ANNUAL REPORT
2023-2024

Celebrating Another Extraordinary Year

JARC

FLORIDA

Extraordinary People Leading Ordinary Lives.

Our Mission

JARC Florida provides programs and services to educate and empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

OUR VISION

To remove barriers to independence so that each person with intellectual and developmental disabilities is better able to reach his or her potential.

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Jeffrey M. Zirulnick
Chief Executive Officer

JARC continues to be one of the most innovative and forward-thinking programs in the country. Defying boundaries and challenges. An annual report is designed to give the past year in review; in attempting to give this information it would take much more space than I am allotted here, but I will focus on the important work and the individuals responsible for that work.

First, thanks to the generosity of our supporters and donors we reached $15 million dollars in our capital campaign to endow the Halpern JARC Campus and Life Skills Center, which we purchased from the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, build the future Caryn J. Clayman Life skills Center and build the future Jerry Greenhut Group Home, our 11th residential group home.

Second, JARC continues to be good stewards of the generosity of our annual supporters by maintaining an administrative overhead of under 15% meaning that more than $.85 of every dollar donated to JARC goes directly to client enrichment and programs. The confidence provided to our donors has helped us exceed our annual donation goals despite the economic struggles facing us all.

Third, JARC has one of the most incredible teams of staff and caregivers I have ever had the privilege to work with. We boast a 90% retention rate and frequently find family members and friends amongst our staff, making those at JARC our best recruiters feeling that the work and family environment we create is not only a place for them but a place they feel good about bringing others, too.

Fourth, over 100 volunteers help us create our annual client gala, client appreciation day, PALS Partner program, sports talk, weekly current events, topic of the week, library time and chess club. An impact on the daily lives of our program participants that cannot be measured. But our programs do not stop here, new programs in Shadow Boxing and movement, expansion of The Lori & Jay Eisenberg Respite Program activities, relationship education, Melton Jewish Education and new community outings such as Pompano Beach Parks & Recreation Frisbee golf and art programs give our program participants experiences not frequently available.

Our Adult Day Training Program continues to grow in our fulfillment center, ability garden, adapt, SNAP, Café 95 Culinary Program and our expanding Community Works Partnerships, alongside our residential group homes and supportive living apartments all have growing wait lists limited only by space and staffing ratios.

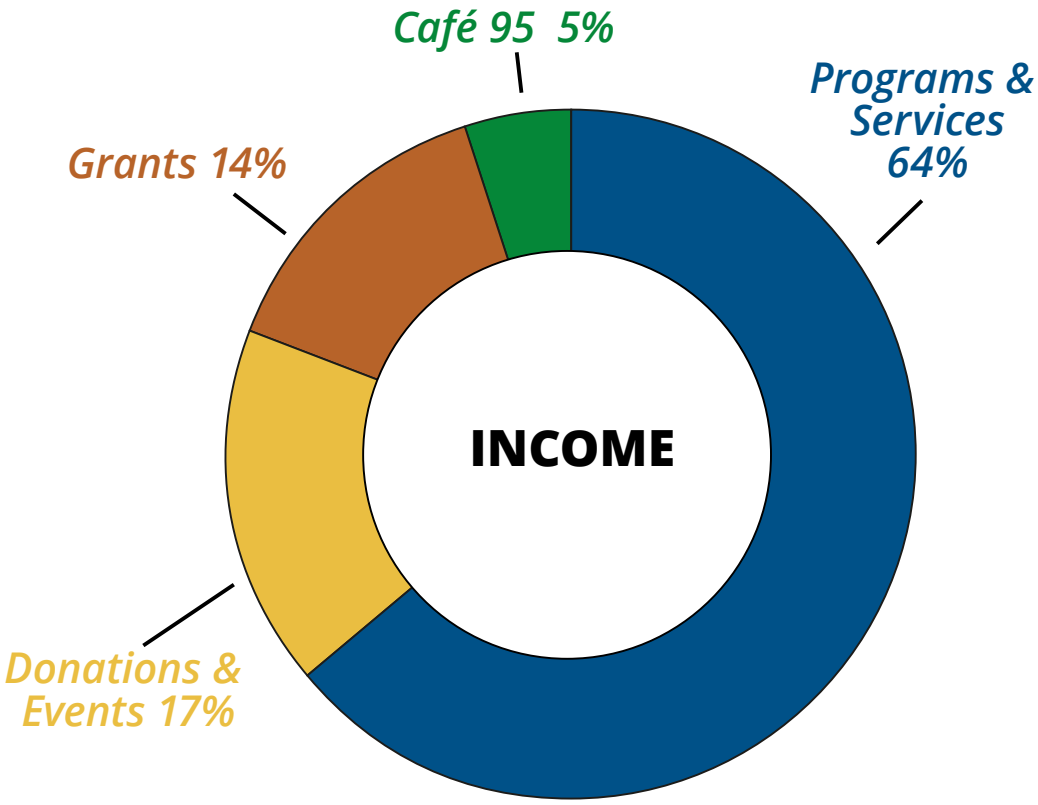
As you review this report, I hope you will recognize the impact being made for adults with autism and intellectual disabilities. Our dreams for tomorrow are only limited by our imagination and resources.

Impact Statement

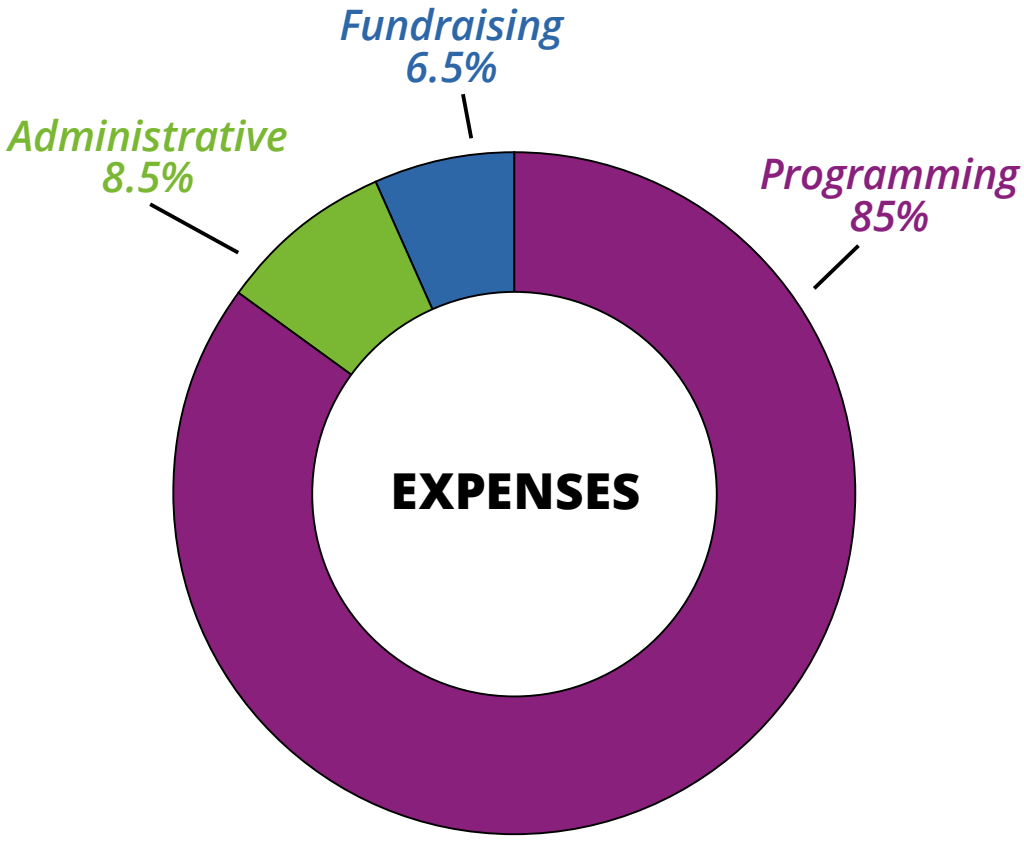
Making a difference in a million different ways... $1.2 million in fact!

Last year, JARC Florida gave out $1.2 million in scholarships. This essential funding enables many of the extraordinary people that we serve to live the ordinary lives they deserve, regardless of their ability to pay. Thanks to the support of our community partners and generous donors over the past year, JARC was also able to:

- Provide residents of our group homes and apartments with exciting vacation experiences, including trips to Walt Disney World, Sea World, Westgate River Ranch and Sandpiper Bay Resort.
- Welcome clients to the Jeffrey & Nicole Goldberg Ability Garden, where they learn skills through horticulture and enjoy the fruits – and vegetables – of their labor.
- Launch an Equine Therapy program.
- Engage residents of our Group Homes with a variety of weekend outings to destinations such as, Bedner's, The Girls U-Pick, Renaissance Fair, Butterfly World, Animal EDventure Park, Gumbo Limbo, Bowlero, Boca Strawberry Festival and the South Florida Fair.
- Organize stimulating activities for residents of our apartments, including cardio classes, dances, golf lessons, improv classes, sound bath yoga and journaling.
- Other outings include a Drum Tao Circle at Parker Playhouse and performances of the Broadway musicals Sister Act, A Chorus Line, and a Delray Yacht Cruise.
- Expand our Community Works Program to include three new sites – Broken Sound Country Club, Boca Woods Country Club and a second Cheesecake Factory location.



At JARC, .85 of every dollar goes to programs and services.



Fundraising Events

JARC ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

November 13, 2023 - St. Andrews Country Club, Boca Raton

A total of 152 golfers enjoyed a wonderful day, including brunch, golf and an awards reception.

Honoree: Caryn Clayman

Chairs: Chair Ed Levine, Co-chairs Greg Gefen & Ivan Gefen

"A FASHION SHOW WITH HEART" WITH JARC CLIENTS ON THE RUNWAY

January 8, 2024 – Stonebridge Country Club, Boca Raton

Proceeds benefited the Dr. Allen & Annette Stone Adult Day Training Program

Chairs: Carin Friedman & Kelly Stone

Fashions: The Kloset Kouture & Robert Graham

38TH ANNUAL GALA AT BOCA WEST COUNTRY CLUB

March 3, 2024 – Boca West Country Club

The event raised vital dollars for JARC and its essential programs.

This year's event featured the inaugural Lynne & Howard Halpern Award for Champions of Special Needs, which was presented to Toby and Leon Cooperman; the Volunteer of the Year Harriet Levine, a volunteer in JARC's library and a JARC pal.

Chairs: Lynne Halpern and Naomi & Richard Steinberg

Silent Auction Co-Chairs: Judy Rosen & Ronni Sommer

> ***"The 2024 Gala Dinner was a huge success. It is always a highlight of the year to come together and celebrate JARC clients, their families, our staff, generous donors and volunteers, and of course those partners that make it all possible,"***
>
> *~Jeffrey Zirulnick, Chief Executive Officer of JARC Florida.*

CORIE KAPLAN NYC COCKTAILS FOR JARC

July 17, 2024 – Pod 39, New York City

Event co-chairs: Hayley Kaplan & Justin Kaplan

Proceeds benefited purchasing a new wheelchair van for JARC FL residents.

> ***"I was introduced to JARC in 2013 and although I left the area in 2015, I've been lucky enough to continue to support JARC from a far. Hayley and I are extremely excited to bring back Cocktails for JARC in NYC again this year."***
> *~ Justin Kaplan, Financial Consultant with Equitable Advisors*
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> ***"My son has lived at JARC's Rales Campus for 8 years and just loves it there. The staff there truly care and It's my honor to be able to give back by hosting Cocktails for JARC again this year."***
> *~ David Bernstein, Managing Director, The Pods Hotel*

14TH ANNUAL "A NIGHT IN CAPRI" COCKTAILS FOR JARC

August 7, 2024 – The Vintage Gym at Old School Square, Delray Beach

Proceeds benefited purchasing a new wheelchair van for JARC FL residents.

Event Co-Chairs: Justin Tompkins & Sean Casper.

> ***"Every year, I'm honored to chair this incredible event for JARC and am excited to have Sean back as co-chair. JARC's programs and services are very important, and we are proud to be able to support a worthy cause while showing all that JARC does for the community."***
> *~ Justin Tompkins, Senior Financial Advisor, The Tompkins Group.*

> ***"I'm thrilled to be co-chairing Cocktails for JARC again this year with Justin. JARC does so much for the community and I'm happy to be part of what is sure to be another great event."***
> *~ Sean Casper, Managing Director, Coastal Investment Co.*

Grants

Rotary Club of Downtown Boca: **For a General Grant**

Boca Rio Foundation: **For the Nicole & Jeffrey Goldberg Ability Garden**

Jewish Women's Foundation at the Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation:
For the Life Skills Training Program

CHARLES AND M.R. SHAPIRO FOUNDATION INC.

Charles & M.R. Shapiro Foundation:
For Dr. Allen & Annette Adult Day Training Program

Jewish Federation of Broward County & Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County:
For for Scholarship Grants

Planned Giving

LEGACY SOCIETY

Founding Members
Dr. Benjamin C. Stein** & Joan J. Stein

Jeanne Albertus
Ferial F. Andre
Joan & Charles Banner
Howard M. Bloom
Cecelia Boone
Dr. Melvin R. Clayman **
Mary Sue Donohue
David Dweck
Irving Eckhardt **
Lori & Jay Eisenberg
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Nancy Freiwald
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Dr. Eric & Ellen Gechter
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Debbie Hammer
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Leslie Jacobson
Bruce Kaufman
Marcia & Barry Kaufman
Jerry Kaplan
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Sandy & Jerry Kransdorf
Elyssa Kupferberg
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Debbie & Marc Levy
Linda & Robert Levy
Dr. Barbara Lurie
Lawrence Melcer
Ina Mistrough Trust**
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Randee & Ken Rubenstein
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Ronald L. & Vicki I. Siegel
Mildred Schaikowtiz**
Cynthia Schechner
Evelyn Solomon
Ronni & David Sommer
Marcia Steele
Sharon & Robert Spak
Elaine Stein **
in Memory of Mel Stein **
Cynthia & Steve Stein
Annette & Allen Stone **
Michael Stone **
Robert Stone
Sandy & Ken Tankoos
Jill & Jeffrey Tompkins
Diane Wantman**
The Audrey & Jerry Weinberg Family
Gail Wolson
Jeffrey Zirulnick
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**Of Blessed Memory

JARC is proud to report another successful year for its "Leave an Extraordinary Legacy" program.

Planned gifts ensure our future ability to provide programs and services to educate and empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They can come in many forms and be structured to balance your charitable goals with your personal financial needs. It can be as easy as remembering JARC Florida in your will or trust agreement. You can leave a specific dollar amount, a property, a portion of your retirement benefits or charitable trusts. Another option is to name our organization as a beneficiary of your life insurance plan.

Whatever vehicle you choose, your gift will go a long way in ensuring a fulfilling life for our residents and participants – and precious peace of mind for their caregivers.

> ***"We have been involved with JARC for many years and have seen the impact the organization makes on so many adults in need. We wanted to make sure they can continue to provide these life-changing services for years to come."***
> *~ Jaclyn & Steven Rubenstein*

Gold Key SOCIETY

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The JARC Gold Key Society, a donor recognition society for one-time annual minimum gifts of $1,800, continues to grow.

Gold Key donations provide leadership with the funds to help support the operations and services provided by JARC Florida. Members are invited to exclusive events and and are recognized for their commitment to further improving the quality of life for JARC clients.

Simply put, Gold Key Society memberships unlock the door to unlimited possibilities – like providing care support through housing and supported living, a sense of purpose through vocational training programs and quality of life through social and recreational activities that help seniors and adults with disabilities.

> ***"JARC provides my brother with high quality services, excellent living conditions, meaningful friendships and the dignity of work. As members of the Gold Key Society we are able to support the many programs and services JARC provides to the extraordinary clients they serve."***
> *~ April Wilson, Gold Key Society member*

Volunteer Activities

It was another banner year for volunteers with more than 100 dedicated individuals donating their valuable time to events, programs and activities all around the clock. Men and women with developmental disabilities have two types of relationships: those with family members and those with paid caregivers. If it weren't for our volunteers, the extraordinary people JARC Florida serves would rarely have the opportunity to form a real and lasting relationship with others.

The JARC Pals program provides critical companionship for our special needs clients who do not have visitors, because we want them to feel special and form mutually beneficial friendships.

> ***"Being a pal is extremely rewarding and has definitely positively impacted my life. I look forward to my weekly visits with Lauren and I am proud to call her my friend."***
> *~ Honey Backman*

Overview of Programs

LIVE

Barry Clayman Group Home Program

For those who need 24-hour care in order to live their best life, we offer the Barry Clayman Group Home Program.

Adolph and Rose Levis Apartment Program

When 24-hour supervision is not needed, we offer spacious apartments, a supported-living coach to help with life skills and a residential manager on site.

> ***"I have watched my son Ryan blossom into an extraordinary man, with confidence and pride to be living his life independently like any other young man."***
> *~Cecelia Boone, Parent*

LEARN

Dr. Allen & Annette Stone Adult Day Training Program

JARC offers several training programs so that the extraordinary people we serve can experience the satisfaction of earning a paycheck.

Culinary Training

Our Culinary Training program, which takes places in our fully equipped, 1,500-square-foot facility, offers opportunities to learn the many aspects of the food service industry.

Café 95

Our café and catering business are open to the public, providing valuable opportunities to gain hands-on customer service experience.

Fulfillment Training

Our Fulfillment Training program allows participants to learn the skills needed to handle essential workplace tasks for local agencies and businesses.

Life Skills

The important Life Skills program focuses on self-awareness, hygiene, community awareness, social skills and problem-solving.

Safety Net Access Program (SNAP)

SNAP promotes a healthy and active lifestyle through sports and fitness activities, music and theater.

WORK

PLAY

PRODUCE

Environmental Training

Participants in our Environmental Training program learn a variety of practical maintenance skills as well as room set-up and break-down for events held in the Mel and Elaine Stein Living and Learning Center.

Selma & Irving Ettenberg Foundation Community Works Program

The Selma & Irving Ettenberg Foundation Community Works Program was launched in 2014 and has since grown to include numerous community partnerships.

The Lori & Jay Eisenberg Respite Program

This program provides respite support to families caring for their loved one including *JARC Cares,* providing monthly weekend breaks for caregivers, *Weeknight Date Night* for caregivers to have a date night and *No Work All Play,* offering activities on holidays.

Adults with Disabilities Aging in Place Together (ADAPT)

Adults with Disabilities Aging in Place Together (ADAPT) helps fill the days of adults and seniors with disabilities with engaging social and recreational activities.

Families caring for an adult or senior with intellectual disabilities at home often worry about leaving their loved one alone when they head off to work. ADAPT provides peace of mind and what can be much needed relief to these families while providing the adults and seniors they love with stimulating and entertaining activities designed to enhance their wellbeing.

The Jeffrey and Nicole Goldberg Ability Garden

Vegetables, fruit, flowers and herbs are lovingly grown in The Jeffrey and Nicole Goldberg Ability Garden at JARC Florida, a vibrant community garden designed to accommodate gardeners with a range of abilities.

> ***"Robin loves being busy. She especially enjoys music, painting and creating other types of art in the ADAPT Program. She enjoys working with the caring staff and also helping others less fortunate than herself."***
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> *~ Gary & Rachelle Fields (Robin's Sister)*

Capital Campaign

Because of tremendous donor support, JARC reached $15 million dollars in our capital campaign to endow the Lynne & Howard Halpern Campus. This will house the future Caryn J. Clayman Life Skills Center, and the future Jerry Greenhut Group Home, our 11th residential group home, located off campus.

A major component of this fundraising effort was the Builder's Society, launched last year to secure the long-term future of JARC through the purchase of the existing location and facilities owned by the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.

Mission accomplished!

> ***"The Clayman Life Skills Center will provide JARC's clients with a new facility that will allow them to acquire additional skills that are needed to successfully live a full and complete life in their community, it provides a natural progression from the skills envisioned by my father when the Clayman Training & Resource Center was created. I am proud to continue to expand his vision for the training of JARC's clients."***
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> *~Caryn Clayman, Past President of JARC and current Board Member*

PROJECT PROFILE:

Caryn J. Clayman Life Skills Center

New Center Will Offer Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Expanded Support, Socialization Opportunities, Job Training, Life Transition Services and More

The 13,000-square-foot Life Skills Center will not only add physical space to the Lynne & Howard Halpern JARC FL Campus but will also allow the organization to expand its services and welcome more clients. When complete, it will feature four floors, each dedicated to a specific need of JARC's clients.

First Floor:

Dedicated space for the **Madeline & Alan Blinder ADAPT Center** (Adults with Disabilities Aging in Place Together) allowing senior clients to age with dignity and pride while engaging in meaningful daily activities; this floor will also include access to the Nicole & Jeffrey Goldberg Ability Garden and an indoor/outdoor classroom.

Second Floor:

Lynne & Howard Halpern Supported Living Center to facilitate independent living, allow program ideas to flourish, create a sense of community and socialization, and support clients' independent engagement in the community.

Third Floor:

Platnick Family Transition Center will help clients transition from the public school system into adulthood by filling the gap between classroom learning and real-world experiences. The center will house the Paul Markhoff Mainstreet, donated by Judy Levis Krug, which will replicate a true-to-life cityscape with employment training opportunities.

Fourth Floor:

The Marcus Foundation Enrichment & Training Center will expand JARC's hugely successful Dr. Allen & Annette Stone Adult Day Training Center at the Mel & Edith Clayman Training and Resource Center. Here, clients are trained in manufacturing, packaging and mail services before joining JARC's Community Works Program, which helps adults with disabilities gain employment in the community.

> ***"There is truly nothing like JARC in South Florida. With the addition of the Caryn J. Clayman Life Skills Center, we will not only continue to offer the foremost adult life skills training for our clients, but we will also be able to meet the growing demand of services for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our community. We are thrilled to start that process now."***
>
> ***~Jeffrey Zirulnick, Chief Executive Officer***

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