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MEALS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY DELIVERED BY VOLUNTEERS FROM FERD & GLADYS ALPERT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE AND THE KIND KITCHEN OF PALM BEACH

WEST PALM BEACH, FL – July 6, 2021 – Volunteers from Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service (Alpert JFS) and The Kind Kitchen of Palm Beach (Kind Kitchen) packaged or delivered festive holiday meals for the Fourth of July and red, white and blue decorations. Drivers wore wear masks and practiced social distancing.

Deliveries that reached clients of Alpert JFS' Holocaust Survivors Assistance program were funded through KAVOD. The organization 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.

The professionals involved in the endeavor expressed appreciation to the volunteers who gave their time and talents to the initiative.

"This week, we can't think of a better way to honor Independence Day, than to be able to deliver delicious Kind Kitchen meals to more than 30 Holocaust survivors, said Alpert JFS Long Term Care Director Jennifer Escobar. "We are grateful to the Kind Kitchen and the dedicated volunteers who make it all possible."

"As our country prepares to celebrate its freedom, Alpert JFS celebrates the volunteers who deliver gifts of tasty meals to our clients," said AlpertJFS Director of Volunteer Leadership Belinda Lasky. "They looked forward to seeing the smiles on the faces of clients as they wished them a good holiday weekend, and were not disappointed!"

"Truly free people study and fulfill the commandments, starting with 'Love thy neighbor as thyself,'" said Kind Kitchen's Chani Ezagui. "Thanks to the supporters and volunteers who displayed acts of lovingkindness."

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. The organization partners with Jewish Family Service and other organizations that work with Survivors, providing assistance with vital emergency or ongoing day-to-day needs that they have. One hundred percent of all donations by KAVOD go to Survivors.

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 Glatt Kosher meals. The elderly, new and/or single mothers, those in mourning, people recovering from surgery, people with terminal illness, or anyone experiencing the stresses of COVID-19 may get meal delivery assistance. Menus rotate each week so established clients have variety. To volunteer with the organization, sponsor or sign up to receive traditional meals, visit www.thekindkitchen.org.

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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. Visit www.AlpertJFS.org/for-seniors-holocaust-survivors-assistance/ for more information.

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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