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JAFCO Miami Chapter Hosts Annual Fundraiser, Supporting Children and Families in the Community 250 guests attended the Live, Love, Lunch event, raising funds for JAFCO's lifesaving services.





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Miami, FL – On Thursday, April 18, 2024, the JAFCO Miami Chapter hosted its annual Live, Love, Lunch fundraising event at Jungle Island. The event brought together 250 guests for a meaningful day of raising funds and learning about JAFCO’s lifesaving work for children and families in our community. The luncheon featured a boutique, silent auction, delicious lunch and heartwarming program.

The program opened with the JAFCO special ritual of lighting the Candle of Hope, a five-wick candle that serves as a reminder of the five children in our country who die senselessly each day at the hands of abuse.

“JAFCO saves the lives of 3,000 children a year and over 18,000 children since we opened 31 years ago,” said JAFCO CEO Sarah Franco. “Is this just an expression? I actually wish it was, but at JAFCO, we mean it literally.”

Attendees watched a video that introduced children and family members whose lives have been positively affected at JAFCO’s Children’s Village, Children’s Ability Center and Eagles’ Haven Wellness Center.

The JAFCO Children’s Village touches the lives of children who have experienced abuse or neglect. The JAFCO Children’s Village campus provides an actual home to over 100 children each year in their emergency shelter or group homes. The center is the only one of its kind in the Jewish community in the nation. Another 500 children each

year find safety in their foster care, adoption and family preservation programs.

JAFCO’s Children’s Ability Center provides family enrichment, resources and respite to families raising a child with a developmental disability. The center is open seven days a week to provide support to over 500 children a year starting on the day of diagnosis. JAFCO is there to support the entire family including parents, grandparents, and typical siblings.

JAFCO’s Eagles’ Haven Wellness Center opened in March 2019 to rediscover wellness and restore hope to the Parkland/Coral Springs community following the tragic school shooting. To begin the healing process, their compassionate clinical team provides wellness experiences, yoga, creative art classes, meditation, dance, crisis support, case management and support groups, free of charge to nearly 700 students, parents, and teachers, all in one beautiful spa-like setting.

ABOUT JAFCO:

JAFCO’s mission is to provide care, safety and support to children and their families within the Jewish community and beyond who are impacted by abuse, neglect, trauma, or developmental disabilities...giving every child a place to belong. Visit www.jafco.org.





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