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VOLUNTEERS FROM ALPERT JFS AND THE KIND KITCHEN DELIVER MEALS FOR THE PURIM HOLIDAY

WEST PALM BEACH, FL – March 1, 2021 – Volunteers from Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service (Alpert JFS) and The Kind Kitchen of Palm Beach (Kind Kitchen) joined forces to deliver hundreds of meals throughout Palm Beach County for the Jewish holiday of Purim, which commemorates the saving of the Jewish people living in Persia from extermination in the 5th Century, BCE, on Thursday, February 25, 2021. They donned masks and gloves, and practiced social distancing, safely delivering the food.

The menu included fresh challah rolls, gefilte fish with horseradish and zesty coleslaw, pineapple chicken, kugel, vegetables, fresh *hamantaschen* (a triangular filled pocket cookie) in a Purim basket. The 81 meals that reached clients of Alpert JFS' Holocaust Survivors Assistance program were funded through KAVOD, an organization that partners with Jewish family services and other organizations that work with survivors, providing assistance with whatever emergency or day-to-day needs that they have.

"We are so happy to, once again, be partnering with Kind Kitchen to help our Holocaust Survivors celebrate Purim and enjoy a delicious festive meal," said Alpert JFS Long Term Care Director Jennifer Escobar. "Keeping up with holiday traditions are important, particularly during these challenging times."

"Purim is a holiday for feasting and rejoicing," said Alpert JFS' Director of Volunteer Leadership Belinda Lasky. "We are grateful to the volunteers for delivering meals so that community members can celebrate traditionally."

"On the jolly holiday of Purim, we continue the tradition of *mishloach manot* (gifts of food), as in the biblical Book of Esther," said Chani Ezagui, of The Kind Kitchen. "We happily share joy with our friends, family, and volunteer partners."

The Kind Kitchen of Palm Beach is located at 844 Prosperity Farms Road in North Palm Beach. The 501(c) (3) organization, dedicated to doing kindness, provides weekly kosher meals to those in need, from the elderly to single mothers, and people with terminal illness. Menus rotate each week so established clients have variety.

The mission of KAVOD is to provide emergency relief to Holocaust survivors in need, helping them live the remainder of their lives in comfort and with dignity. One hundred percent of all donations by KAVOD go to Survivors.

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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/.

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 nearly 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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