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**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FERD & GLADYS ALPERT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE
COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND TO MEET UNPRECEDENTED COMMUNITY CHALLENGES**

WEST PALM BEACH, FL – April 8, 2020 – Meeting the human service needs of the community is the mission of Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service (Alpert JFS) during challenging times, and especially during times of emergency and crisis. Funds donated to the Alpert JFS COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund will benefit seniors and Holocaust survivors in need of food and supplies, and for transportation to deliver these items, and enable the Agency to continue to provide behavioral health (counseling, psychiatry, child psychiatry, and support groups), caregiver support, and senior – and long-term care services.

Donations are tax deductible, and this effort by Alpert JFS can provide the kind of assistance to community members during this critical time that can prevent them from becoming homeless or brought into poverty.

“Before the current crisis, 20% of the Jewish community was living paycheck-to paycheck. Since that time, things have gotten worse,” said Alpert JFS CEO Marc Hopin. “During this unprecedented time, people are losing their jobs and benefits, and we need to come together to bridge the gap for those in need of help to stay afloat financially.”

“The Stay at Home order is a guideline that better enables us to take care of each other and our community, “ said Alpert JFS Clinical Director Elaine Rotenberg, Ph.D. “Understandably, many people are feeling an increased level of anxiety and worry. However, if you find yourself struggling to eat or sleep, feel hopeless, are seeking alcohol or drugs, or having a hard time coping with everyday activities, please reach out to Alpert JFS so we can connect you with one of our licensed mental health professionals via telemental health.”

Palm Beach County Commissioner, District 2 Gregg Weiss applauded Alpert JFS’ “open for business” status.

“I want to thank Alpert JFS for leading the way, ensuring the continuity of Social Service programs for the Jewish community and its neighbors during this unprecedented time,” Weiss said. “If you need any assistance, please know that they are there for you. Even though we are physically apart, we are all together as one community to beat this pandemic.”

Visit <https://www.alpertjfs.org/covid19fund/> to donate to the Ferd & Gladys Alpert COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund that will help the organization continue to meet the needs of local children, teens, adults and people with disabilities. The safety and well-being of the residents of the Greater Palm Beaches is the agency’s top priority.

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Established in 1974, Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service is a nationally accredited service provider for children, adults, seniors, and Holocaust survivors. The non-profit, non-sectarian organization is a trusted leader, with a team of more than 175 highly skilled professionals delivering high-quality care to community members. Alpert JFS works to ensure the well-being of children and families, independence of older adults and quality-of-life for individuals with disabilities. For more information, visit www.AlpertJFS.org or phone 561-684-1991.

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