

JCRC TAKES ACTION During the COVID-19 Crisis



TAKING ACTION AND STAYING CONNECTED CAMPAIGN

JCRC is sending out weekly messages with action ideas for service and advocacy. On Tuesday, March 24th, we called for volunteers to connect with seniors. Within 24 hours, 16 people signed up to become “virtual visitors” and 8 volunteered to do grocery shopping. JCRC’s work of strengthening bonds that tie us to each other and to the civic public space remains more urgent than ever.

Our [#TakeActionStayConnected](#) campaign enables us to continue to building bridges, to help those who are most struggling right now, and to be good neighbors in hard times.

WORKING FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

Our network manages to keep our bond fund open while many others around the country have already closed. We bonded out 12 people the week of March 23rd and found housing for one person who was not able to reunite with family.

LIFTING UP ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN PEACEBUILDERS

JCRC launched Pathways to Peace: a six-part webinar series featuring Israelis and Palestinians telling their stories of identity, friendship, and cohesion even during a time of social distancing. The first two webinars had 20 participants each.

ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF OUR COMMUNITY

Our advocacy department succeeded in helping a local kosher food pantry receive city certification so they can distribute needed food immediately.

Other requests connected to the new federal legislation and its implications for our community are starting to roll in.

SUSTAINING OUR INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIPS

JCRC has had extensive contact with our Christian and Muslim partners through the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, which convened a 50+ clergy Zoom call. We’re learning about the challenges faced by members of their congregations in this crisis, and exploring potential campaigns to pursue in this crisis.

SUPPORTING OUR SERVICE PARTNERS

JCRC continues to partner with 2Life Communities, Father Bill’s & MainSpring, the Greater Boston Food Bank, Hebrew SeniorLife, Jewish Family & Children’s Service, Yachad, and other organizations to provide volunteers to help them meet the needs of their populations.



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