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Jewish Family Service Is Recognized at the 14th Annual Live Well San Diego Public Health Champion Awards

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San Diego, CA – Jewish Family Service of San Diego (JFS) was among the 16 people and organizations recognized by the County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) at the 14th annual Live Well San Diego Public Health Champion Awards held April 10, 2015.



*From Left to Right: Marie Brown-Mercadel, North Central and East Region HHSA Director
Shana Hazan, Director of Institutional Giving, Public Policy & Government Relation
Dr. Wilma Wooten Public Health Officer for County of San Diego HHSA*

JFS received the North Coastal Award for its contributions to protecting and improving the health, safety, and overall quality of life for San Diego County residents. Through its work to *Empower Individuals & Families To Move Toward Self-Sufficiency, Support Aging With Dignity, and Foster Community Connection & Engagement*, JFS helps thousands of San Diegans achieve physical, financial, social, emotional, and spiritual health.

"Like the Live Well initiative, JFS is committed to creating a healthy, safe, and thriving County through impact-driven and client-centered services," said Shana Hazan, Director of Institutional Giving, Public Policy and Government Relations at JFS.

"JFS is honored to receive this award—and to be recognized as a Live Well partner—as we know the work required to build a stronger, healthier, more resilient County depends on meaningful collaboration," said Hazan.

The Public Health Champion Awards are presented annually during National Public Health Week, established 20 years ago to recognize important contributions to the field of public health and highlight critical issues affecting the nation's health. The theme of this year's National Public Health Week was *Healthiest Nation 2030: Let's make America the Healthiest Nation in One Generation*.

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ABOUT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

Since 1918, Jewish Family Service of San Diego has been a trusted community resource for individuals and families in times of need. Our wide range of integrated services *Empower Individuals & Families to Move Toward Self-Sufficiency*, *Support Aging With Dignity*, and *Foster Community Connection & Engagement* throughout San Diego County and the Coachella Valley. Many people turn to Jewish Family Service with a specific need, such as hunger. And that first contact often leads to a wide range of services, including counseling, education, job coaching, transportation, and more. Our message to every person who turns to Jewish Family Service in search of a better life is: WE'RE WITH YOU. To learn how JFS transforms lives in our community, visit www.jfssd.org.