DEAR FRIENDS,

As we launch into our 21st year, JCADA has emerged as an organization on the front lines of a global crisis. Our mission is to end power-based violence, empower survivors and ensure safe communities. Our focus for the past six months has been on the unique needs of our clients; victims of domestic violence, stalking, elder abuse, and sexual assault, who have been quarantined with their abusers, suffering from trauma, and unable to access resources.

With no barrier too high, and even working remotely, JCADA staff saw 24% MORE clients for direct services, and educated 19% MORE people about healthy relationships and workplaces in this fiscal year. We met this unprecedented need with the highest caliber of staff, professionalism and technological know-how.

Throughout the pandemic JCADA continued to:
· answer our helpline everyday for safety-planning to help people stay physically and emotionally safe, and give support to loved ones who want to help;
· provide phone-based counseling and support groups to our clients;
· find people shelter and access to public benefits, and distribute grocery cards for emergency food assistance;
· represent survivors who need a protective order from their abuser; and
· educate the community about warning signs of unhealthy relationships and share resources through webinars, videos and social media.

This crisis is far from over, and the need for JCADA’s services continues unabated. The long lasting ramifications of the severe increase in cases and rise in lethality will mean that JCADA’s culturally humble, trauma-informed clinical, legal and advocacy services will be in high demand far into the future.

As you will see in the following report, community members, organizations and donors have stepped up to help keep our services free for those who are in need. We are honored by your commitment to our work and partnership in bringing JCADA into the next 20 years! Our heartfelt thanks to the staff who have embraced the challenges the pandemic presented and continue to serve our clients and the community with commitment and zeal.

Thank you,

Amanda Katz
Executive Director

Susan Schor
President
Thank you to the following foundations and granting agencies for your support!

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WHAT WE DO

DIRECT SERVICES

JCADA’s licensed clinicians have expertise in trauma and the complexities of power-based violence. Services include safety planning, individual counseling, and support groups. JCADA legal services fall into two categories: direct representation and legal access. Through our victim advocacy program, JCADA can assist clients with many other needs that fall outside of traditional legal or clinical support. This includes financial planning, assistance with basic needs, and access to public benefits. JCADA operates a free and confidential helpline to provide information, support and safety planning.

FY20 INCREASES OVER FY19
HELPLINE 37%
CLINICAL 61%
LEGAL 49%
ADVOCACY 70%

WHO WE SERVED

JCADA staff saw 780 clients for direct services, an increase of 24%, and educated 4,530 teens and adults about healthy relationships, an increase of 19%.

Fast Facts:
92% of our clients identify as women
35% identify as immigrants
10% identified as homeless/at imminent risk of homelessness
While JCADA had most of our prevention work in the schools and camps cancelled due to COVID, we nevertheless educated 19% MORE teens and adults this fiscal year than the previous year. By quickly and creatively moving all of our work online, and through outreach events, Friends of JCADA, Building Better Allies, and our education team, we reached 4,530 members of our community through online workshops and events.

Thank you, community partners!

Adas Israel, Adat Reyim, Adat Shalom, Agudas Achim, AXO at the University of Maryland, B’nai Israel, Bender JCC of Greater Washington, Bet Mishpachah, Beth El Hebrew Congregation, Beth Shalom Congregation and Talmud Torah, Broad Run High School, Camp Havaya, Camp Tel Yehudah, Capital Camps, Chabad Potomac, Charles E Smith Life Communities, Churchill High School, Columbia Heights Educational Campus, Congregation B’nai Tzedek, Congregation Beth El Bethesda, Congregation Beth Emeth, Congregation Etz Hayim, DC Safe, DVRP, Fairfax County Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Georgetown Day School Sexual Assault Summit, Georgetown University, Gesher Jewish Day School, GW Hillel, Hill Havurah, Holton Arms, Identity, Inc, JSSA, JTeen Philanthropy, Kehilat Pardes – The Rock Creek Park Congregation, Kesher Israel Congregation: The Georgetown Synagogue, Kol Ami: Northern Virginia Reconstructionist Community, Landon, Madeira School, Magen David Sephardic Congregation, Maret School, Mary’s Center, Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School, SafeBAE Virtual Consent Summit, Shaare Torah, Temple Emanuel, Temple Etz Hayim, Temple Rodef Shalom, Temple Shalom, University of Maryland, Walt Whitman High School, Washington Hebrew Congregation
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OUR MISSION
SUPPORT victims of power-based violence to become empowered and live safely; EDUCATE the community about power-based violence and appropriate responses; and PREVENT future generations from suffering power-based violence.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF JCADA AND BEING PART OF THE MOVEMENT TO END POWER-BASED VIOLENCE!

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