Kaufman is Committed Member of JFS Team

Over the years, Jack Kaufman has developed a reputation as the “Transportation Guy” at Jewish Family Service. But while Jack and his wife Rosann have given generously to the JFS Transportation program through the David and Tillie Kaufman Transportation Fund—named in honor of Jack’s parents—they also support the agency in many other indispensable ways.

“I’m a big supporter of JFS in general. Every program here is a good one,” Jack said during a recent conversation.

Jack first became involved with JFS in 2002, and over the years he’s provided the agency with many hours of his time and the benefit of his considerable accounting expertise as a member of the JFS Board of Directors and the agency’s finance committee. In 2014, he was recognized by the Association for Fundraising Professionals for his years of dedicated service to JFS.

Rosann and Jack have also given generously to support many other JFS services and initiatives, and their annual Thanksgiving letter to friends and associates helps expand the agency’s circle of supporters every year.

In the end, Jack says, he’s proud to be a part of an organization that offers so much talent, compassion and expertise to help so many people in the community.

“I’ve never missed a meal in my life, and I can’t perceive of not going to a doctor, or of missing Thanksgiving. I’ve been fortunate and my family’s been fortunate,” Jack said.

“At the same time, I know that people are hungry all the time, for all kinds of nourishment. They’re broke, or they don’t know where to turn, or their life circumstances have turned against them. There’s incredible work that’s done here to help people in those positions.”

With help from the Kaufmans and many other generous supporters, JFS Transportation provides more than 30,000 rides to 900 elderly and disabled community members from 79 different zip codes each year. More than 90% of these passengers receive subsidies to help them maintain their independence.

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