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JFS WANTS TO ENSURE THE COMMUNITY IS PREPARED FOR HURRICANE SEASON

Seniors Living Alone Are Encouraged to Register With JFS Storm Alert Team, Volunteers Sought

June 1, 2019 (Boca Raton, FL) - June 1st marks the start of Hurricane Season and as part of Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) hurricane Prep, JFS is once again that older adults living alone who wish to have someone check in on them before and after a major weather event, register for with the Agency. In its second year, The JFS Hurricane registration process provides a safety measure for seniors living alone with no family nearby. This program is meant for seniors not currently receiving services from JFS. Established JFS clients are already part of their hurricane response but, having learned after Hurricane Irma two years ago, there are hundreds of seniors living alone who could benefit from assistance after a storm. JFS uses pre-screened volunteers, board members and staff to make phone calls and personal visits and is also seeking additional volunteers for our Storm Response Team. This service is available for residents in Boca Raton, Delray Beach and Highland Beach – the JFS service area.

JFS takes their responsibility to help seniors, particularly those living alone in the community with no family nearby, very seriously. Although JFS is not a first responder agency, JFS coordinates with first responder agencies and plays a vital role before and after major weather events.

There is no charge to register for this program. All contact information will remain confidential and not shared. Last year, 200 residents, or their family members, registered for this service and many found it invaluable in helping them feel safe and secure to know someone would be checking in on them and aiding as needed.

Want to register? Seniors living in Boca Raton, Delray Beach or Highland Beach can register (or their families can register them) for the program by visiting www.ralesjfs.org/stormreg or by calling 561.852.3380.

Want to volunteer? JFS is seeking volunteers to join the JFS Storm Alert Team. Pre-screened and trained volunteers will be deployed after a major weather event to check in on registered participants and to bring supplies as needed. Those wishing to volunteer on the JFS Storm Recovery Team can do so by visiting www.ralesjfs.org/stormvol.

About Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS)

Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) provides help, hope and humanity through a comprehensive range of programs and services which support people of all ages and beliefs. With locations in Boca Raton and Delray Beach, JFS programs and services include food & financial assistance, senior services, counseling & mental health services, career & employment services, family & children's services and many volunteer opportunities. Funding is provided by private and corporate support, grants, special events and individuals who reach thousands in need each year. For more information about the organization, please visit <http://www.ralesjfs.org>.