

Impact report

CAMP 2023

Through the generous support of our donors, 225 children attended camp this year – a 15% increase over last year. In June, JF&CS held its first summer camp shop and the response was overwhelming. This was made possible due to the support from: National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section (NCJWC) donating Walmart gift cards. Other camp essentials were donated by Camp Tamakwa and Kits for a Cause, the Downtown Jewish Community School chesed project, and Dylan and her family in honour of her Bat Mitzvah.



Client Story

Susan* fled an abusive relationship in order to provide a safe home for her three young children. She receives no child support from her ex and struggles to afford the rent for her apartment. Unfortunately, two years ago Susan was diagnosed with brain cancer. She has since had surgery and completed her chemo, but continues to have health issues. Susan receives a modest income from the Ontario Disability Support Program to cover living expenses, however, is unable to fund any extracurricular activities for her children.

Through our donors' generosity, her children were able to attend eight weeks of day camp while she continued to recuperate. Susan was also able to provide her children with new shoes and clothing for the summer, thanks to the NCJWC, Toronto Section gift cards. Susan continuously thanks JF&CS for their help and is so happy that her children had a wonderful summer away from life's stresses and were just able to be kids.



in total,
225
campers
went to
summer camp
thanks to our
generous
donors.



153 children and
youth attended
day camp.

72 children and
youth attended
overnight camp.

198 gift cards
were donated
to JF&CS.

 **ALL**
gift cards were
distributed to
JF&CS
CLIENTS
this summer.

"I would like to say a huge thank you for your support for sending my kids to camp and for giving them an unforgettable summer!! They made new friends and developed new skills of leadership and independence. I also want to thank you for the incredible camp items we were able to pick up, which helped us save a lot of money and allowed us to buy what we needed from Walmart. I want to thank you and all people and organizations that stand behind you to help people like me to achieve my kids' dream to attend camp!"

A benefitting mother

The impact of this giving may last a lifetime: Socio-economically disadvantaged children are at risk of "summer learning loss," according to international studies (Quinn et al, 2016; Alexander et al, 2007; Downey et al, 2004; Heyns, 1978). Camp offers an enriching experience where children gain valuable socio-emotional skills (making new friends, being part of a team, etc.) that can powerfully contribute to future life success. Camp also offers opportunities for positive child development, including physical development, nutritious meals, and creative self-expression.

**On behalf of Jewish Family and Child Service,
thank you for making a difference in these families' lives.**

*Names, photos and certain identifying features have been changed in order to protect the anonymity of our clients.