Our main office (○) is located in Clearwater, Florida and we have primary service centers in various locations (●) in the Tampa Bay region including Pasco, Pinellas and Hillsborough counties, and extension offices in Miami-Dade, Broward, Polk, Sarasota, Lee, Alachua and Osceola counties. Our broad reaching, diverse programs and services impact families throughout the state of Florida (●) and well beyond our service centers, in more than 35 Florida counties.

Since 1998, Gulf Coast JFCS has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). Founded in 1966, CARF International is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services.

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CARF accreditation extends to countries in North and South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa (http://www.carf.org/About/WhoWeAre/).
Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services is a non-sectarian, community-based, not-for-profit that has been serving the people of Florida for more than 55 years. In 1960, the agency began providing counseling and family support services to the Jewish community in Pinellas County. On July 2, 1974, the agency was incorporated and began to expand and diversify its array of services offered to the community at-large through public funding and partnerships. Today, Gulf Coast has an annual budget approaching $36 million and over 500 employees who provide services to more than 30,000 individuals annually. We serve all people regardless of background, faith, age, culture or lifestyle.
message from our Board Chair

Dear Friends,

Reflecting on my tenure as Board President of Gulf Coast JFCS, these past two years have been touched by sadness and prideful accomplishment. In December of 2014 we lost our CEO, Rochelle Tatrai-Ray, as a result of domestic violence. Rochelle served our agency for nearly 12 years and was a passionate advocate for the vulnerable populations that we serve. Our staff survived this crisis while continuing to provide essential services to over 30,000 vulnerable individuals and families around the state of Florida. I am grateful for the leadership of our interim CEO, Eric Feder, who guided us through a difficult transition.

As a result of a national search conducted by our Board of Directors, in March of this year Dr. Sandra Braham joined our agency as its new CEO. Dr. Braham is well suited to ensure that Gulf Coast successfully executes its mission as the needs of our community continue to evolve.

Gulf Coast JFCS is one of the largest Jewish family services agencies in North America. That is an accomplishment for which our community should be immensely proud. In the last year, we provided assistance (in the form of financial support, educational scholarships and counseling) to over 300 struggling Jewish families, in addition to supportive services for over 240 registered Holocaust survivors throughout West Central Florida. Through the William and Sally Israel Food Pantry, we served 1,787 local families suffering from food insecurity.

The agency’s reach extends far beyond our local and regional Jewish community. Gulf Coast is one of the leading providers of child welfare services in Central Florida, helping to protect children and families living in crisis. Our behavioral health and elder care programs enable thousands of Floridians to live independent and productive lives. In Pinellas and Pasco counties, we continue to provide supportive services so that seniors can remain independent and in their homes. As a legacy to our successful Refugee Resettlement Program that brought hundreds of Soviet Jewish families to resettle in the Tampa Bay area during the 1980s, we continue to help refugees fleeing persecution in nations around the world to resettle in Florida.

It has truly been an honor and a privilege for me to serve as the Board Chair of such an important community asset as Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services. I thank our Board of Directors, staff, donors and volunteers for your commitment to help our agency make a difference in the lives of so many.

Warmest regards,
Jay Miller, board chair
Greetings,

We are pleased to share annual highlights of our services and activities. Our work at Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services is possible, thanks to many funders, partners, donors and volunteers who support our programs and enable us to impact so many lives. Since beginning my appointment in March 2016, I have been impressed with our deeply humanitarian initiatives and with our capable staff, who lead and carry out this important work. I am thankful to Eric Feder, Interim President & CEO, for his leadership during a difficult period and for his support during my transition.

We serve the community through direct services, contracted services or programs carried out in partnership with a funder/community entity. Some of our original programs are among those considered direct service initiatives which are open and accessible to the general public. Some direct service programs require individuals to meet certain criteria for eligibility and/or subsidy, but these initiatives are generally open to the public. Among them are our Harvey Hertz Counseling Center and Homemaker Services. Other Gulf Coast JFCS services are contracted services, carried out in partnership with entities working on behalf of The State of Florida, and other national and international entities. Contracted services are not open to the public but are carried out on a referral basis. Among our contracted services are Elder Services, Holocaust Survivors Program and a majority of our case management services impacting child welfare, family stability and behavioral health. Finally, we provide partnership services through direct funding where programs are open to all who meet eligibility criteria. In the case of partnership services, eligibility might be based on the individual, by residing in a target area, or attending a target school. Among these are our Non-Custodial Parent Employment Program, Woman to Woman and Violence Prevention.

There are many programs with many names. In summary, we provide…

- Jewish families with services that connect them to the Jewish community and improve their lives
- Children and families in need with intensive support to ensure stability, safety and well-being
- Refugees with basic services that support them to successfully adapt to life in America
- Unemployed non-custodial parents with the skills to find jobs to support their families
- Elderly and disabled with support services enabling them to live independently, safely and with dignity
- Individuals with behavioral health challenges with the tools necessary to function well in society

Your support affords us the privilege of serving humanity through so many diverse initiatives, described herein. Thanks to all who have supported our work for decades and to new partners and friends who have joined our cause to protect the vulnerable and help people achieve fulfilling lives by empowering individuals and strengthening families.

With Gratitude,
Dr. Sandra E. Braham, president & chief executive officer
As the Board prepared to welcome a new president and chief executive officer, the need to provide a clear roadmap to guide the agency’s strategic direction was a priority during the year. To this end, the Board of Directors undertook a significant body of work to develop a new Strategic Plan. Input from stakeholders including the staff and the interim CEO helped shape the plan and the new CEO joined the agency in time to contribute to its final version. A more detailed version is available on our website and can be accessed at gcjfcso.org. We are pleased to share highlights of our Strategic Plan here:

**Strategic Focus 1: Jewish Family Services**

**Goal** — Strengthen Engagement within the Jewish Community in Pinellas and Pasco counties

**Strategic Focus 2: Geographic Outreach/Programmatic Focus**

**Goal** — Focus Growth in Financially Sustainable Areas

**Strategic Focus 3: Resource Development**

**Goal** — Expand Fund Development and Related Initiatives, and Maximize Operational Efficiencies

**Strategic Focus 4: Organizational Development**

**Goal 1** — Be a Competitive Organization that Attracts and Retains Qualified and Satisfied Employees

**Goal 2** — Ensure Agency is Poised to Comply with Changing Federal & State Employment and Other Laws

**Goal 3** — Increase Communication and Synergy Among Service Units

**Goal 4** — Increase Public Awareness of Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services

**Strategic Focus 5: Board Development**

**Goal** — Implement a Robust Program for Recruitment, Training and Development of Board Members and Volunteers to Ensure Future Leadership

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**Agency Volunteers**

Engaging volunteers and providing opportunities for people to serve their communities through our Volunteer Services Program are key to our work and ability to achieve our mission. Gulf Coast JFCS volunteers provide companionship for the elderly, mentor youth, work in our William and Sally Israel Food Pantry, serve as office assistants, interns and researchers, assist in putting on events and fundraisers, they write grants and provide leadership on our Board of Directors. There are many other ways to serve. This year, with the addition of a full time volunteer coordinator, we were able to engage almost 250 volunteers who contributed in excess of 22,300 hours.
State revenues are primarily derived through contracts awarded to operate children and family services programs (e.g. case management, foster care and Youth in Transition), through legislative appropriation (e.g. Non-Custodial Parent Employment Program) and numerous behavioral health initiatives.

Federal revenues include contracts through the Department of Housing and Urban Development for residential programs, Medicaid and Medicare billings for qualified services including counseling and support for the elderly and disabled, and refugee services through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Other revenues include support from the Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties, fee for service programs and contracts.

We are grateful for the support provided by donors without whom our extended and community services would not be possible.
**our Programs**

Gulf Coast programs are as diverse as the individuals who utilize and benefit from them. Our services have expanded over time to meet the complex needs of today’s families, senior citizens, vulnerable children, and persons needing assistance because of behavioral or mental health issues. We seek partner opportunities wherever feasible, understanding that the community benefits when costs are contained and services leveraged.

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627 shabbat gift cards provided totaling near $13,000

Our Jewish Family Services

Chicken for Shabbat, through private donations, provides families with grocery gift cards to purchase their shabbat (Jewish sabbath) meal or other needed perishable food items.

215 families received emergency financial assistance

Family Support Services offer assistance in meeting basic human needs for the Jewish community in Pinellas and Pasco counties. Program services also include emergency financial assistance through Koved funds, information and referral services, and eight (8) students applied for interest-free college loans.

252 Holocaust survivors supported across 7 counties

Holocaust Survivors Program improves the quality of life for Holocaust survivors in Central West Florida by providing in-home care, emergency financial assistance, case management services, prescription drug and medical assistance funds, transportation, support groups, social events and other services with the goal of preventing out-of-home placement. Assistance with obtaining restitution and reparation funds is also provided.

1,916 received food assistance

William & Sally Israel Food Pantry provides both Kosher and basic food items to the Jewish community and all Gulf Coast clients. We partner with synagogues, the Jewish Federation, local Jewish organizations, and local businesses to collect food and other limited items (clothing, household goods, school supplies, and Chanukah gifts) for families in need.

1,864 received clothes and school supplies

Yad B’Yad (Hand in hand) recruits Jewish adult volunteers as one-on-one mentors, companions and role models for Jewish children ages 6 to 17. Volunteers and youths build trusting friendships that help develop self-confidence, a positive self-identity and social skills. This year, 11 youth were served by a mentor.

336 hours of volunteer mentoring provided

97 Jewish youth participated in activities

Founded as a Jewish Family Services Agency, supporting the needs of local Jewish families remains a key tenet of our work in the community. Services include emergency financial and food assistance, support for Holocaust Survivors, mentoring Jewish children, providing Jewish Life Education, and counseling through our Harvey Hertz Counseling Center. We partner with area synagogues, the Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and other organizations to support Jewish individuals and families in need.
Adele Gilbert Residential Treatment Facility is a 16-bed residential treatment program for adults between the ages of 18 to 45 who are chronically mentally ill and may have substance abuse issues. In 2015, the facility was moved from Pinellas County to Pasco County. The program accepts forensic referrals including individuals who are “incompetent to proceed” and “not guilty by reason of insanity.” Residents receive case management, medical and psychiatric services, recovery-oriented life skills training and individual counseling to address substance misuse.

Adult Residential Treatment and Stabilization is a 16-bed state licensed level 1 residential behavioral health program, exclusively for adults 30 years of age and older who have persistent mental illness and may have co-occurring issues. Treatment includes psychiatric services, psychosocial rehabilitation, life skills training and other supports for approximately three months. Nursing supervision is provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Community Care for the Elderly provides homemaker services, case management coordination, personal care, respite and other support to enable frail and functionally impaired elders and those with Alzheimer’s to remain in their homes and avoid or delay placement in a nursing facility. Serves seniors in Pinellas County.

Our behavioral health services include a number of initiatives, including residential and intervention programs, each developed to address the unique needs of individuals who are working to overcome substance abuse, to manage mental health or to gain control of debilitating behaviors which prevent them from living independent and productive lives. Services are provided onsite in residential facilities, through home or school visits or in our offices, according to the need and level of support required.
39 adults served in their home

Community Care for Disabled Adults offers case management, homemaker services and other in-home assistance to people with catastrophic disabilities ages 18 to 59. The program’s purpose is to help clients to remain in their home. Services are provided in Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco counties.

29 clients served

The Darlington Residential Treatment Facility is located in Pasco County, is a sixteen-bed intensive residential program utilizing the Integrated Treatment Team Model. With psychiatric services, medications, life skills training, case management and a range of other supports, the program serves young and older adults referred from state and local hospitals and the behavioral health community. Despite challenges, two residents were employed upon discharge and six were able to obtain Social Security benefits allowing them to transition directly into the community.

94% discharged to a less restrictive settings

Egret Housing is a seven-unit housing complex for low income disabled adults located in New Port Richey, Florida. Funded by HUD, the project is sponsored by Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services and is under the auspices of a separate housing corporation.

5000+ served

Elder Education provides substance abuse community education focusing on the prevention of medication mismanagement and alcohol abuse among the elderly. The program provides education to seniors in Pinellas and Pasco counties.

650 seniors assisted

Strengthening our community is what we are about. Our varied and diverse community programs provide support for individuals during all stages of life, be they children or senior citizens. Gulf Coast JFCS community programs are open and accessible to all, though certain programs require participants to meet eligibility requirements or provide a fee for services.

Elderly Counseling Services offer individual and group counseling for persons 60 years of age or older. Services are provided at home or at senior centers. The program is offered in Pinellas and Pasco counties.

Harvey Hertz Counseling Center is the agency’s original program and serves the entire community by offering individual, child, adolescent, family, couples and marriage counseling by caring and licensed psychotherapists in Pinellas County. Medicare, Medicaid, most private insurances and self-pay are accepted. Support groups on various topics are also offered at varying times throughout the year.
Homemaker Services has for more than twenty years, provided quality compassionate care to help elderly and disabled adults live independently. Our staff provides housecleaning, laundry, meal preparation, shopping and companionship. Licensed and registered with the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration as a Homemaker & Companion Service Provider, services are available free for eligible adults through federal funding in Pinellas County or as fee-for-service.

Myrtle Oaks is a 99-unit apartment complex that offers affordable housing for low-income seniors aged 62 and older. Located in northeast Tampa, the facility is sponsored by Gulf Coast JFCS in partnership with the Myrtle Oaks Housing Corporation and funded by a $5.7 million grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Non-Custodial Parent Employment Program (NCPEP) has for twenty years assisted unemployed or under-employed non-custodial parents in obtaining and maintaining employment to establish regular child support payments. Over 900 parents gained employment and more than 500 began paying child support. Almost 900 parents received vocational training or skill certificates. The program is administered through CareerSource Pinellas. It is offered in partnership with the Department of Revenue’s Division of Child Support Enforcement and Family Courts. Services are offered in Pinellas, Pasco, Hillsborough and Miami-Dade counties.

Older Adults Support Team provides intervention for elders at risk of suicide. In partnership with Adult Protective Services, this program provides in-home assessment, crisis intervention counseling, psychiatric evaluation, follow-up and case management with the overall goal of reducing suicide risks.

Supported Housing assists persons 18 and older with substance abuse, IV drug use and behavioral health needs. Individuals with serious mental illness or substance abuse issues receive support in order to obtain housing and employment through job skills training, coaching, and improving social skills. Housing support was provided to 86 individuals. Services are provided in Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties.

Transition to Independent Living supports youth ages 15 to 22, who are “aging out” of foster care. Youth, who are under court jurisdiction or protective supervision, are assigned an advocate who coaches them in adult living skills to successfully transition to independent living.

Violence Prevention Program a school-based intervention developed to decrease disruptive, aggressive, bullying behavior and substance abuse. The program improves interpersonal relationships and social skills that contribute to students’ overall school success. Office referrals were reduced to zero for 77% of students attending skill building groups. Funded by The Juvenile Welfare Board, the Program is offered in partnership with the Pinellas County School District and is available in 9 middle schools.
Voices Language Services provides professional document translations and on-site spoken language interpretation in more than seventeen languages. Services are provided throughout Florida to Gulf Coast programs and to the community at large. Voices is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement and through private fees.

Woman to Woman is an evidence-based program for pregnant and parenting teen mothers who are at risk of academic failure and repeat pregnancies. Young moms receive one-on-one mentoring from community volunteers, attend weekend retreats and parenting workshops, and are connected with educational and vocational services. This year, 93 percent of the moms increased their educational aspirations. The program is available in 27 high schools in Hillsborough County, including three charter schools and four career centers.

Young Adult Transitional Program provides support and assistance to young adults ages 16 to 24 who have serious emotional or behavioral difficulties, or mental illness, in making a successful transition to adulthood.

Maintaining independence is vital to seniors and disabled adults. Gulf Coast provides services for individual therapy, crisis intervention, guidance and emotional support. Our elderly and disabled services enable frail and functionally impaired adults and seniors to remain in their homes and avoid or delay placement in a nursing home.
48 beds from 18 new hosts added

98% reduced psychiatric hospitalizations

100% reduction in jail recidivism

Alternative Family Residential Program is based on the “therapeutic foster home” concept where trained hosts open their homes to care for adults and seniors with mental illness and co-occurring disorders. Hosts provide supervision, care and support in exchange for a monthly stipend. In 2015-16, 88 caregivers supported 259 individuals in 37 Florida counties. Capacity was expanded in Gainesville & Daytona, thanks to a $30,000 increase in funding.

2,000+ children served

Child Welfare Case Management offers protective supervision for children referred by the Florida Abuse Hotline and Child Protective Investigators. Services are provided in-home and in alternative placements, including relatives, non-relatives, and licensed foster care settings. Services ensure the safety, well-being and stability (including adoption) for children in the child welfare system. Gulf Coast JFCS provides services in Hillsborough, Polk and Osceola counties.
our Children & Family Services

Diversion & Prevention Programs provide in-home intervention, family preservation services and community outreach with the goal of keeping at-risk children safe at home. The programs help families identify issues that lead to neglect and abuse, and to develop skills to avoid, address or overcome those issues. Families learn to access and effectively utilize community resources. Families at risk of having their children removed from the home due to abuse/neglect are referred to the programs by Child Protection Investigators in Broward, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Osceola and Pasco counties.

Family Reunification Team provides in-home family support through case management and counseling to ensure the safe and permanent reunification of children and their families. Support is based on individual needs and may include addressing mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence or other threats present in the home that may impact the family’s ability to provide a safe environment for the child.

Foster Care Licensing and Placement recruits and trains foster parents and licenses foster homes in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties. Foster families provide care for dependent children, teens, sibling groups, pregnant girls and their newborn babies and extended foster care for 18-21 year olds.

Gulf Coast JFCS is a subcontractor of managing entities for The State of Florida. Our goal is to strengthen Florida families and support their provision of homes and safe environments for children and vulnerable adults. Varied services work together to ensure a safety net of wraparound support aimed at keeping families together and adults living independently whenever possible. These services are offered on a referral basis.

Intervention Services supports adults 18 years and older who are at risk of substance abuse or misuse. This in-home program provides screening, assessment and intervention through education, short-term problem solving, advocacy, referral and follow-up to reduce the need for more intensive treatment outside of the home. Services are offered in Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties.

Kinship Support Services offer assistance to relative and non-relative caregivers of children in the Hillsborough County child welfare system. Families are directly involved in developing a support plan, including case management, caregiver benefit assistance, crisis intervention and peer support. The goal is to strengthen kinship placements, allowing children to be placed in the care of relatives rather than in a licensed foster home.
A significant value in Jewish teaching is “tikkun olam”. It is a concept defined by acts of kindness performed to repair or heal the world. It is the foundation which underlies much of the action by Jewish organizations around social justice. As an agency founded on Jewish values, it is fitting that we play a role in helping to resettle refugees from around the world, as much as we have played a significant role in supporting Holocaust survivors.

Florida Center for Survivors of Torture (FCST) provides case management for survivors of torture and extreme trauma. As the lead agency, Gulf Coast JFCS collaborates with area resettlement agencies, the University of South Florida and Florida International University to link torture survivors to needed community services. Through FCST’s extensive provider network, survivors access medical, mental health, social and legal services from professionals trained to work with torture survivors. Funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement and the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, the program serves the Tampa Bay and South Florida areas.

National Partnership for Community Training (NPCT) Gulf Coast JFCS is the lead agency and coordinator of the National Mental Health Technical Assistance Program for refugee service providers. NPCT helps resettlement and other refugee programs across the United States to develop the capacity to meet refugees’ mental health needs. Working with subject matter experts, NPCT promotes best practices for treatment and ensures providers’ access to resources to implement trauma-informed services. Funding is provided by the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

Refugee Employment Match Grant Program offers an alternative to public cash assistance. This program provides services to help refugees, asylees, Cuban and Haitian entrants and Special Immigrant Visa holders to become economically self-sufficient within 120-180 days of program eligibility. Services include case management, employment assistance and cash allowances. Self sufficiency must be achieved without accessing public assistance.
Refugee Resettlement & Placement resettles refugees from around the world who have been persecuted due to ethnicity, religion, political affiliation, or membership in a social group. Services include case management, housing and furniture assistance, cultural orientation referrals and introduction to community service providers and employment services. In 2015-16, the addition of an AmeriCorps member increased volunteer capacity by engaging mentors and by developing a refugee speakers bureau to increase cultural knowledge throughout the region. This program is funded by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS). Additional funding supported assistance with employment, access to healthcare and medical treatment. Program services are provided in Pinellas and Broward counties.

Refugee Youth Services Program supports school-aged refugee youth in their academic development, by reducing dropout risks and aiding their successful transition from school to the workforce. The program is funded by the Florida Department of Children & Families, and is offered in Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Miami-Dade counties.
Thank you for your continued generosity. Without you, we could not continue our mission to provide essential human services to tens of thousands of individuals and families in their time of need. As noted in the chart, we depend on individual donors and gifts of all sizes are appreciated. We welcome the opportunity to visit with donors interested in making a legacy investment to support our work.

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Pizza Hut - Yum! Brands
Publix Markets
Razer Golf
Rockstar Energy Drinks
Sunstate Academy of Cosmetology and Massage
Tampa Bay Devil Rays
Tampa Bay Times
Temple Ahavat Shalom
Temple B’nai Israel
Temple Beth El
Temple Beth-El Sisterhood
Temple New Jerusalem
The Barrett Foundation
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Cox Media Group
The Jewish Federation
Wallace Welch & Willingham
Weeki Wachee Springs State Park J. Athanason
What Up Dog
Winn Dixie
American ElderCare
Elder Services Case Management
Homemaker Services

Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
Alzheimer’s Disease Support
Elder Services Case Management
Community Care for the Elderly
Elder Services Programming
Homemaker Services

Broward Behavioral Health Coalition
Adult Residential Treatment and Stabilization
Alternative Family Program
Older Adult Support Team
Young Adult Transitional Program

CareerSource Pinellas
Non-Custodial Parent Employment Program

Central Florida Behavioral Health Network
Adele Gilbert Residential Treatment Facility
Alternative Family Program
Darlington Residential Treatment Facility
Elder Education
Intervention Services
Supported Housing

Central Florida CARES Health System
Alternative Family Program

Children's Board of Hillsborough County
Woman to Woman

Children’s Network of Southwest Florida
Foster Care Licensing & Placement

Children’s Services Council of Broward County
Family Skill Builders
Transition to Independent Living Program

City of Largo
Community Development Block Grant

Community Based Care of Central Florida
Child Welfare Case Management
Diversion & Prevention Program (Safe at Home)

Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany
Holocaust Survivors Program

Eckerd Kids
Child Welfare Case Management
Diversion & Prevention Program (Safe at Home)
Family Reunification Services
Kinship Support Services

Florida Department of Children and Families
Community Care for Disabled Adults

Florida Department of Children and Families, Department of Refugee Services
Refugee Youth Services

Florida Department of Financial Services
Holocaust Survivors

Heartland for Children
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Sylvia Acevedo was presented the 2015 Gladys Schutz Exceptional Leadership Award for her work and success in helping to resettle refugee families in Hillsborough and Broward counties. Sylvia has aided countless victims of torture and sexual abuse. Sylvia has been employed with Gulf Coast JFCS since 2013. The award was established in 2011 and is given annually to an agency director who goes above and beyond his or her job and conveys extraordinary leadership in their work. Staff members nominate directors and the recipient is decided by Gulf Coast’s executive team, along with Schutz and the board chair.

The 2015 Annual Faces Celebration was held at the Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park on the evening of October 21st, 2015. Our Annual Celebration has evolved over the years. Special tributes honored Gulf Coast JFCS program participants including Daniel and Robert Berkowitz, Andrew Van Etten and Natalie Estime. The highlight of the evening was a special honor and tribute to Dr. David Bernstein who received our Lifetime Achievement Award for service. Board Chair, Jay Miller, and Interim President & CEO, Eric Feder, led the evening’s events.

Our 2nd Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament was held March 21st, 2016 at Cypress Run in Tarpon Springs. It didn’t take long to fill all available tee times for individuals and teams. The sold out tournament was followed by a rock concert which featured the talents of Robby Steinhardt, the original violinist and singer from the band Kansas, John Cafferty of The Beaver Brown Band, Steve Augeri, former lead singer of Journey and The Stormbringer Band. Florida State Representative Kathleen Peters was presented the M. A. Bernstein Award for Mental Health Awareness. The night ended with a 20-minute fireworks show. Pictures from this fun and unique event can be viewed online at golflikearockstar.org
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