

Our IMPACT:

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Mrs. Gold*, a Ukrainian Jewish Holocaust survivor, immigrated to the U.S. in 2005. Mrs. Gold's Holocaust history was brutal: Most of her family was murdered under the Nazi regime.

As an immigrant, Mrs. Gold was not immediately eligible for benefits or health insurance. She was financially dependent on her son, a struggle for a man with limited means. The Jewish Social Service Agency's (JSSA) Holocaust Survivor Program provided Mrs. Gold with a case manager who helped her find low and no-cost medical care and medications. They arranged for Meals on Wheels and free corrective lenses to assist with her severe sight loss. Mrs. Gold's current financial situation continues to be dire, but thanks to JSSA and the support of The Jewish Federation, she can access programs and services that allow her to live a life of dignity.

There are more than 200 Holocaust survivors in Greater Washington who live below the poverty line. As survivors age, their needs increase dramatically. The Jewish Federation helps these survivors live out their remaining years in dignity. JSSA's Holocaust Survivor program offers the following critical services:

- Emergency financial assistance
- Social work services and counseling
- Assistance filling out benefits forms
- Meals on Wheels (kosher meals delivered to survivors' homes)
- Escorted transportation to medical appointments
- Personal care assistance
- Installation of in-home emergency call systems

The Need:
Expansion of services to the most vulnerable among us is essential to meet the growing needs of at-risk populations locally, in Israel and around the world.



Photo has been changed to protect the anonymity of the family.

