

Jewish Family Services

JET Financial Assistance Program for Person with Disabilities

The JET Financial Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities which began in October 2008, provides safe, accessible transportation services to disabled adults under the age of 65 in the Jewish and general communities. Our goals are to ensure that disabled adults are able to access required medical treatment, perform necessary tasks such as grocery shopping, and enjoy special outings such as going to a museum or visiting with friends.

Persons with disabilities who are members of the program have easy access to transportation services, avoiding the isolation and depression that often results from being stuck at home and the poor health status that can result from missed doctor appointments. Anytime a member needs a ride, all they need to do is contact the program administrator to let her know the ride is needed, thus providing a one-on-contact, and a safety net for our members. The member then calls the taxi service directly, thus allowing for their independence. Our members have access to safe and reliable taxi services, which provides transportation to their medical rides and keeps them healthy and connected to the community.

The initial funding for the JET Financial Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities came from a few family foundations. However, those entities can no longer fund the program and if no other supporters are found, we will have to cancel this program. A donation of \$2,500 will allow us to continue to provide at least 100 free taxi rides to this underserved population. However, any amount donated can make an impact and allows us to perpetuate the program.