THE BASICS OF BASICS

Since 2004, the Annette & Sheldon A. Sinett Basics Fund has provided seed funding for innovative ideas developed by Sid Jacobson JCC's staff. The proceeds raised at *SJJCC's Eat. Bid. Laugh!* have funded over 75 transformational programs impacting thousands of individuals and families in our community navigating the intricacies of life, including:

FUNDED 2005 Camp Kehilla has been a pioneer in special needs camping for nearly 30 years. With participants ranging in age from 5 to 21 years old, Camp Kehilla offers a typical camp experience while providing a supportive and engaging environment – helping campers build self-esteem, social skills, and lasting friendships. In addition to a full range of camp activities, Camp Kehilla is offered year-round and on weekends to meet the needs of individual campers' developmental stages and provide continuity.

FUNDED 2006 Nancy Marx Cancer Wellness Center provides holistic care for those diagnosed with cancer and their families, serving as the full complement to medical services offered by area hospitals. NMCWC offers specialized exercise classes, supportive discussion groups, short-term individual counseling with a licensed social worker specializing in oncology, and information and referral services.

FUNDED 2013 **Program Without Walls** offers life-skill training opportunities for young adults with special needs. Together with trained job coaches, our PWW participants develop the skills required to succeed in the workplace by training in departments across the JCC before progressing into community-based internships. Additionally, participants attend workshops focused on building independence, fostering self-confidence, and positive financial habits.

FUNDED 2019 The Community Needs Bank, partner of Island Harvest, serves as a collection site and distribution center of non-perishable and shelf-stable food, personal care, and household items serving Long Island and Queens. Managed by volunteers and serving as a life skills training site for our PWW participants with special needs, CNB ensures food security by distributing to local food pantries and direct to households of isolated seniors, Holocaust survivors, new parents, the immune-compromised, struggling college students, and those facing financial hardships.

THESE PROGRAMS, AND MANY MORE, AIM TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL IN OUR COMMUNITY. TOGETHER, WE CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!





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