been around at the Jewish Home in since its inception in 1906. Over time it has morphed into a group of dedicated people whose purpose is to support Ovation’s staff and residents in a variety of ways.”

— Phil Himmelfarb,
Hand in Hand Chair

Beth Draper Retiring After Years of Working with Volunteers



Beth has always worked in the Jewish community. She began her career teaching kindergarten at the Milwaukee Jewish Day School in 1986 and taught there until 2009. Thereafter, she worked as the Sunday School principal for Congregation Shir Hadash and then found her way Ovation Communities as the first formal Volunteer Coordinator. Beth turned the program established by Hand in Hand into the professional program that it is today.

“Beth has brought our volunteer department from so-so, to a very large and diverse group of people, young and old,” said Mary Anne-Selby, Hand in Hand and Ovation Jewish Home Board Member. “These volunteers have given their time to fill the lives of our residents with happiness, joy and companionship.”

When Beth began her tenure, she was told to remember one important rule: “Volunteers are golden to our organization, so be sure to treat them that way.” Many of our volunteers have been involved with our organization through generations.

Throughout her journey as the volunteer manager, Beth developed community partnerships with local universities. In 2012, Beth received the Community Partner Award from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on behalf of Ovation’s volunteer program. Under Beth’s leadership Ovation Communities has won several awards for its volunteer program.

“If you put in as much effort enjoying your retirement as you have working for Ovation Communities, it is sure to be a success,” said Arleen Peltz, Board Member and Past Board Chair, Ovation Jewish Home and the Jewish Home and Care Center Foundation.

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I have had the opportunity to meet and work with the incredible lay people in our community who volunteer and dedicate their support to enrich the lives of the seniors living in Ovation Communities,” Beth said. *“It has been my good fortune and joy to be able to work alongside incredible staff and amazing volunteers. I am grateful to have had this opportunity and will always hold dear the memories of the friendships I have made with the residents, volunteers, and staff at Ovation.*

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Helen Bader Center Set for CBRF Renovation

In the coming months, Ovation Communities will be renovating the Jewish Home's Helen Bader Center, relicensed as a Community-Based Residential Facility (CBRF) dedicated to serving those living with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

"This new CBRF allows us to honor and elevate the vision that Helen Daniels Bader had 30 years ago," said Michael Sattell, Ovation Communities President and CEO. "This renovated space will allow our loved ones to live in a nurturing environment by providing person-centered care focused on sensory stimulation through music and the arts."



For more information and regular updates, please follow Ovation Communities at [facebook.com/Ovation Communities](https://www.facebook.com/OvationCommunities).

Residents Go on Virtual Tour of Israel

While the pandemic has presented many challenges in providing enriching activities for residents, it also presented some very unique opportunities. This summer, Israeli educator and Ovation collaborator David Bitan led numerous virtual tours of Israel for residents and community members.

David toured locations throughout Israel which showcased Jewish history, Israel's history, military prowess, culture, and charming slices of Israeli life. These tours were featured and recorded on Zoom and have now been posted to the Foundation's YouTube channel so that residents and other community members can enjoy them at their leisure.

"To bring Israel to the community in the midst of this pandemic is one of the most fantastic ideas that we came up with in partnership with one another," Bitan said. "To connect Ovation's residents to Israel, its landscapes, and historical sites, warms the heart and soul."



Israeli educator, David Bitan at the Tel-Faher memorial site in the Golan Heights.



VIRTUAL TOURS HAVE INCLUDED:

- The Old City of Jerusalem
- Neveh Zedek neighborhood of Tel-Aviv
- Tel-Faher in the Golan Heights
- Caesaria
- Um El Umdan (in Modiin)
- Old Jaffa
- A kibbutz tour
- Zichron Yaakov
- The Kastel
- Mini Israel

This program was made possible through a grant by the Jewish Home and Care Center Foundation.

Our Friends & Supporters... we thank you!

We are pleased to recognize our donors whose gifts help sustain our mission. Donors are listed for contributions received between August 14, 2021 through October 13, 2021. We strive to be accurate and complete. Please inform us of any errors and accept our apologies for any oversight.

Some donations were given prior to the departure of our dear loved ones; an asterisk meaning 'Of Blessed Memory' is listed next to their names if this is the case.

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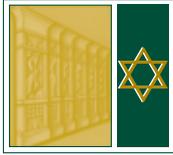
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we have upheld
our mission.**

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Hanukkah Celebrations



Above: Chai Point resident Lizzy Lopez-Weiner, takes some time to decorate Star of David and dreidel cookies for Hanukkah.

Left: Hope, who works the Chai Point front desk, helps celebrate the fourth night of Hanukkah by lighting the candles.



Above: Joined by his young Child, Rabbi Emmer hosts a concert and Hanukkah service with Music Therapist Kevin Farinelli, and volunteer Bill Hindin for residents to enjoy.



Left: Ahava, from the Chai Point Activities Department, helps residents make Origami dreidels.

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Hanukkah Celebration

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