

Human Service Relief – A Gift from the Heart



Jewish Community Foundation
of Central Pennsylvania



Please make your gift to help others in need (50% matching opportunity) today!



"Our beloved parents, Marlene and Herm Minkoff (z'l), moved to Harrisburg in 1960. For many years, Mom and Dad were very active at the Wilkes-Barre Jewish Community Center. In fact, one night when Dad was playing basketball, he noticed Mom sitting on the bleachers, asked a friend to introduce them and the rest became history.

As they were settling into their new home, Dad was invited to our JCC. He was immediately welcomed, with open arms by many, however, the story he shared (for his entire life), was when Albert Hursh, the Executive Director of our JCC, called him into his office to discuss a membership. At that time, Dad couldn't afford the membership dues. Al Hursh put his arm around Dad and told him that his presence was more important than the money and gave him a membership card with an agreement that when our parents could comfortably afford the dues, they would "pay it forward".



Overwhelmed, most appreciative and as Dad would tell us "a bit embarrassed", he committed to not only being a loyal life member but to also, along with Mom, make Tzedakah a personal priority. Our parents taught us the importance of being charitable and generous.

After our parents passed away, we knew the best way to honor their memory was establishing a Foundation Philanthropic Fund. Needless to say, during the past 10 months, Covid-19 has been most challenging for so many. Our friends, neighbors, and community members we don't even know have been struck by illness, loss of employment, hunger and death of loved ones. Too many can't afford next month's rent, mortgage, car payments or winter coats for their children.

Mom and Dad routinely gave of themselves. Many times, they paid for funeral expenses for a customer's family member, supported charitable causes and regularly made a Minyan - Tikkun Olam.

When we recently learned of the Foundation's Emergent Needs Fund, we immediately placed the entirety of our Philanthropic Fund into the Emergent Needs Fund, in Memory of Marlene and Herm Minkoff. We know this money will be put to urgent use for those who need it most...RIGHT NOW! We are doubly honored to know that the Foundation obtained a 50% match so that our gift increased.

The Harrisburg Jewish community was charitable and welcoming to our parents when they arrived more than 60 years ago. We are humbly attempting to show our gratitude."

- Sheri and Michael Solomon and Lori Weitzman

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**Call the Jewish Community Foundation to make your gift.
You may be eligible for a 50% match.**

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