

## JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE 90TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT An evening with Jeannette Walls, Author of *The Glass Castle*

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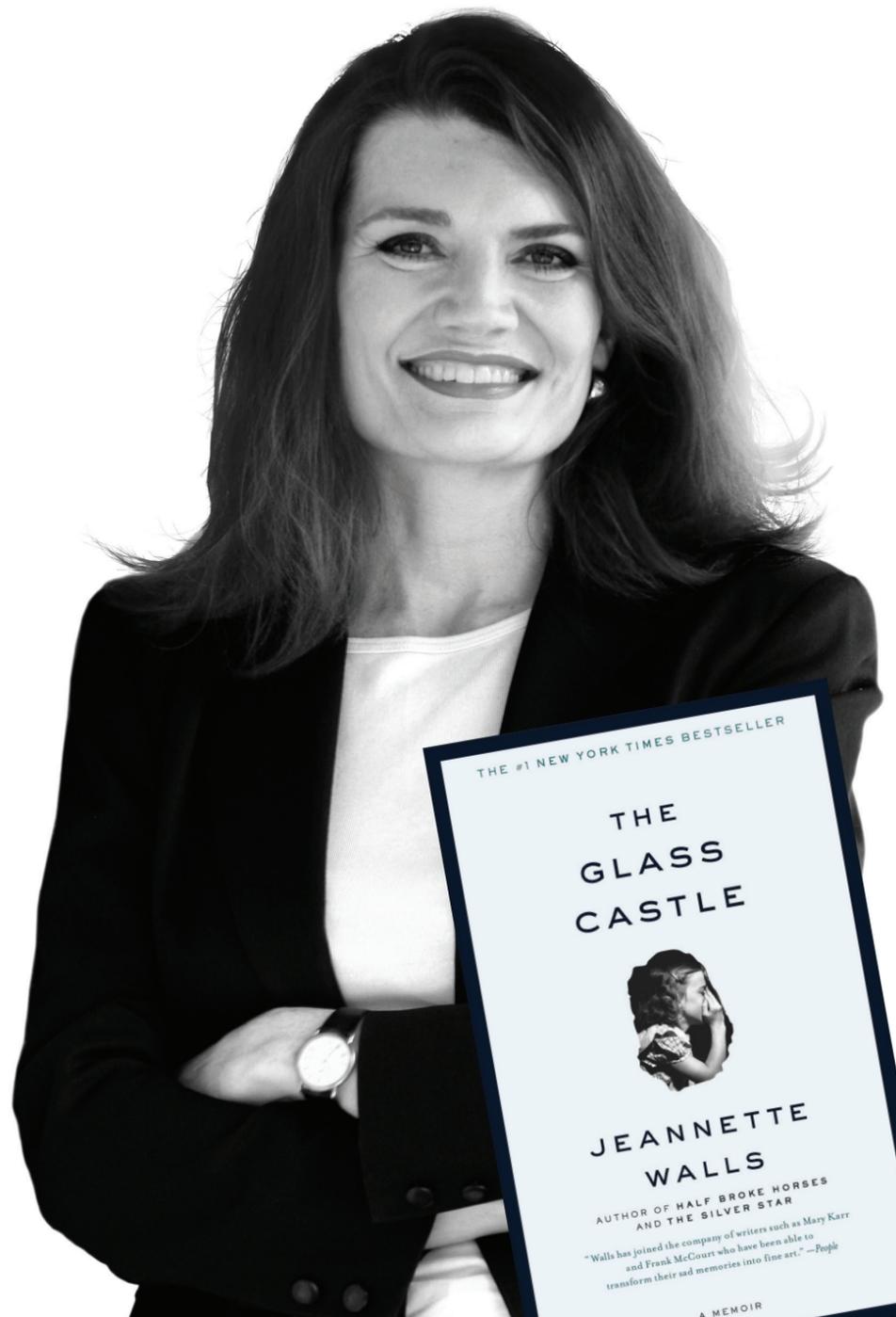
Since 1928, Jewish Family Service has been helping individuals, families, and the community face and overcome the many challenges impacting their quality of life. And we'll be celebrating those 90 years of service at our annual event.

Jeannette Walls, author of *The Glass Castle* – a best-selling book and recent film starring Woody Harrelson, Naomi Watts and Brie Larson – will be the Reva Stocker speaker. Proceeds from the event will support the vital services provided by JFS including mental health and wellness, safety net and care of older adults.

*The Glass Castle* has been a *New York Times* best-seller for more than four years and was named one of the Top 10 Books of the Decade by Amazon. This inspirational book has been taught at universities in courses on literature, psychology, parenting, child development, and poverty. Walls speaks to a variety of organizations about overcoming hardships and turning adversity into an advantage.

Walls and her siblings lived in a series of cars, tents, and leaky-roofed houses without heat. They foraged for food in farmers' fields and trash cans, wore cast-off clothing, and bathed so infrequently as to attract the scorn of schoolmates. Their unstructured life and economic deprivation were partly a product of their father's alcoholism, as well as their mother's free-spiritedness, often bordering on mental illness.

Come join us at the JFS annual event, where Walls will discuss her experiences growing up in extreme poverty, the problems that plagued her family, and how she was able to break free of a destructive lifestyle to become a successful journalist.



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2018** | **CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK** | **7 P.M. PROGRAM**

**ADMISSION \$36 | TWO FOR \$50 | STUDENTS \$10**

For registration and sponsorship information, visit [jfsannualevent.org](http://jfsannualevent.org) or call 248.592.2339

### REVA STOCKER LECTURE SERIES

Reva Stocker (z"l) was an active member of the Detroit Jewish community and a fierce advocate in promoting strong, healthy families and preventing domestic abuse. She supported the JFS Windows program, which established the agency's domestic abuse intervention and prevention services, along with an endowment in 1994 for the Reva Stocker Lecture Series for educational programs on issues facing families. Jewish Family Service is proud to honor Reva's legacy at the annual event featuring Reva Stocker speaker and author Jeannette Walls.

# Always at your service

JFS staffers provide suicide prevention trainings throughout the year at Jewish Family Service as well as out in the community. In 2017, 184 community members participated in one or more mental health/suicide prevention trainings, including Mental Health First Aid, safeTALK and ASIST, as well as an intensive workshop created by clinical social worker and suicide expert Gigi Colombini.

“As someone who has attempted suicide, the trainers got it right. I wish my parents had gone through this training when I was younger.”

-Teen safeTALK participant

Mental Health First Aid trains participants to assess mental health, give aid in a crisis, and respond to signs of mental health issues and substance abuse. safeTALK is an alertness training that prepares anyone over the age of 15 to become a suicide-alert helper. ASIST is an interactive workshop that teaches how to recognize when someone may be at risk of suicide and how to work with them to keep them safe.

If you would like to learn more, contact Erica Saum at 248.592.2664 or [esaum@jfsdetroit.org](mailto:esaum@jfsdetroit.org).

# Volunteer thank you

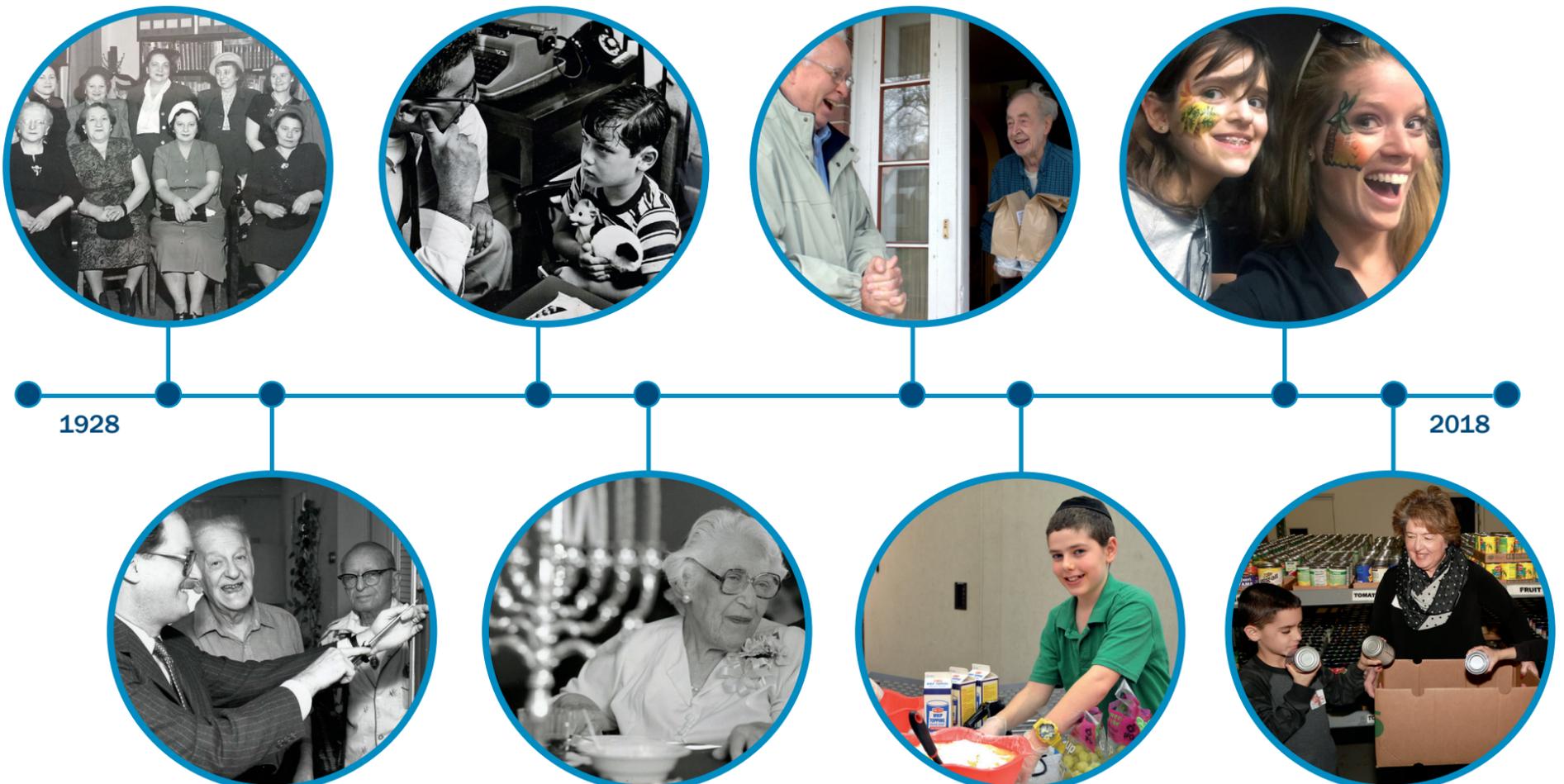
Maybe you purchased polka dot pajamas for an eleven-year-old girl and a new purse for her mother so they could enjoy Hanukkah. Perhaps you helped older adults winterize their windows. Or packed food so families could enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal. You might have been one

of the 110 b'nai mitzvah students who fixed up our play therapy room, decorated our sukkah, or participated in another volunteer opportunity. However you helped, we have just one thing to say: Thank you. JFS couldn't accomplish all we do without you.



# Time flies when you're helping people

For ninety years, Jewish Family Service has assisted thousands of individuals and families annually. Whether helping older adults to live comfortably and safely in their homes, providing counseling and wellness services, or ensuring that basic needs are being met, JFS is honored to have served – and to continue serving – the heart of a stronger community.



# JFS reached out to the community. And you RSVP'd yes!

## LEGAL REFERRAL SERVICE

On November 1st, our Legal Referral Service celebrated 10 years of providing pro bono legal support to JFS clients with a special gathering of community members in the home of Linda and Mark Jacobs. Those in attendance were treated to a firsthand account of Detroit's bankruptcy from Judge Steven Rhodes, who presided over the case.



Susan Kamin, Mara Moss, Fran Hack, Randie Levin, Patti Phillips



Judge Steven Rhodes, David Ruskin, Kelly Goldberg, Mark Jacobs



Mark Picklo, Mark Jacobs, Judge Steven Rhodes, Mara Moss, Perry Ohren

## THE S WORD

In our ongoing efforts to bring the issue of suicide to the forefront, and with a generous sponsorship from Monni Must and family, JFS hosted over 300 community members at the Maple Theater on November 8th for a screening of the documentary, *The S Word*, a film created to open the door to conversation on the subject of suicide. Proceeds from the event went to JFS's A Single Soul Suicide Prevention Initiative.



Abbe Sherbin and Suzan Curhan



Dylan Koss and Filmmaker Lisa Klein



Gail Danto, Art Roffey, Rabbi Daniel Syme



Sabrina Must, Monni Must, Kacee Must

## CANCER THRIVERS NETWORK FOR JEWISH WOMEN

On October 25th, the Cancer Thrivers Network for Jewish Women hosted speaker Doug Ulman, a three-time cancer survivor and President/CEO of Pelotonia, a non-profit that raises funds for cancer research.



Sally Kohlenberg, Janet Pont, Nancy Serlin and Nancy Nida

## SENIOR AND CAREGIVER RESOURCE NETWORK

Those in attendance at the October 26th Senior and Caregiver Resource Network (SACRN) fundraiser enjoyed an evening of dinner, drinks and entertainment, including a murder mystery and raffle drawings, with \$18,000 in proceeds directed to JFS and earmarked for emergency funding for older adults.



SACRN fundraising committee: Jim Speir, Kurt Kazanowski, Koreen Brown, Lynn Breuer, Sherita Johnson



JFS CEO Perry Ohren with elder law attorney Howard Collens



Co-chair Janet Moses, Co-founder Sandy Schwartz, speaker Doug Ulman and Co-chair Anita Devine

## Donor profile: Eugene Wagner

It is with great appreciation that Jewish Family Service recognizes Eugene Wagner (ז"ל), who passed in 2017. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Mr. Wagner worked as a successful clothing sales representative before opening his own job placement agency. A highly charitable

individual, he left his entire estate to Jewish organizations here in the Detroit area, including Jewish Family Service, as well as in Rochester, New York. We are most appreciative of his generosity and look forward to honoring his legacy by assisting community members in need.

# Calendar of Events



**April 29** **BECAUSE WE CARE: SPRING INTO ACTION!**  
 1-2:30pm at multiple metro Detroit locations  
 B'nai mitzvah students are invited to create and build planter boxes and other fun projects to spruce up the homes of older adult clients in our community. To register or for more information, contact Michael Kelmenson at 248.592.2264 or mkelmenson@jfsdetroit.org.

**May 30** **JFS 90TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT FEATURING AUTHOR JEANNETTE WALLS**  
 7pm at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield  
 For registration and sponsorship information, visit [jfsannualevent.org](http://jfsannualevent.org) or call 248.592.2339.

**June 11 & 12** **ASIST TRAINING**  
 8am-4:30pm at JFS in West Bloomfield  
 Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is a free two-day interactive workshop that teaches how to recognize when someone may be at risk of suicide and how to keep them safe. To register, or for more information, contact Shevy Zigdon at 248.406.0076 or szigdon@jfsdetroit.org.

**August 8** **CANCER THRIVERS NETWORK FOR JEWISH WOMEN BIENNIAL FUNDRAISER**  
 12pm at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield  
 Featuring world-renowned cancer specialist Clifford M. Hudis, MD, CEO of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and attending physician at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. To register, contact Tracy Agranove at 248.592.2267 or tagranove@jfsdetroit.org.

For more information on these and other events, please visit [jfsdetroit.org](http://jfsdetroit.org) or call 248.592.2313.

Looking for a special way to honor the women in your life for Mother's Day? For information on this unique tribute program, or to be added to our mailing list, please contact Jenny Kabert at 248.592.2339 or [jkabert@jfsdetroit.org](mailto:jkabert@jfsdetroit.org).

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### OLDER ADULTS

24/7 Care Management  
 Assistive Technology  
 Friendly Visitors  
 Geriatric Care Management  
 Holocaust Survivor Assistance  
 Home Care  
 Kosher Meals on Wheels  
 Mind University  
 Transportation

### MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

A Single Soul  
 Cancer Thrivers Network for Jewish Women  
 Counseling  
 Crisis Response Team  
 Domestic Abuse Intervention  
 Health Care Navigation  
 Mental Health First Aid  
 Mentor Connection  
 Project Chessed Health and Wellness

### SAFETY NET

Affordable Housing Resources  
 Basic Needs Assistance  
 Family Support Services  
 Legal Referral Service  
 Public Benefits Enrollment

### RUSSIAN SPEAKING COMMUNITY

Immigration and Citizenship  
 Mental Health  
 Translation and Interpretation

# In Memory of Norm Keane

Norm Keane was many things: Leader. Visionary. Social worker. Friend.

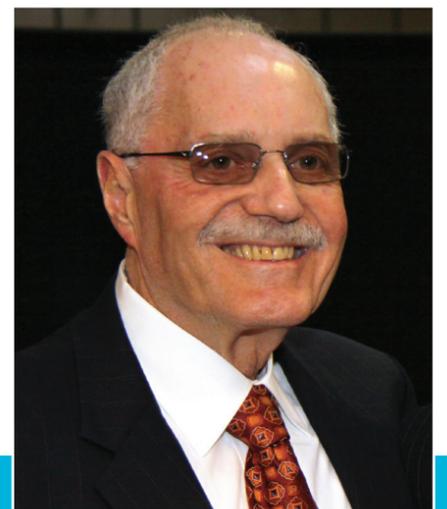
To Jewish Family Service and the Jewish community, he was everything.

So it was with great sadness when we learned of his passing on February 16th. As CEO of Jewish Family Service from 1998 to 2011, Norm helped to transform JFS into the true modern multi-service organization that we are today, adding many essential services

and moving us into our current Orley building.

Norm was a social worker who never forgot what the profession was about—truly helping people who needed a hand. But he was also a visionary who knew how to move things forward with colleagues, his board, and the agency's stakeholders.

A pillar of the Jewish community, his impact will long be remembered by those who had the privilege of knowing him.



Norm Keane

## Those wishing to honor Norm Keane's memory

can visit [jfsdetroit.org/donate](http://jfsdetroit.org/donate), click the Donate Now button, and select the **Keane Community Crisis Fund**. This fund was established to help shared clients of Hebrew Free Loan and Jewish Family Service who do not meet the usual requirements to obtain loans from HFL. The Keane fund helps ensure that no one in our community falls through the cracks.

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