



Jewish Federation
of West-Central New Jersey
Serving Somerset, Hunterdon & Warren Counties

Annual Impact Report

20
25



As One
Community

Leadership Message

Dear Friends,

2025 was a year in which your Federation continued to build on the successes of previous years and in which we brought forth new ideas for the betterment and welfare of our community and Jews around the world.

Here, in Somerset, Hunterdon & Warren Counties, we remained hyper-focused on combatting hatred toward the Jewish people and making sure our community is secure. Together with our Federation partners across the State, we spoke out against antisemitism by testifying at the State House in Trenton, activating our community to send over 400,000 emails to State legislators, attending the Conference of Mayors in Atlantic City, and visiting with each of our Assemblymen and Senators. We also took the fight to Washington D.C., where we had extensive conversations with each of our Senators and Representatives to ensure the voices of the Jewish community are being heard by Congress.

When we weren't advocating for the Jewish people and Jewish values in the halls of power, we were working to help the neediest among us. Through our [Dignity Grows program](#), we provided a record number of personal hygiene tote bags to members of the community unable to purchase feminine hygiene products on their own, and we strengthened community partnerships with food banks and local funders to work toward the end of the scourge of period poverty.

Our [Margit Feldman Holocaust Survivors Fund](#) provided Holocaust survivors with the money they needed for everything from dentures to food to emergency home repairs. Thus, ensuring survivors in our community age with the dignity they so deserve.

We gave grants to all our area synagogues for programs that brought their congregations together in community. Using our [Camp & Israel Scholarship Program](#) we gave children in our community the opportunity to engage with peers in ways that will strengthen their Jewish identities for a lifetime.

We continued to send funds to Israel for rebuilding emotionally, physically, and spiritually so that the people of Israel would know they are not travelling alone along the long road to recovery.

We hope you will take a few moments to read about all this and all the work we steadfastly do to [build, support, and protect the Jewish community](#). We think you will be as proud as we are of the impact of your Federation. None of this happens without you. We truly appreciate your support.

B'shalom,



Michael Friedlander
President



Robin Freedman-Kramer
Chief Executive Officer

About Federation

Our Mission

The mission of the Jewish Federation of West-Central New Jersey is to invest in Jewish life by building, supporting, and safeguarding Jewish communities locally, in Israel, and around the world.

Statement of Nonprofit Status

The Jewish Federation of West-Central New Jersey (JFedWCNJ) is a nondenominational 501(c)(3) nonprofit offering services to individuals locally and around the world without regard to faith. All services are open and accessible to the entire community. The IRS does not consider JFedWCNJ to be a religious organization.

Our Governance

A Board of Directors governs our Federation. Elected each year at our Annual Meeting, these volunteers include many of our most active supporters and leaders in our community.

Beyond Fundraising

While our main mission is to raise funds for the community's most pressing needs, we also offer educational and social events, business-networking opportunities, and special programs to build and strengthen our community.

Our Local Impact

SSBJCC

\$56,600

The Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center provides quality programs and services to meet the needs of the Jewish and general communities.

Project Keshet a program of Jewish life and Jewish connection - \$5,000

Project Keshet strengthens the heart of Jewish life by creating spaces where individuals and families can connect, celebrate, and grow. Through rich, value-driven experiences, the program cultivates a profound sense of belonging and sparks relationships that continue long after each gathering.



JCC Security - \$28,200

The safety of everyone who comes to enjoy all the JCC has to offer is of utmost importance to us. Federation takes seriously our part in the security of JCC members, early childhood students, campers and staff.

Camp Ruach Security - \$7,000

Our Federation successfully secured a second year of funding through the Tepper Foundation Security Grant to support enhanced safety measures. The grant was designated to fund additional security personnel for programs serving children ages 0-5. As a result, we were able to allocate funding to the JCC to increase security presence at Camp Ruach, further strengthening protections for our youngest participants.



PJ Library - \$14,600

365 young families subscribe to PJ Library; a free monthly delivery of Jewish themed books brings values & holiday into homes – Federation has made sure that we no longer have a wait list for this program in our community.

Our Local Impact

DignityGrows \$13,788

Dignity Grows empowers our neighbors in need by providing menstrual and hygiene supplies for everybody that needs them. We remove obstacles to better self-esteem and health by providing personal hygiene essentials. Dignity Grows mobilizes volunteers to organize, assemble, and distribute free, reusable zipper-top totes filled with a month's supply of soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, along with menstrual products. Federal grant programs don't cover these items, and people often don't think of donating them to the food pantries.



Jewish Federation of West-Central New Jersey has three distribution partners: Jewish Family Service of Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren Counties, The Food Bank Network of Somerset County and Flemington Area Food Pantry.

Shayna W., Food Bank Network of Somerset County client: "The women's personal hygiene products are really a blessing. The products help me through for at least two months, and it is helpful to receive them when we do, during the (December) holidays when my budget gets stretched for every penny."



In 2025, we packed
1,200 tote bags



Our Local Impact

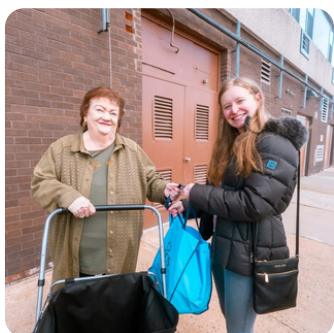
JFS

\$93,500

Jewish Family Service of Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren Counties (JFS) operates as a non-profit social service agency based on Jewish values to preserve and strengthen the quality of individual and family life for those of all faiths and beliefs in our tri-county community.

2,000+

Annually, JFS is able to meet the needs of its most vulnerable clients through essential programs, such as mental health counseling, family mentoring, career services, and emergency services.



250+

Homebound seniors benefit from regular visits by JFS Senior Shopping volunteers, as well as geriatric assessments, homecare, and case management services. These services ensure that seniors not only receive the care they need from JFS but also have the support to combat loneliness and maintain meaningful connections allowing them to age in place and remain part of the community.

45

Holocaust Survivors receive lifesaving and quality-of-life enhancing services from JFS every day, ensuring their dignity, safety, and well-being. These services range from personalized homecare and trauma-informed mental health counseling to comprehensive case management, as well as meaningful opportunities for social connections and the ability to foster a sense of community and belonging.



Our Local Impact

Special Grants to JFS \$100,142

Margit Feldman Holocaust Survivors Fund - \$56,800

The Margit Feldman Holocaust Survivors Support Fund, a partnership of the Jewish Federation of West-Central New Jersey, JFS, Kavod Shef, and Seed the Dream Foundation, provides vital financial assistance to Holocaust survivors in our community.

While the Claims Conference and state programs offer support, many survivors still face gaps in essential and emergency care. Established two years ago, the Fund helps close these gaps—ensuring survivors can access basic necessities and age with dignity and security.

Over the next three years, an additional \$100,000 annually will be needed to support more than 45 local survivors.

We are deeply grateful to Somerset Regal Bank for its generous \$10,000 investment in survivors living in Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren Counties.



NJ State Grant for Senior Nutrition - \$43,342

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As a result of this successful advocacy effort, our Federation received the grant which we then allocated to Jewish Family Service (JFS). These funds enabled JFS to expand its reach, serving additional homebound and frail seniors across a broader portion of our tri-county area than ever before. This investment ensured that more seniors received nutritious, kosher meals while remaining safely in their homes, improving both their health and quality of life.

Our Local Impact

Rutgers Hillel

\$18,400

Hillel provides opportunities for every Jewish student at Rutgers University's New Brunswick campus to deepen their connection to Jewish identity and Jewish community.

300+

Rutgers' Jewish students gather each Friday evening for Shabbat dinner in a warm and welcoming environment made possible through the generous support of our Federation. These weekly meals provide more than nourishment—they create a sense of belonging and connection for students, many of whom are away from home. Around the Shabbat table, students build friendships, celebrate tradition, and engage in meaningful conversation. Federation's support ensures that Shabbat remains an accessible and consistent touchpoint, strengthening Jewish identity and community throughout the year.



Jewish Engagement Interns

Jewish Engagement Interns extend Hillel's reach beyond College Ave. to campuses where Jewish resources are minimal. By bringing Hillel to these students, interns were able to engage hundreds of students in 2025. During the fall 2023 semester, Hillel added an Engagement Intern focused on establishing connections with Jewish fraternity and sorority members, which continues to make significant inroads into Greek life.



Our Local Impact

RVCC \$11,589

The Institute of Holocaust & Genocide Studies at Raritan Valley Community College promotes awareness, understanding, and compassion for the suffering of others; shares lessons learned from the Holocaust; serves as a repository of resources, evokes reflection, remembrance, and encourages social action.

4,800+

Students of all ages heard firsthand accounts from Survivors through the Holocaust & Genocide Institute at RVCC.



30+

The Institute successfully organized and facilitated 30+ programs in 2025 aimed at educating and engaging the community on the vital issues of Holocaust and genocide awareness. These programs reached a diverse audience, from students and educators to community members, fostering deeper understanding, reflection, and action around the importance of preserving human rights and combating intolerance.



Through these programs, Federation and the Institute reached thousands of individuals, creating a lasting impact on the community's understanding of the history of the Holocaust and other genocides.



Our Local Impact

Women's Philanthropy \$ 71,555

This spring, our Women's Philanthropy Division proudly hosted its biannual Imagine event, Or l'Or: From Light to Light – Jewish Resiliency in the Face of Darkness. The evening was both inspiring and deeply meaningful, bringing our community together in strength and solidarity.

The event not only raised critical funds for our community security campaign, but also honored the memories of two extraordinary women who left an indelible mark on our community and whose lives were taken far too soon: Elaine Dunst z"l and Ellen Teller z"l.

In tribute to their enduring legacy, the Women's Philanthropy Committee established a new award: The Elaine Dunst z"l & Ellen Teller z"l Lion of Judah Service Award.

This biannual award will be presented to a woman in our community who exemplifies the true spirit and values of the Lion of Judah — leadership, generosity, commitment, and service to the Jewish people.

At this year's event, we were honored to present the inaugural awards to the families of Elaine and Ellen, recognizing their remarkable lives and lasting impact.

We were privileged to welcome Eric Fingerhut, President and CEO of Jewish Federations of North America, as our keynote speaker. Mr. Fingerhut addressed the urgent need for enhanced security within Jewish communities and highlighted the \$130 million LiveSecure campaign for community safety and security. LiveSecure is designed to safeguard Jewish communities across North America by providing funding and strategic support for local security programs. The initiative protects Jewish institutions including:

Jewish Community Centers (JCCs)

Synagogues

Summer camps

Other Jewish communal spaces

Through collaboration with the Secure Community Network (SCN) — the Jewish community's official liaison with federal law enforcement agencies — LiveSecure strengthens and professionalizes security infrastructure nationwide. As a result of this initiative, the Jewish Federation of West-Central New Jersey received a 1:1 matching grant, enabling our community to secure funding for a dedicated Security Director. This investment significantly enhances our ability to protect and support Jewish life throughout our region.



The Imagine event was a powerful reminder that even in moments of darkness, our community responds with light, resilience, and unwavering commitment to one another. Through leadership, generosity, and collective responsibility, we continue to ensure a vibrant and secure Jewish future.

Remembering

Ellen Teller z'l



With the passing of Ellen Teller in January 2025, our community lost a truly remarkable leader, a person who held Jewish community above all things, except her family, a true Lion of Judah.

Ellen's resume of Jewish leadership is impressive. Her career as an attorney securing reparations from the German government for Holocaust survivors, her service on the Board and ultimately as President of Temple Sholom in Bridgewater, and her tenure as a Board Member and then as President of the Jewish Federation of West-Central New Jersey were roles Ellen never took lightly.

Ellen's commitment to living her Jewish values was clear to everyone who knew her. She demonstrated these values through her actions and her leadership, never shrinking from a challenge, always taking every opportunity to advance the Federation's mission and tackling the issues facing the community and Jews across the globe.

When Covid shut the world down, Ellen was there raising funds to sustain our Jewish institutions. When Russia invaded Ukraine, Ellen flew to the border between Poland and Ukraine to help the refugees through Federation and our partner agencies, JDC and JAFI. When Hamas invaded Israel on October 7, 2023, Ellen rallied our community to raise more funds for the Israeli people than we have ever raised before. She demonstrated to all of us what hesed and tikkun olam really mean.

Leading by example was in Ellen's DNA. She never asked anyone to do something for the community that she was not already doing herself. Through equal parts humility, grace, and strength she navigated every situation without ever losing sight of the ultimate goal - supporting Jews and strengthening Jewish life and institutions.

We, at Jewish Federation, cannot overstate the impact Ellen had on our organization, on our community, and on the Board and Staff as individuals. We continue to be impressed by the time, energy, and love she poured into her volunteerism. We are committed to keeping Ellen's legacy alive by following her example through our own service to the Jewish people. In this way, her light will continue to shine.

JFed

Security

\$60,000

JFed Security was founded in 2021 in response to the alarming rise in antisemitism and hate speech, with a mission to safeguard Jewish communities and those who gather within them.

In this challenging environment, JFed Security provides a comprehensive approach to community safety, offering critical services that protect, prepare, and strengthen Jewish life.

Through these efforts, the Jewish Federation of West-Central New Jersey continues to ensure that Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren Counties remain places where Jewish individuals and families can live safely, proudly, and openly.

JFED Security Services:

- Training to Jewish community partners, organizations, members, and volunteers, including security-related drills
- Emergency Operations Planning (EOP), including what to do in the event of a security threat
- Evacuation, fire, and lockdown drills to reinforce training
- Completion of Threat and Vulnerability Risk Assessments (TVRA) for Jewish organizations and agencies
- Assistance with applying for local, state, and/or federal security grants
- Relationship-building and connections between local partners and local law enforcement
- Access to equipment that is purchased on a regional level and deployed based upon the needs of the community (Examples include portable weapon detection systems)
- Ability to assign guards from our own security force to local synagogues and agencies
- Access to all intelligence bulletins and products distributed by the intelligence analysts

Training Programs:

- Situational awareness
- Response to active threats
- Evacuation drills
- Active shooter drills
- Stop the Bleed
- CPR, AED, and First Aid

Security Force:

All JFed Security employees are retired law enforcement officers who retired in good standing with their respective agencies. Our cadre of 65 current security employees have proudly served Municipal Police Departments, the Department of Corrections, New Jersey State Police, Federal Air Marshal Service, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They have held various ranks including Chief of Police, Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant, Corporal, and Detective.

Incident Reporting:

The Incident Reporting Form (IRF) is a standardized online form the public can use to report threats, incidents, or suspicious activity related to Jewish organizations, facilities, or community members. The IRF is a key component of the partnership that exists between Federations, JFed Security and the Secure Community Network (SCN), the official safety and security organization for the Jewish community in North America. The use of the form ensures a coordinated, best-practice approach to incident reporting and follow-up. To report an incident go to <https://www.jfedwcnj.org/incidentreporting>



D.C. Fly-In

In 2025, security remained a top priority for our Federation and Federations across the nation.

In response to attacks targeting Jewish communal events in Washington, D.C. and Boulder, Colorado, and rising levels of antisemitic incitement nationwide, the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) convened an “Emergency Fly-In” to Washington, D.C., on June 25–26, 2025. This advocacy effort brought Jewish community leaders, including our Federation leadership, to the nation’s capital to urge Congress and the Administration to strengthen security protections for Jewish institutions and communities.

The Fly-In advanced a six-point security agenda developed in response to the Washington, D.C. shooting. Priorities included increased funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program; expanded eligibility beyond hardened security targets; support to offset rising security personnel costs; increased funding for local law enforcement; enhanced resources for national agencies, including the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security, to address domestic terrorism; stronger measures to combat online incitement and hate; and the vigorous prosecution of hate crimes.

Our Federation, along with the New Jersey delegation, met with our elected officials to advocate for increased Nonprofit Security Grant funding, broader eligibility, and the ability to use federal grants for security personnel. These coordinated advocacy efforts reinforced the Federation system’s commitment to the safety, security, and resilience of Jewish communities across the country.



Scholarships & Grants

Tepper Foundation Grant - \$26,448

Through a generous grant from the Tepper Foundation, in partnership with the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), our Federation was proud to receive this funding for the second consecutive year. The grant strengthened security for local programs serving children from newborn through age five, ensuring safe environments for learning and community engagement and giving families peace of mind.

As part of this initiative, we partnered with the Somerset County Sheriff's Department, the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office, and the Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center (SSBJCC) to host a two-day interfaith security training focused on preparedness and hands-on response. We are deeply grateful to the Tepper Foundation and JFNA for their continued support in strengthening safety and resilience across our community.



Grant Recipients:

SSBJCC – Camp Ruach

Flemington Jewish Community Center – Summer and Preschool Programs

Chabad of Basking Ridge – Shabbat and Family Programs

Congregation Kehilat Shalom – Family and Holiday Programs



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NJ State Grant for Security - \$166,666

The Jewish Federation of West-Central New Jersey, in partnership with Jewish Federations across the State successfully advocated for security grant funding specifically for our communities. As a result, each Federation has received \$166,666 to use for target hardening in their catchment area.

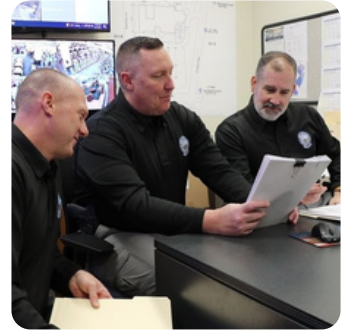
The grant, which is separate from the nonprofit security grant program, supports key security improvements, including physical target hardening, upgraded security infrastructure, and enhanced access control systems.



\$247,380

Continued: NJ State Grant for Security - \$166,666

In our community, we are using these critical funds to bring our Jewish institutions up to the same standard of security. This will ensure that synagogues and communal organizations are better protected and more secure, allowing them to focus their time and resources on providing Jewish connection and vibrant Jewish community life.



Camp Scholarships - \$1,875

The Federation's scholarship program is a need-blind initiative designed to increase access to meaningful Jewish experiences for young people in our community. The program serves qualifying Jewish children and teens ages 6–18 who reside in Somerset, Hunterdon, or Warren counties.



Scholarships are available exclusively for first-time participation in either a recognized Jewish overnight camp or a first-time Israel experience through an approved youth program. Family trips to Israel and Birthright Israel programs are not eligible. Each individual may receive only one scholarship—either for camp or for an Israel experience—and funding applies only to the first year of participation. For example, individuals who receive a camp scholarship are not eligible for a subsequent scholarship for an Israel program.

Awards are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, determined by the date and time a completed application is received by the Jewish Federation office. The program remains open until all allocated funds for the year have been awarded. In 2025, the Federation awarded nine scholarships, helping young people take part in transformative Jewish camp and Israel experiences.

Local Synagogue Grants - \$9,050

In 2025, the Federation invested in local synagogues and programs designed to strengthen congregational engagement. Each synagogue received a \$750 grant to support creative, meaningful initiatives that foster connection and enrich Jewish life across our community, reflecting our commitment to vibrant and inclusive synagogue life.

Funded programs included: Chabad Somerset County – Kitchen of Kindness; Congregation Kehilat Shalom – 2025 Scroll Rededication Celebration; Flemington Jewish Community Center – Lag B'Omer Dinner and Farmland Ride; Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey – Vanishing: A Love Story film and end-of-life panel discussion; Or Chadash – Mitzvah Day; Temple Beth-El – Back-to-Shul BBQ Dinner and Rabbi Diamondstein's Installation; and Temple Shalom – Summer SOULstice Shabbat Dinner and Service and Rabbi Selsberg's 10-Year Celebration.



Israel and Overseas



Jewish Agency for Israel - \$5,000

For 90+ years, JAFI has been working to overcome the biggest challenges facing the Jewish people. JAFI founded and built the State of Israel and continues creating links globally bringing Jews to Israel and Israel to Jews around the world. They do this through programs such as Funds for Victims of Terror, aliyah support and bringing Shlichim (Israeli Emissaries) to our communities across the globe

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee - \$5,000

70 countries are reached by JDC's efforts to build, strengthen, and support the Jewish community across the globe. JDC provides aid to communities in crisis and responds to natural and man-made disasters on behalf of the American Jewish community. We call them the global 911.



ImpactIsrael (Yemin Orde) - \$10,600

At Yemin Orde Youth Village, 500 at risk Jewish youth from all over the world, including Ethiopia, the former Soviet Union, France, Brazil, Venezuela, and native-born Israelis, find a safe haven and are given the education, counseling, and tools they need to succeed.

\$34,650

World Ort - \$3,000

The Federation supported World ORT by purchasing new refrigerators for its schools in Ukraine after existing units were damaged during the war. This assistance ensured safe food storage and helped maintain a stable, dignified learning environment for students despite ongoing conflict.



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IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL LEVIN | לזכרו של מייקל לוין

Friends of the Lone Soldier - \$4,050

Friends of the Lone Soldier continues to ensure that no Lone Soldier ever faces service in the Israel Defense Forces alone. Today, nearly 7,000 Lone Soldiers—young men and women without immediate family in Israel—rely on communities like ours for stability, care, and a true sense of belonging.

Through your generosity, Friends of the Lone Soldier was able to fully furnish three bedrooms at the Herzliya Center, creating a safe, comfortable, and welcoming living environment for Lone Soldiers. These furnished rooms provide more than housing—they offer dignity, rest, and a place to call home.

Jewish National Fund-\$7,000

Jewish National Fund (JNF) develops and sustains the land of Israel through environmental restoration, water security, and community building. For over a century, it has led afforestation projects and built water infrastructure to combat desertification and support agriculture, especially in arid regions like the Negev. JNF also strengthens communities by investing in housing, infrastructure, and economic development in underserved areas such as the Galilee and southern Israel.



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Your Voice in Israel

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\$877,418

in total donations received



30+

community programs
implemented successfully



15,000

individuals successfully reached
across 3 counties

By the Numbers



443,946

Action Alert emails sent to NJ Legislators

9

students received
Camp & Israel travel
scholarships

156+

emails sent

365

families subscribe to
PJ Library

1,200

Dignity Grows bags
packed

20+

Hours of training by
JFed Security in our
community

\$226,698

Grant dollars
received for our
community

100+

Hours of JFed Security
used at events in our
community

Funds Used

For Federation Operations

\$68,702

Funds used for administration

\$90,181

Funds used for fundraising expenses

Allocated to Our Partners

\$56,800

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\$26,448

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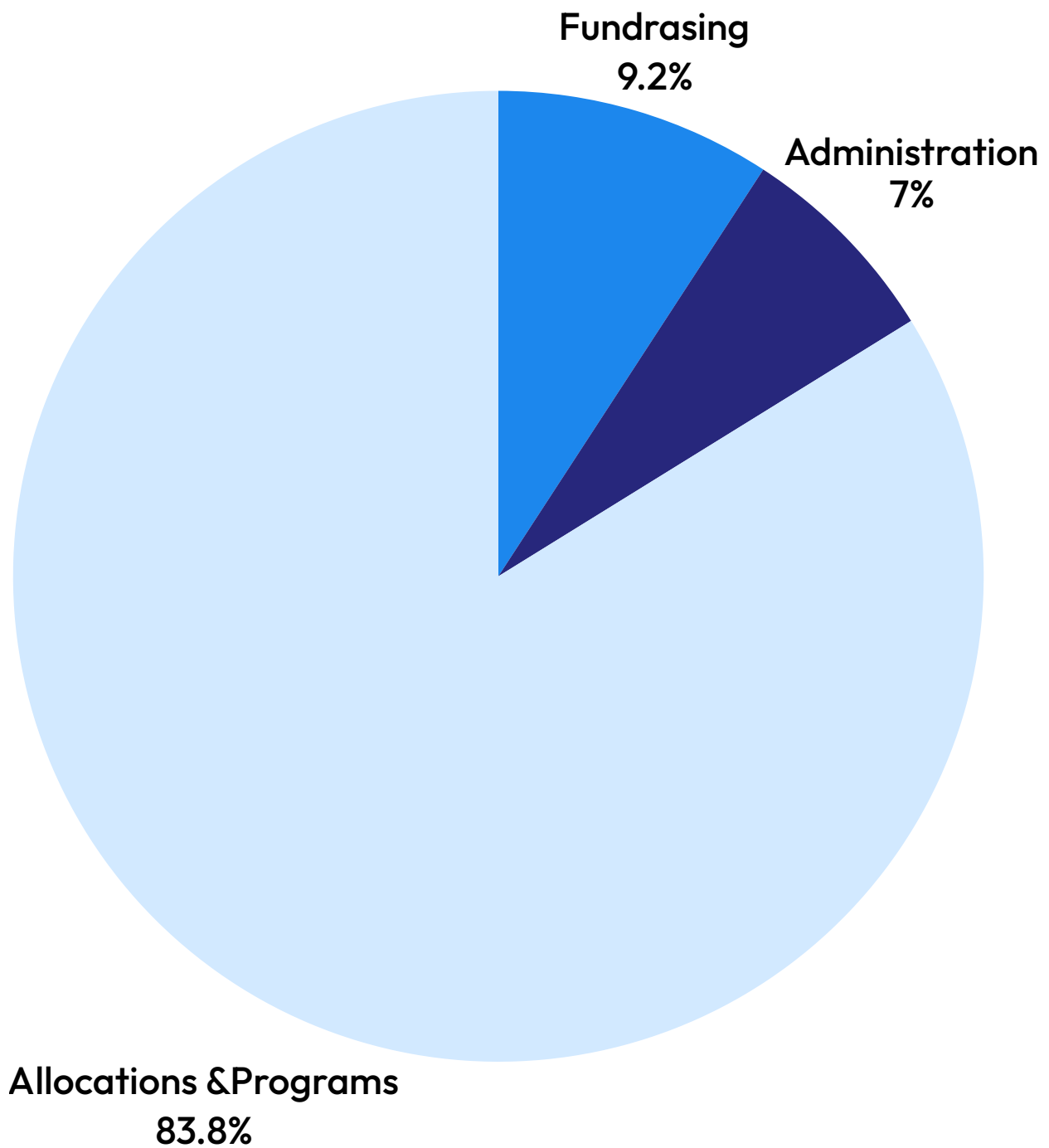
\$34,600

Allocated by Federation to our Israel
and overseas partners

\$33,328

Funds used for Federation-operated
programs

Impact



Life & Legacy



We are very proud to be leading our community's joint effort to strengthen our roots through the Life & Legacy Program. This community-wide, unified approach to legacy giving ensures the Jewish organizations we all value will continue to flourish for generations to come.

**129 community members
have made Legacy Promises so far.**



Thank You to our Federation Legacy Promise Makers

Janet & Kal Barson
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Planting the Seeds

for Tomorrow

**Ensuring the future of our Jewish communal institutions,
Federation leads Life & Legacy in partnership with:**

Chair: Eric Lavitsky

Chabad of Greater Somerset County
Flemington Jewish Community Center
Jewish Family Service of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties
Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey
Or Chadash
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Temple Beth-El
Temple Sholom

Visit jfedwcnj.org/legacy or contact a participating organization to
learn how you can secure our community's future.



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\$100,000+

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\$5,000 - \$9,999

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