

From the Desk of Judy Halper

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Dear Friend,

This past weekend I saw a sign that read, “There are 1,440 minutes in a day. Make sure you say ‘thank you’ at least once during that time.” Thank you or gratitude is never in short supply at Jewish Family and Children’s Service of Minneapolis. In fact, I recall several years ago, a volunteer telling me that nobody thanks their volunteers as graciously as JFCS! We are thankful for our volunteers and donors, without whom we would never be able to accomplish all that we do!

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual JFCS “Laugh on their Behalf” Benefit was held this past weekend, and we want to thank everyone who supported our event. As we gather each year as a community to have some laughs, and to raise support for the programs and services that benefit so many of our community members, I am grateful for the many people who make this event so successful. It takes dedicated staff, creative and giving volunteers, and generous supporters to make the Annual Benefit the wonderful event it is!

As you join your loved ones around the Thanksgiving table this year, I hope you will find much to celebrate and be grateful for. The obvious reminders are those at the table, hopefully in good health, body and soul. Though the world might seem on shaky ground, no matter who you voted for in this past national election, I hope you will feel grateful for all the people you encounter who make your workplace, neighborhood and communities great by their diversity and uniqueness. Hopefully, together we will strive to make sure no one is hungry, homeless, alone, forgotten, overlooked, marginalized or demeaned. Let’s celebrate gratitude and commit ourselves to remembering to say thank you at least one time in the 1,440 minutes each day.

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