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**FERD & GLADYS ALPERT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE RECEIVES
ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING AND EMERGENCY AID FOR LIFE-SAVING ASSISTANCE TO HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS**

WEST PALM BEACH, FL – April 30, 2020 – Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service (Alpert JFS) has received an advance on funding from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference), to reinforce an array of services already in place, and is bringing additional capital to the Holocaust Survivor community through the KAVOD SHEF (Survivors of the Holocaust Emergency Fund) matching initiative.

“The current pandemic has created urgent unmet needs,” said Alpert JFS CEO Marc Hopin. “We are fighting to ease isolation and loneliness, and do everything we can to maintain the health and safety of our Holocaust Survivors during this challenging time. Their dignity is our destiny, as much today as when we started our Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program 25 years ago.”

The mission of the Claims Conference is to provide a measure of justice for Jewish Holocaust victims and provide them with the best possible care. They support organizations around the world that provide the best care for victims, like Alpert JFS. An advance of previously committed funds helps ensure meal and medicine delivery, assistance with household expenses and repairs, and home safety equipment, transportation, and the expansion of virtual/telephone socialization and volunteer programs.

“We are honored and humbled to be able to make such a difference in the lives of our Holocaust survivors,” said Alpert JFS Programs Director Elyse Jacobson. “We are here to for them, and always will be.”

KAVOD SHEF is a secondary resource of KAVOD, which partners with Jewish Family Service agencies to provide emergency or day-to-day aid for the needs of Holocaust Survivors. Urgent and critical emergency services eligible through the initiative include medical, dental, vision, food, home repair, rent, food, transportation, and home care. Dollars for these vital services will be multiplied exponentially and fill the gap more quickly, with matching funds provided by Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, for a combined total up to \$150,000.

“We are so fortunate to receive these funds for our Holocaust Survivors,” said Alpert JFS Director of Long-Term Care Jennifer Escobar. “Two of our survivors have already accessed assistance with hearing aids and air conditioner repair.”

The Alpert JFS Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program has seven full-time employees working to preserve the dignity of Holocaust survivors, identifying and addressing their distinct social welfare, health care, and emotional needs with the utmost sensitivity. The team helps them navigate the Reparations Benefit Process, and provides monthly, bi-monthly, and annual socialization activities for survivors. The HonoringLife™ program facilitated by Alpert JFS provides cultural competency training for healthcare and legal professionals, as well as others who may encounter Holocaust survivors.

For more information about Alpert JFS' Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program, visit www.AlpertJFS.org/for-seniors-holocaust-survivors-assistance/.

Visit <http://www.claimscon.org/> to learn more about Claims Conference, and <https://kavodensuringdignity.com/> for more information about KAVOD.

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Established in 1974, Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service (Alpert JFS) 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 200 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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