



# Jewish Emergency Network

Did you know that...

...there are growing numbers of Jewish families in Howard County in desperate need of financial help and social services?

Can you imagine if...

*... A family member becomes ill and the entire family resources go to pay for treatment and medication.*

*... A frightened woman wants to take her children away from an abusive husband, but doesn't have the financial resources to start her new life.*

*... Rising energy costs have overwhelmed an elderly person's fixed income.*

These are just a few examples of what many families in our Jewish community face. Until now, there was no system in place, or consistent fund of money, for these emergency situations.

**To help with this dire problem, the Jewish Federation of Howard County has started the Jewish Emergency Network to aid individual families in need.**

**Now, when a family comes to our Jewish Community Services (formerly Jewish Family Services) with a one-time emergency, e-mail will be sent out to the Jewish Emergency Network, made up of families in our Howard County Jewish Community. This message will explain the nature of the financial need this family faces. It is our hope that if many individuals within the Network make a small donation, the needs of the families will be covered.**

We are asking each Jewish family in Howard County to participate by giving your e-mail address to the Jewish Emergency Network. There is no obligation to donate funds at any time. Individuals in the Network can respond at their discretion, and all donations are confidential. Donations can be in the form of checks, and gift cards are always welcomed.

To participate as a member of the Jewish Emergency Network, or to ask questions, send e-mail to: [JewishEmergencyNetwork@gmail.com](mailto:JewishEmergencyNetwork@gmail.com).

This initiative needs community volunteers to help it run smoothly. To volunteer, please contact Phyllis Nash at [phyllynash@aol.com](mailto:phyllynash@aol.com).

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