

National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Dallas Section

2018 Awards and Installation Luncheon



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TOGETHER**

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Northwood Club
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11:00 a.m. Check-in 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Luncheon and Program

Chairs: Caren Edelstein, Ellen Lasser, and Linda Levine

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President's Farewell



Joyce Rosenfield

As Shiza Shahid so eloquently stated to over 800 mesmerized guests of our 105th Birthday Luncheon, "There are no heroes, there is just us". And yes, NCJW, Greater Dallas Section is "us"!

If the world had more individuals like you, the members of NCJW, Greater Dallas Section, maybe we wouldn't be marching for gun violence prevention; making sure we get individuals registered to vote so their voices can help make change; fighting

for civil liberties; fighting for the LGBTQIA community; fighting for more funding for early childhood education; fighting to protect public school education and against the voucher program; trying to make sure that our Dallas children do not go to bed hungry; trying to build the self-esteem of women who have had it ripped away by their abuser in a domestic violence or trafficking situation; and having conversations about every other issue that we stand for.

However, our 1100 members can make a difference and you have proven that in the past 105 years of our Section. You have contributed financially, emotionally, and physically to our projects,

programs and every area that it takes to run this organization. And I know that you will continue to do so.

It is because of you, our smart, caring and incredibly thoughtful Board of Directors that allows us to make a difference in our community. Your guidance and direction and your very generous gifts, both financially and your time, has allowed us to grow over the past two years with new projects, as well as our membership, but even more our advocacy where our voices are being heard in Dallas, Austin and Washington.

Yes, we can dream that someday our world will be filled with only individuals like you, our NCJW members, but in the meantime, we will all need to continue to make our voices heard and be "just us".

It has been a true honor to lead NCJW, Dallas over the past two years. To be allowed to work with and for each of you, there are no words to express how I feel. Thank you for the honor, the support and more importantly, what each of you has given to our organization as well as our community. As we transition to a new administration, I know that we will continue to follow our mission to make a difference in the lives of the women, children and families in the Dallas community.

With much appreciation,
Joyce Rosenfield
President

From the Executive Director

Our country faces many challenges today. So much so, that it is difficult to know where to focus one's energies: reproductive justice? preventing gun violence? support for public education? separation of church and state? immigration rights? The list goes on and on. One thing is certain - the role that we, the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Dallas Section, play is more relevant and necessary than ever in our history.

And, what is that role? First and foremost, we are a champion of that most basic of Jewish values, social justice—Our focus is broad, but laser sharp. Wherever and whenever we can work to improve the quality of life for children, women and families and/or protect individual rights and freedom, we want to be there. We want to be part of the solution.

Secondly, our approach to achieving social change is powerful.

- Research— We begin by researching needs. Where are the most critical gaps in service in our community? What are the underlying issues that have led to the need for those services? How can we best help? And with whom can we collaborate to affect positive change?
- Education – We take the time to educate ourselves by inviting experts on the issue to speak at our meetings and by reaching out to other agencies and groups in the community
- Direct Service – We like to work in the trenches, providing direct services, seeing and learning more as we serve.
- Advocacy – We marry direct service to advocacy. In contrast to many volunteer-led, community service groups, we not only provide direct services, but also address the underlying issues that lead to the need for the service. Whether at Dallas City Council meetings, in Austin or Washington, we speak out on public policy issues and join in coalition to advocate for change.

It is our comprehensive approach to social change that, if not unique, is very powerful and sets us apart. However, I believe that this moment in our nation's history demands that we pause to look at the context in which we have been able to achieve this proud history.

And what is that context? The context is a country that by its laws and norms has guaranteed us the right and opportunity to speak out on issues, to practice the religion of our choice, and to obtain a public education unfettered by parochial biases or concerns. The context is a country that welcomed us as immigrants and has historically encouraged the civil discourse that, as Rabbi David Stern recently remarked, makes our democracy work.

Today, I believe these basic rights and norms are being threatened. Our elected officials engage in name-calling rather than problem solving. Acts of hatred and violence seem to be on the rise. Are we taking the context in which we function for granted? If that is the case, we do so at our peril.

In my role as Executive Director for the past three years, I have had a close-up opportunity to observe NCJW Dallas volunteers in action. I am awed and inspired repeatedly by their efforts: by the depth and breadth of the research they do, by their tireless energy for service, and by their unflinching commitment to influence public policy for the good of all. Perhaps, today's challenges require new responses. As we go about our work, let us also commit ourselves to helping preserve the context in which we all have been able to serve.



Suzi Greenman



to our 2017-2018 Volunteers!

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**Of Blessed Memory*

If we have mistakenly left off your name or someone you know who volunteered this year, please notify Nicole Gray at the office, info@ncjwdallas.org. We apologize in advance.

NCJW Texas Retreat

Strengthening Texas NCJW Ties

On a windy March weekend, advocates from all four (Austin, Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio) NCJW sections in Texas met to begin "Strengthening Texas NCJW Ties". Greene Family Camp hosted NCJW members as they learned and laughed together. The weekend was filled with training, conversation, and a call to action.

Tracy Grinstead-Everly, an NCJW board member from Austin and a victim's right advocate, started our learning with a D'Var Torah Friday evening on domestic abuse, and how we can respond. After a Shabbat dinner participants were engaged in small group activities with other NCJW members who were matched by their color personalities. We learned a lot about each other!

Saturday was jammed packed, starting with a lovely outdoor Shabbat service which followed a group hike and breakfast. Bee Moorehead, Executive Director of Texas Impact started the serious work of preparing for advocacy by giving us a "state of the state" rundown on what is happening in Texas now and what to expect in the next legislative session.

Elva Mendoza from Mom's Demand Action shared concerns about the current state of Gun Safety in Texas and nationally, possible upcoming legislation and what our next steps might be to assure the safety of all citizens.

Marcia Waldgeir, San Antonio NCJW past president and a member of the Alamo Area Trafficking task force, shared the work of the task force, a wonderful film to reach out to teenagers and keep them out of danger, and some great ideas as we address this terrifying issue, that crosses all socio-economic spectrums.

Ari Conrad, NCJW Grassroots associate from the Washington DC

office conducted three thought provoking sessions which also gave participants skills to inform our work. We discussed building bridges between community service and advocacy, creating meaningful conversations and answering hard questions, particularly with people who do not agree with you.

At the end of the day participants self selected a small group conversation and brain storming session, topics created by the group and then facilitated were: Promote the Vote/Get Out the Vote, the Foster Care System in Texas, and coming from a position of privilege as we work with community service projects. The evening was devoted to fun and relaxation.

Sunday morning was dedicated to next steps and a wrap up of the weekend. The group set a date for a conference call to take place every two months. The purpose of the calls is to share information on advocacy activities, upcoming bills and help plan the next Day on the Hill. (Any member is invited to join the calls, please check the website and eblasts for further information.)

Participants shared their enthusiasm for learning sessions, the opportunity to meet, share and make new friends and their passion for the issues that are important to NCJW. Now more than ever, participants agree we must keep advocating for the issues that affect women, children and families.

Our work includes contacting our legislators, being visible in such activities as the March for Our Lives, keeping up with proposed legislation, keeping our membership informed, and Promote the Vote/ Get Out the Vote. We continue a long history of advocacy and action and invite all our members to join us.



#March For Our Lives

NCJW Greater Dallas was proud to have a presence Saturday March 24, 2018 to cheer on the students who marched for sensible gun safety. The students who are learning to advocate for the issues important to them have taught the adults some valuable lessons. They are a generation not to be seen lightly, they are going to make a difference in the conversation and further action.

For many years NCJW has advocated for sensible gun laws, we advocated against open carry, against guns on college campus, for registration, for a waiting period, for the restoration of the government's ability to do research on gun safety. The passion of these students gives us hope that our legislators are starting to listen. We have to believe that these young people are making an impression, but more importantly they are taking voting seriously.

NCJW members not only supported the march, but helped register new voters. The students understand that their votes matter. We must also understand that every vote counts. NCJW sponsored training to deputize voter registrars this fall. Since that time NCJW members and community members have spread out over the city to register voters.

NCJW will continue to "Support the Vote/Get Out the Vote". The courage, advocacy, and the ability to engage so many people of all ages and persuasions that the students of Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. have shown us, as the call and response during the march so aptly states:

**"What does democracy look like,
This is What Democracy Looks Like!"**



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Meals on Wheels

NCJW is proud to participate in the Wheels on Meals program. As most of you know, Meals on Wheels provides meals for persons confined to their home or who do not have family members able to take on that task.

We are in need of summer drivers to deliver food. Help brighten one of the recipient's day! You may be the only individual he/she sees that week.

To participate, please email Marilyn Fiedelman
MFIEDELMAN@YAHOO.COM

Community Service

West Dallas Project

“Last night we had Meet the Teacher Night at Gabe Allen and it was wonderful to see the excited and grateful faces of our parents and children when they received their free uniforms. It is the generosity of organizations like yours that make a positive difference in a child’s life. Over the last two weeks we have already distributed over 150 of the donated uniforms. We are very thankful that the NCJW chose our school to receive the generous donation of school uniforms.” (August 2017)

West Dallas (WD) is one of the most economically disadvantaged communities in the U.S. Approximately 65% of freshman attending high school in WD drop out prior to entering the 12th grade, approximately 50% of all students live below the poverty line and approximately 86% of all students are economically disadvantaged. After meeting with some of the West Dallas Principals, one of the Principals shared with us *“they are in need of SO many things but a Clothes Closet is a big priority. Kids come in dirty clothes creating troublesome social situations.”*

This is a community with an overwhelming myriad of needs. We feel we are beginning to engage at the simplest level with the goal of getting to know the community and expand our involvement, allowing NCJW to make a discernable difference helping to fill basic needs of the students and subsequently their families.

NCJW’s West Dallas Project is helping. This past fall and winter we provided uniforms to 857 K-2 students in 6 elementary schools (all 6 schools serve a population that are 96% - 100% economically disadvantaged) then followed up with additional uniforms for the schools’ clothes closet plus underwear, socks and jackets, deodorant and donated sports t-shirts as attendance incentives.

At the West Dallas Multipurpose Center in August we provided and distributed 500 backpacks and binders to students getting ready to go back to school.

In early November, NCJW volunteers assisted with the TXU Energy Aid Fund - utility assistance provided to many individuals who were behind on their bills. For Thanksgiving NCJW volunteers distributed 270 turkeys to families and seniors at the West Dallas Multipurpose Center.

In December, a group of Hockaday 5th graders began the Giggly Girls Program under our auspices. Giggly Girls is a reading group – 5th graders meet with 2nd and 3rd grade students at Stevens Park Elementary School every Thursday to practice reading aloud, comprehension and socialization with older Hockaday girls.

In February NCJW volunteers held voter registration at the West Dallas Multipurpose Center. In April NCJW volunteers will begin mentoring/reading partners with students needing additional help, especially for those who may be behind in their reading or have no one at home to help.

We are proud of our efforts and appreciate all of the individuals who have been involved this first year. The look of satisfaction on the faces of the schools’ staff, excitement by the kids to fit in having the uniforms or the backpack and binders as required, has meant a great deal to both the kids and their parents. *This can’t happen without your help.* Won’t you join us! To help make a difference, contact Janine Pulman at janinepulman@gmail.com.

Kids in Court

How does one help protect an already traumatized family from experiencing further trauma? How does a community intervene in the cycle of child abuse?

More than twenty years ago, members of the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Dallas Section (NCJW) set out to address these questions. The resulting program, Kids in Court (KIC), was designed to help children aged 2 through 18 who may have been victims of felony abuse successfully cope with the challenges of testifying in Court. The goals of the program are: 1) to give a child victim confidence, strength and courage by helping the child and family become more familiar with and comfortable in the courtroom environment; 2) to prevent any further trauma to the child during the process of giving testimony; and 3) to enable the child to be a more effective witness.

On five weekend mornings each year, NCJW volunteers join prosecutors and other members of the Child Abuse Unit of the Dallas County District Attorney’s Office, counselors and others from the Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center and volunteers from Bikers Against Child Abuse to help child victims and their caregivers prepare for their day in court. In what would typically be mostly empty courthouse, families, volunteers and a service dog named Roper assemble. Following introductions, attendees are divided into age- and interest-appropriate groups. The youngest children remain in the courtroom in which we’ve gathered while teenagers are sent to another and parents and caregivers move to other courtrooms (depending on their choice of English or Spanish) where they meet with experienced prosecutors and counselors.

After the youngest children watch a short film that describes the roles of the key personnel involved in a trial, NCJW volunteers assist as they roleplay the courtroom experience, moving from position to position. When a member of the jury, she listens attentively; at the court reporter’s workstation, she pretends to record every utterance of the speakers; she dons a robe, bangs the gavel and calls for “Order in the court” as the judge; she receives a badge when serving as bailiff; and as a witness, she practices speaking loudly, clearly and honestly.

The children are always encouraged to tell the truth, providing information that they know and saying “I don’t know” when that is the correct answer. Responding to innocuous questions about their pets, favorite foods and pizza topping preferences, they have an opportunity to practice these aspects of being a credible witness and to observe their peers rehearsing the same skills. As they move through the various positions in the courtroom, the children become more comfortable in the environment, with the people in the courtroom and with their own abilities to manage the situation.

At the same time in a separate courtroom, the teenagers learn from prosecutors about the trial process and discuss matters that concern them. They see that they are not alone, that other teenagers have endured victimization and have many of the same questions and fears that they do.

Parents/caregivers, often anxious that the trial will be yet another traumatic experience, meet with prosecutors and counselors to gain a better understanding of the trial process and what will be expected of their children.

To close the program, the families reconvene for a pizza lunch. The participants who were somber when they first arrived at the courthouse now chat comfortably among themselves, walk casually around the courtroom and request second portions.

NCJW provides all of the materials, including the print matter and the pizza lunch that closes each program. Through its enthusiastic volunteer members’ presence at each session and its ongoing funding of all program expenses, NCJW continues to support Dallas County’s commitment to providing our youngest citizens a safe living environment and to prosecuting vigorously those who threaten it.

When children can testify without fear or emotional harm, when families are willing to report abuse because they have confidence in the safety and support of the judicial system, their world and the community at large becomes a better place.

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Reba Wadel Scholarship Fund Recipient

Deborah Adams exemplifies what one woman can do when she sets her mind to it!. She honors her role as mother, wife, student and the field of Social Work with her intelligence, motivation, tenacity, and humility. We are proud to call her the NCJW Dallas 2017-2018 Reba Wadel Scholarship Recipient. A thank you note follows.

Dear NCJW,

I would like to say thank you again for allowing me to be the 2017-2018 recipient of the NCJW Reba Wadel Scholarship. I feel honored and fortunate to have been chosen. In the last two years, I have maintained fulltime employment as a counselor, interning at both Catholic Charities of Tarrant County and One Safe Place of Fort Worth. I have also taken nine semester hours each semester for the last two years trying to complete my education. The interning in the last two years has provided me with a wealth of experience.

The opportunity to intern at Catholic Charities of Tarrant County gave me a sense of purpose while working with the Families First Program. I was able to ascertain parenting skills that helped with providing parenting support designed for families experiencing problems with aggressive child behaviors, teen parenting, high stress, divorce, inadequate support, unemployment, and homelessness.

Interning at One Safe Place has allowed me to participate in supporting victims of intimate partner violence; facilitating them in identifying coercive behavior through the use of intimating, threatening, harmful and harassing behavior. One of the most rewarding aspects of interning at One Safe Place is teaching the victims about how their abusers exert power and control, over their lives and observing them coming to terms with the deleterious abuse they have been suffering. This experience at One Safe Place has been heartfelt and rewarding.

The experience at the University of Texas at Arlington has been both challenging and fulfilling. It has motivated me to achieve goals I thought were never possible and I have succeeded where I thought I would fail. I have gained a plethora of knowledge, in the field of social work. I am currently not sure of how I will utilize my social work degree, but I hope to be a voice for the vulnerable, and advocate policy change for the unfortunate.

Sincerely,

Deborah Adams

The University of Texas at Arlington
Masters of Social Work Student

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- 1 Executive Committee Meeting
10:00 – 12:00 – JCC
- 6 Israeli Independence Day Celebration
JCC – 1:00-5:00 “Hello Israel”
will have a room to share our video.
- 8 Joint Board Meeting 10:00 - JCC
- 9 Tea Fund Luncheon – 11:30 – 1:30
- 15 Awards & Installation Luncheon –
11:30 Northwood Country Club
- 20-21 Shavuot – office closed – May 21st

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- 1-3 NCJW Leadership Retreat
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- 5 New Board Orientation
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Eleanor Trachtenberg

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