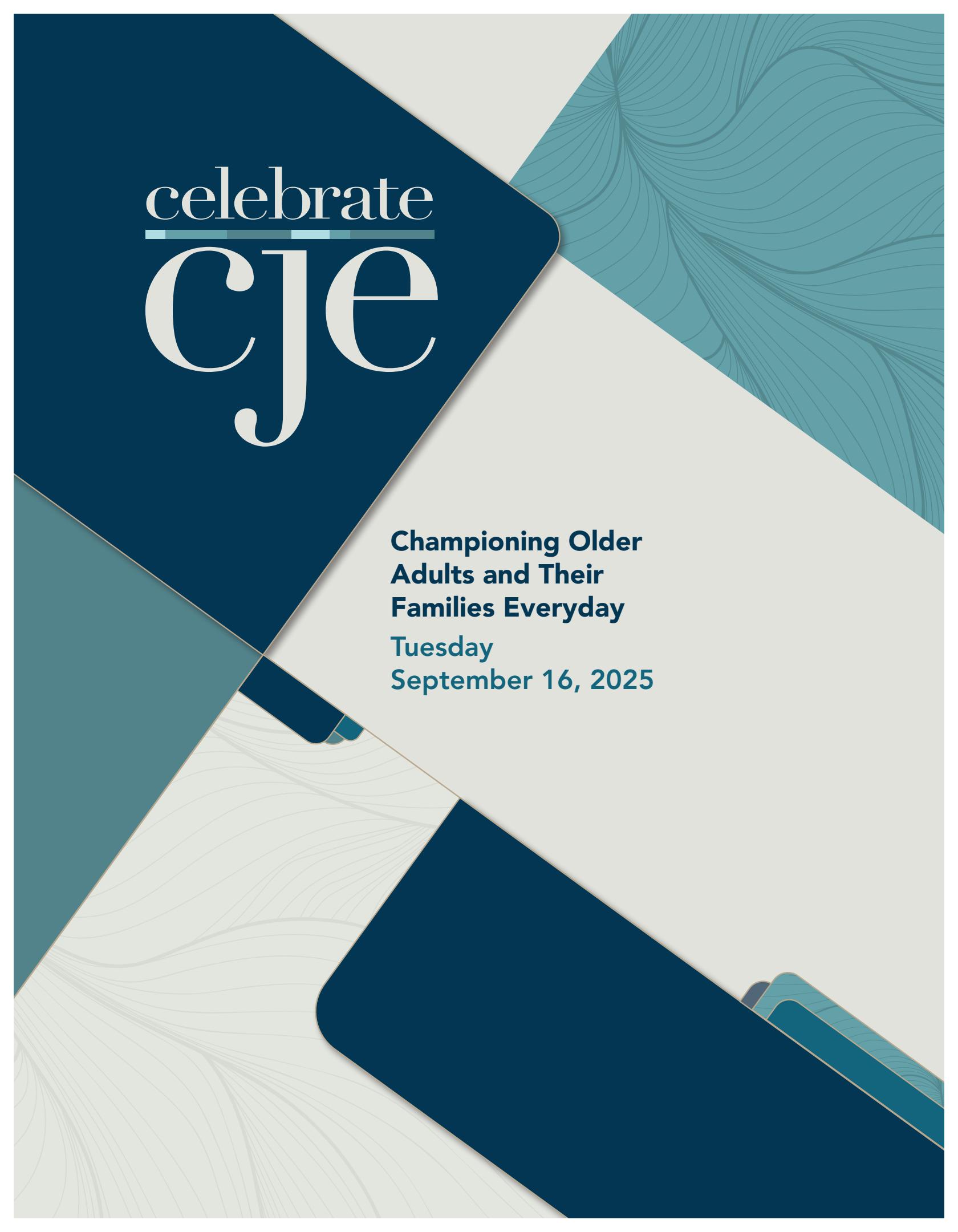


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## MISSION

The mission of CJE SeniorLife is to enhance quality of life and to facilitate independence of older adults.

## VALUES

We fulfill our mission and realize our vision for and on behalf of our clients, our clients' families, our staff, our board members, and our volunteers by striving for excellence through respect, advocacy, compassion, intention, innovation and accountability.

### **Respect – Kavod**

We recognize, honor and acknowledge the inherent value of each person for their wisdom, their culture, their background and their unique history.

### **Advocacy – Timicha**

We give voice to our clients' needs and facilitate positive actions on their behalf. We are actively engaged in public policy to influence, protect and help shape governmental programs and practices for the benefit of our community and clients.

### **Compassion – Chesed**

We treat everyone with caring, sensitivity, understanding and supportive responsiveness.

### **Intention – Kavanah**

We approach our work and each task with mindful consideration as to what we are doing and why we are doing it, as individuals and as an agency.

### **Innovation – Chidushim**

We continue to advance our knowledge and strive to develop, evaluate and implement new and advanced programming and models of care to bring benefits to our clients, community and broader older adult/health care environment.

### **Accountability – Arevut**

We are responsible individually and as an agency for honest, accurate work and interaction with others. We plan strategically and provide measurable quality care with clear fiscal and ethical responsibility.

## THE CJE ADVANTAGE

Since 1972, CJE SeniorLife has been dedicated to helping older adults live better every day connected to the community of their choice with access to trusted care and a full range of services, rooted in Jewish values. We enhance the lives of older adults and their families regardless of religion, sex, race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.



## MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR AND PRESIDENT AND CEO

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Dear Friends of CJE SeniorLife,

Welcome to Celebrate CJE, our signature event dedicated to honoring older adults, celebrating community, and supporting the vital work that happens every day at CJE SeniorLife.

Tonight is more than a celebration—it's a powerful reminder of the impact we can make when we come together with purpose. We gather to recognize the individuals who inspire us, the caregivers who uplift others, and the community members who champion our mission. We also reaffirm our shared commitment to ensuring that older adults live with dignity, connection, and meaning.

We are proud to lead an organization that places older adults at the center of everything we do. From residential housing and healthcare to social programming and spiritual enrichment, our services are designed to meet older adults where they are and help them thrive. Every day, our dedicated staff and volunteers bring compassion and expertise to their work. Your support makes it all possible.

Your presence tonight is a testament to your belief in our mission. As you enjoy this evening, we invite you to take another step in supporting CJE. Please consider an added gift. You can also assist by joining our advocacy efforts. Your generosity of time and money will fuel the programs and services that older adults rely on. Together, we can ensure that CJE continues to grow, innovate, and serve—today and for generations to come.

Thank you and all our sponsors and donors for being part of this celebration and for standing with us in support of older adults. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and your commitment to building a stronger, more compassionate community.

Warm regards,

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Kenneth F. Lorch  
Chair, Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Fagin".

Dan Fagin  
President and Chief Executive Officer



## OUR BOARD CHAIRS

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Joseph L. Gidwitz, z"1	Jan. 1972 – Jan. 1975
Jack M. Levin	Jan. 1975 – Jan. 1977
Jeffrey L. Fried, z"1	Jan. 1977 – Jan. 1979
Arnold F. Brookstone, z"1	Feb. 1979 – Jan. 1981
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Leonard Schanfield, z"1	Oct. 1983 – Oct. 1985
Richard Stillerman, z"1	Oct. 1985 – Oct. 1987
Sherwin J. Stone, z"1	Oct. 1987 – Oct. 1989
Daniel N. Epstein	Oct. 1989 – Oct. 1991
Barbara A. Gilbert, z"1	Oct. 1991 – Oct. 1993
David S. Sher, z"1	Oct. 1993 – Oct. 1996
Alan I. Greene	Oct. 1996 – Oct. 1998
William I. Goldberg	Oct. 1998 – Oct. 2000
Robert L. Schlossberg	Oct. 2000 – Oct. 2002
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Marshall S. Yablon, z"1	Oct. 2005 – Oct. 2007
Dennis J. Carlin	Oct. 2007 – Oct. 2009
James C. Mills, z"1	Oct. 2009 – Oct. 2011
Bruce J. Lederman	Oct. 2011 – Oct. 2013
Stephen P. Sandler	Oct. 2013 – Oct. 2015
Judy L. Smith	Oct. 2015 – Oct. 2017
Kalman Wenig	Oct. 2017 – Oct. 2019
Marc Berman	Oct. 2019 – Oct. 2021
Michael Saltzman	Oct. 2021 – July 2024
Kenneth F. Lorch	July 2024 – Present



## OUR STAFF

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### **Leadership Staff**

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*For a complete list of CJE's leadership staff, please visit [cje.net/about](http://cje.net/about).*



## OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

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### **ADULT DAY SERVICES (ADS)**

Supervised, structured programs for people with Alzheimer's or related disorders or those who are frail or socially isolated. A group setting maximizes each participant's potential by promoting autonomy, creativity, and self-esteem.

**ADS Deerfield**—A program for people with early to moderate stage Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

**ADS Evanston**—A program for people who are without cognitive impairment, who have mild dementia, or who have mid-stage dementia.

### **CJE BENEFITS SERVICES**

Benefits Services staff provide free information, resources, and advocacy on issues that impact older adults, including consumer benefits, community services, public assistance, Medicare, Social Security, housing referrals, and transportation. Services are offered in English, Russian, Ukrainian, and Urdu.

### **CJE CARE MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Care Management partners with older adults in the community to foster their dignity, quality of life, as well as maximize their independence, health, safety, and well-being. Master's level social workers provide home care, meals, financial assistance, direct services, support, guidance, referrals, and more.

### **CJE COUNSELING SERVICES**

CJE's clinical social workers provide counseling to older adults and families, addressing symptoms of anxiety and depression, as well as problems caused by family and caregiving issues, changes in health, losses, and other crises. The majority of group and individual sessions continue to be held via video or phone, but some clients can be seen face to face on an as-needed basis.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (CE)**

CE helps older adults remain independent and connected to resources. CE encourages mental and physical health by providing education, lectures, activities, social events, and fitness and exercise programs. **CJE Cyber Club** presents a wide array of online classes and **My Go-To Place** offers programming in-person at Village Center and Anshe Emet.

### **EDUCATION**

CJE SeniorLife, committed to providing professional training and community education, holds professional seminars and conferences (often with CE and CEU credits). **Dementia Reality™** is our innovative and experiential caregiver training program for both family caregivers and professionals.

### **HOLOCAUST COMMUNITY SERVICES (HCS)**

HCS provides support to Holocaust survivors and family members, including programming, referrals, socialization, and ongoing financial help with food, medication, home care, or emergency needs. Russian-speaking staff available.

### **HOME-DELIVERED MEALS**

Fresh or frozen Home-Delivered Meals are available for qualified individuals within specific boundaries in the Chicago area.



#### **HOUSING: AFFORDABLE AND SUBSIDIZED**

CJE SeniorLife owns and operates residences for those who qualify for government-subsidized housing. These include studio and one-bedroom apartments (Krasnow Residence, Swartzberg House and Village Center) and a 24-unit group living home (Robineau Residence).

#### **IRVING H. AND JANE W. GOLDBERG**

##### **LEGAL SERVICES AT CJE**

Free legal consultation, advice, referral and drafting of documents for older adults and their caregivers.

#### **KOSHER CATERING**

Weinberg Community provides catering for holidays and special events under kosher supervision (independent hashgacha).

#### **LINKAGES**

Linkages is a program for older adults and their adult family members with disabilities.

#### **SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS LIFE**

Aware that a healthy spiritual life is the foundation for the health and wellness of older adults, we have a full-time certified rabbi/chaplin and offer spiritual, religious, and cultural programs in our residences. CJE works closely with many community clergy to reach their congregants in need of services.

#### **SUPPORT GROUPS**

Support groups for adults, caregivers, and Holocaust survivors are facilitated by CJE counselors. Groups focus on bereavement, caregiver support, and aging challenges.

#### **VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

Our capable cadre of dedicated volunteers offer their talents, skills, and time to enhance programs and services for CJE's residents and clients in our various locations and in the larger community. These opportunities provide wonderful and rewarding exchanges for all involved.

#### **WEINBERG COMMUNITY FOR SENIOR LIVING**

**Gidwitz Place for Assisted Living** features one- and two-bedroom apartments for older adults who require a supportive environment yet still wish to live as independently as possible. Amenities include personal care services, housekeeping, restaurant-style dining, a full schedule of activities, and registered nurse on site 24/7. Respite care available.

**The Friend Center for Memory Care** is a welcoming residence for people with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders. Residents enjoy spacious private rooms, assistance with bathing and grooming, stimulating activities, and meals. The Bernard Heerey Annex has an expanded area for Adult Day Services programming. Respite care is also available.

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#### **WHEN YOU NEED HELP OR INFORMATION . . .**

1. Call: **773.508.1000** and the CJE Concierge will connect you to the right person, program, or service.
2. Email: **info@cje.net** and receive a response within 48 hours.
3. Visit: **www.cje.net** for specific program and service details, information, and resources.

**Administrative Offices:** 3003 West Touhy Avenue, Chicago, IL 60645



## L'Shanah Tovah

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Wishing you a meaningful  
holiday filled with reflection,  
gratitude, and celebration.

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RICHARD J. DURBIN

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Washington, DC 20510-1304

September 16, 2025

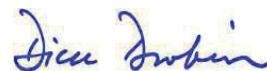
Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to CJE SeniorLife's 20th Annual Gala. This gathering is a special opportunity to recognize the important work of CJE SeniorLife.

For more than five decades, CJE SeniorLife has been a vital resource for older adults and their families throughout the Chicago area, offering a comprehensive range of services to support independence and well-being. From independent housing and home-delivered meals to adult day services and geriatric care management, CJE SeniorLife plays a critical role in enhancing the quality of life for seniors.

Thank you for your dedication to CJE SeniorLife, and best wishes for a memorable evening and continued success in the years ahead.

Very truly yours,



Richard J. Durbin  
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Dear Friends,

It is my honor to welcome you all to the 2025 Celebrate CJE's annual Gala. This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate CJE SeniorLife's commitment to serving and supporting older adults and those who care for them.

For decades, CJE SeniorLife has fulfilled its mission of enhancing the quality of life and facilitating independence of older adults through its programs and supportive services. Organizations such as CJE SeniorLife are instrumental in allowing communities to live life to their fullest abilities, with dignity and respect.

I thank CJE SeniorLife for the work they are doing in serving older adults and their caregivers, and I wish them many more years of continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nikki Budzinski".

Nikki Budzinski  
Member of Congress

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June 16, 2025

CJE SeniorLife  
3003 W. Touhy Ave.  
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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to celebrate CJE SeniorLife at the 2025 Celebrate CJE Annual Gala. This event is a testament to the strength and compassion of an organization that has been a vital part of our community for over 50 years.

Since its founding in 1972, CJE SeniorLife has stood as a model of care, dignity, and support for older adults. Through its wide range of services, CJE has made it possible for seniors to thrive with independence, purpose, and respect.

As a scientist and a legislator, I value thoughtful, community-based solutions that improve people's lives. CJE SeniorLife embodies these ideals through its work to meet the evolving needs of our aging population. Your commitment to preserving the well-being of older adults reflects the very best of who we are.

Thank you to the staff, volunteers, and supporters who make this work possible. Congratulations on all you have accomplished, and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

*Bill Foster*

Bill Foster  
Member of Congress

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September 16, 2025

Dear CJE SeniorLife:

I am honored to serve as an Honorary Chair for the 20th Annual Celebrate CJE Gala. Our seniors deserve compassionate care, which CJE SeniorLife delivers every day for those in the Chicago area.

As an advocate for senior rights and improved quality of life, I commend CJE SeniorLife for their efforts in providing healthcare services, residential living, and food services to seniors. As you support seniors, you also support their family members who want to see their loved ones continue to live with independence. I am committed to ensuring the dignity of seniors in the Second Congressional District of Illinois and across the country.

Thank you for your continued services in providing quality care for seniors for more than 50 years.

Sincerely,



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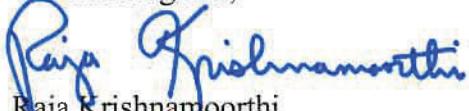
Dear Friends,

It brings me great pleasure to extend my best wishes to CJE SeniorLife on your 2025 Celebrate CJE fundraising event! For over five decades, CJE has been a cornerstone of support and hope for countless seniors in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Tonight's event is a wonderful opportunity to highlight your unwavering commitment to providing comfort, dignity, and exceptional care. CJE's dedication to delivering compassionate community-based services has made a profound impact on the lives of many seniors throughout Illinois's 8<sup>th</sup> District.

Thank you for all the work that you do, and best wishes for a successful night!

Warmest regards,

  
Raja Krishnamoorthi  
Member of Congress



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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September 16, 2025

CJE SeniorLife  
3003 West Touhy Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60645

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my greetings to everyone attending the 2025 Celebrate CJE event.

This is an important event for CJE SeniorLife, which has been providing activities, programming, and support for older adults since 1972. This organization has cared for older adults and their families through their Life Enrichment, Supportive Resources, Healthcare, and Research & Education programs. CJE SeniorLife has contributed to the betterment of the community and the lives of older adults.

My best wishes go out to everyone attending this event.

Sincerely,

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Mike Quigley  
Member of Congress

**Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1303**

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Dear CJE Senior Life Staff, Board, and Supporters,

It is my honor to congratulate CJE SeniorLife on your 20th Annual Celebrate CJE Gala. Today, I join you in celebrating your commitment and dedication to our seniors and their families.

From affordable housing, home-delivered meals, memory care, transportation, and support for caregivers, CJE's programs are critical in ensuring a high quality of life for seniors in our community and their family members. In a moment where services to our most vulnerable neighbors and communities are threatened and denied, I am grateful for the work that CJE does to embody the values of community service and social responsibility.

As we come together to celebrate the 20th anniversary of this remarkable event, I would like to commend CJE SeniorLife for its tireless efforts in advocacy and service to our communities.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,



Delia C. Ramirez

Member of Congress, IL-03

Jan Schakowsky  
9th District  
Illinois



Member of Congress  
Washington, D.C.  
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September 16, 2025

Dear Friends:

Greetings and best wishes to everyone participating in the 2025 Celebrate CJE event! Thank you to CJE SeniorLife for the important services that you provide to the community. I am grateful to have the privilege of being an Honorary Chair for CJE SeniorLife's annual event, celebrating your incredible work Championing Older Adults and Their Families Everyday.

CJE SeniorLife provides quality services and advocacy for the rights of older adults and their caregivers – all of which are more important now than ever given our aging population and the need for resources. Residents of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District have benefitted tremendously from this network of services, including senior housing, caregiving and the Linkages program that provides support for seniors that have adult children with disabilities.

We have a responsibility as a community to address the unique care that each person needs and deserves. For more than 50 years, CJE SeniorLife has fulfilled this responsibility, and I know that CJE SeniorLife will continue to have a growing impact in the years to come.

I am proud to join CJE SeniorLife and the many partners advocating for seniors. I look forward to continuing our work together to promote positive aging experiences in the community.

Sincerely,



Jan Schakowsky  
Member of Congress

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**Washington, DC 20515-1310**

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

CJE Senior Life  
3003 W. Touhy Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60645

Dear Friends,

I am proud and honored to extend my personal congratulations to CJE on the occasion of your 20th Annual *Celebrate CJE* Gala. For more than 50 years, CJE has worked tirelessly to support the dignity and independence of older adults and the families who love them. Our community is stronger because of CJE's half-century of dedication, compassion, and innovation.

This year's theme, "*Championing Older Adults and Their Families Every Day*," wonderfully captures the spirit of CJE's mission. This gala not only honors that legacy—it celebrates the entire CJE team and the community at large. Day in and day out, CJE embodies what it means to be a champion through its life-enhancing programs and essential care, fostering community and well-being.

Again, congratulations on your 20th annual *Celebrate CJE* Gala. May this year's celebration be as inspiring as the mission that guides you. I look forward to many more years of partnering with CJE and the many people who make it special.

Sincerely,

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Bradley S. Schneider  
Member of Congress



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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**JB PRITZKER**  
GOVERNOR

September 16, 2025

Council for Jewish Elderly  
3003 West Touhy Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60645-2833

Greetings,

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for 2025 Celebrate CJE fundraiser hosted by the Council for Jewish Elderly (CJE). This occasion offers an exciting opportunity for everyone in attendance to join fellow members of your association and generate ideas that implement solutions. I commend the work you have done to help make Illinois a stronger and more enjoyable state.

Illinois is proud to have enjoyed your service to our state. As you reflect on your accomplishments, I urge you to make plans for the future of your association that will build on your past successes. I am grateful for all the ways your organization has supported a strong future for Illinois.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

Sincerely,

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Governor JB Pritzker



**JULIANA STRATTON**

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

May 14, 2025

CJE SeniorLife  
3003 W. Touhy Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60645

Dear friends,

Congratulations on hosting the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Celebrate CJE event! I am pleased to join you in celebrating another successful year of service.

For more than 50 years, CJE SeniorLife has worked hard to improve the quality of life for thousands of Illinois seniors and their families. You meet clients where they are, offering a helping hand rooted in compassion and dignity. I applaud your commitment to upholding the important mission that guides your organization: *to enhance the quality of life and facilitate independence of older adults.*

Your advocacy on behalf of our oldest residents is more vital than ever. As we face this time of chaos and uncertainty, community organizations are critical pillars in maintaining a sense of understanding and forward momentum for our people. I want to thank you for the diversity of services and programs you offer, creating a truly integrated and supportive life for the people in your care. Thank you setting an example of the power in holistic wellness.

I wish you all another 50 years of peace and success.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Juliana Stratton".

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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**KWAME RAOUL**  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

April 14, 2025

**CJE SeniorLife**  
3003 W. Touhy Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60645

Dear CJE SeniorLife Board Members, Staff, and Supporters:

As Attorney General of Illinois, I congratulate you on providing outstanding elder care in the Chicagoland area for over 50 years. This is a significant achievement, and it is my sincere privilege to serve as an honorary chair for this year's gala.

Decade after decade, CJE SeniorLife has enhanced the welfare of seniors and their families through life enrichment programs and community-based services. I applaud your organization's ongoing commitment to helping older adults live active and meaningful lives.

Again, congratulations, and thank you for the opportunity to join others in celebrating the vital work of CJE SeniorLife. I wish you a memorable gala and many more years of continued success.

Very truly yours,



Kwame Raoul  
ATTORNEY GENERAL



**SUSANA A. MENDOZA**  
ILLINOIS STATE COMPTROLLER

September 16, 2025

**GREETINGS**

As Illinois State Comptroller, I would like to welcome everyone in attendance for CJE Senior Life's 20<sup>th</sup> annual fund raiser. It is a privilege to serve as Honorary Chair for this prestigious event. Tonight will undoubtedly be a memorable experience for all those in attendance.

Since 1972, CJE Senior Life has helped thousands of Illinois seniors and their families plan for an enhanced quality of life as they move into their next chapter of living. With programs such as independent housing, assisted living, home-delivered meals, and more, CJE Senior living ensures that our older adults maintain the dignity they have earned while maintaining their Jewish values. Our elders built the foundation of the world we live in today and deserve an active and fulfilling lifestyle in the years to come.

Thank you for all the wonderful work you do. I wish you success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susana A. Mendoza".

Susana A. Mendoza  
Illinois State Comptroller

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## OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER MICHAEL W. FRERICHS

September 16, 2025

CJE SeniorLife  
3003 W. Touhy Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60645

Dear CJE SeniorLife Friends,

My very best wishes for the Council for Jewish Elderly – CJE’s Annual Gala, Championing Older Adults And Their Families Every Day. Since 1972, CJE SeniorLife has dedicated its programs and advocacy to the inclusion and self-esteem of older adults. It is a champion of dignity, engaging elders as essential cornerstones in each community.

I am honored to serve as an Honorary Chair of this event. CJE SeniorLife is a champion at weaving the individuality of clients into its resources on a daily basis. At the core of CJE SeniorLife is the holistic approach to the needs of the individual. CJE has cultivated a tremendous network of partners that bring knowledge, accessibility and diverse services to the elderly population, their families and care givers.

I thank the board members, leadership staff and caregivers of CJE SeniorLife for your continued advocacy and for continuing to expand the network of healthcare providers, community organizations and government agencies who champion the elderly throughout the Chicagoland area and the State of Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Frerichs".

Michael Frerichs

Illinois State Treasurer

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CJE SeniorLife  
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With great pride, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the 2025 CJE Annual Gala! CJE SeniorLife has been doing an outstanding job for over 50 years as a non-profit organization serving our local community and our elderly population. CJE SeniorLife has provided services to some of the most vulnerable people in our community, including thousands of older adults through comprehensive support for healthcare and housing resources.

Every year, CJE provides programming for over 20,000 older adults and family members in our neighborhoods. In the past year alone, they have assisted over 1500 clients through over 4700 hours of service, with 80% of the clients reporting they were more financially stable than before. The home-delivered food service programs, healthcare and therapy groups, and residential services not only assist our senior citizens to enhance their quality and comfort of life, but also work tirelessly to foster long-lasting networks of mentors, mentees, and close friendships.

CJE SeniorLife has multiple community learning opportunities that not only reach our senior citizens but also caregivers and families who support older adults. These community learning opportunities enrich the mind, body, and spirit which is a vital component of healthy aging. CJE also ensures that everyone receives the proper support and empowerment, such as connecting the caregivers to support groups to alleviate the challenges one faces with this journey. I was also impressed with the assistance CJE provides with housing, mental health research, and benefit counseling.

In addition, I commend the work of their team of 300 employees, who assist our senior population with daily tasks in the comfort of their own homes.

I wish CJE SeniorLife many more years of continued success in their future endeavors and thank them for all the work they do in serving our community.

Sincerely,

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Cristina Castro  
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**SENATOR SARA FEIGENHOLTZ**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

April 9, 2025

Dear Friends of CJE,

Once again, I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations on another remarkable year of providing critically needed assistance to the elders of our community, even during the toughest of times.

We have witnessed the care CJE provides, ensuring not only the physical but also the emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being of our senior citizens. CJE's commitment to empowering seniors and providing accessible and affordable community services, including housing, counseling, meal delivery, nursing, and assisted living, speaks volumes to CJE's importance to our community.

Every elected official needs a "go-to" when one of their constituents needs services. CJE has always been there, and I am eternally grateful. As CJE celebrates another year, the government must continue to support vital organizations like CJE.

Thank you, CJE, for your unflinching commitment. Again, I am honored to serve as an Honorary Chair for this year's event.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Feigenholtz".

Sara Feigenholtz  
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**LAURA FINE**  
STATE SENATOR • 9TH DISTRICT

Dear CJE SeniorLife:

I am writing to express my congratulations to CJE SeniorLife on the remarkable achievements and contributions the organization has made to our community in the past year. CJE SeniorLife's commitment to positive aging for older adults through comprehensive services and compassionate care is truly admirable. As a State Senator, I have the privilege of witnessing first hand the positive impact CJE has on the lives of our seniors and their families in the 9th District. I am particularly impressed by their initiative to fund mental health counseling and support groups for family caregivers. Additionally, CJE's Adult Day Services for older adults with dementia as well as the mental health counseling sessions are vital resources to ensure comfortable aging for our seniors.

CJE SeniorLife's dedication to providing high quality healthcare, supportive wrap-around services, and enriching programs continues to set a high standard of excellence. I look forward to continuing to support CJE SeniorLife in its mission to improve the quality of life for older adults. It is an honor to participate in the 20th Annual Celebrate CJE Gala as an honorary chair. Thank you for your invaluable contributions to our community.

Kindly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Fine".

Laura Fine  
State Senator, 9th District

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**JULIE A. MORRISON**

STATE SENATOR • 29<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT  
MAJORITY CAUCUS WHIP

April 17th, 2025

Welcome to Celebrate CJE!

It is truly an honor to join this wonderful group of individuals in giving thanks to CJE SeniorLife for the wonderful impact it has made for over 50 years! CJE provides important services for over 25,000 seniors and their families per year, both in CJE communities and in their homes. Services like kosher food delivery, legal and caregiver resources, and Day Services provide significant help to the seniors and their caregivers and families in our greater Chicagoland community.

I wish to extend my gratitude for all the incredible staff whose hard work allows this community to thrive -- and for your continued success in enhancing the quality of life for older adults and families. CJE's mission is admirable, and I commend you for many years of positive service to your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Morrison".

Julie Morrison  
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## Senator Ram Villivalam

*Illinois State Senate  
8th Legislative District*

CJE SeniorLife  
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Dear honored guests;

Thank you for inviting me to Celebrate CJE, and for the very special opportunity to celebrate as an Honorary Chair. I look forward to discussions about older adults in our lives, their caregivers, and how we as a community are creating services and programs that bring assistance to our residents who need it most.

I would like to give my greatest thanks to the board members, staff, families, and community partners of CJE SeniorLife. Your work with and support for CJE has been vital to the lives of many residents in our community and I want to extend my gratitude for serving so many during their time of need.

I am honored and happy to join you all for the celebratory event.  
All the best,

Sincerely,

*Senator Ram Villivalam*

Ram Villivalam  
State Senator (D-08)

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ILLINOIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**KELLY CASSIDY**  
14<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT

September 16, 2025

CJE SeniorLife  
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I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the 20th Annual Celebrate CJE Gala hosted by CJE SeniorLife in recognition of their advocacy for older adults.

I am greatly appreciative to have CJE SeniorLife as a resource to constituents in our district, helping them navigate the complexities of Medicaid, SNAP benefits, as well as other government benefits and agencies. Since 1972, CJE SeniorLife has provided a broad range of services to thousands of older adults in their residential care and living on their own alike, and they continue to do so to this day.

I commend the work CJE SeniorLife has done to champion a stronger Illinois for older adults and hope this occasion offers an opportunity to take pride in their accomplishments and observe their service to our state.

I wish CJE SeniorLife many more years of continued success and thank them for all the work they do in serving our community.

Sincerely,

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Kelly Cassidy  
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Margaret Croke  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 12th DISTRICT

February 27th, 2025

CJE SeniorLife  
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Dear CJE SeniorLife Community,

It is with great pleasure and sincere admiration that I write this letter of support for CJE SeniorLife on behalf of Illinois' 12th District.

Empowering and supporting over 20,000 older adults annually, CJE has consistently expanded its comprehensive range of resources and their support networks. From the provision of affordable housing and essential counseling services, to the delivery of home-delivered meals and assistance in navigating complex government benefits, CJE has made a lasting impact. As an advocate for quality healthcare, I am proud to lend my support to an organization like CJE SeniorLife, which has raised the standard of wellbeing for our older adult population.

Congratulations to CJE SeniorLife on another year of successful service to our community. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to witness firsthand the profound impact your organization has had on the lives of older adults throughout the Chicagoland area. Best of luck in the year ahead!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Croke".

Margaret Croke  
State Representative, Illinois 12th District

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**ROBYN GABEL**  
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September 16, 2025

CJE Senior Life  
3003 West Touhy Avenue  
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Dear CJE Senior Life Board and Staff,

Congratulations to you as we celebrate another year in a mission that resonates deeply with me both personally and professionally: promoting dignity, independence, and quality of life for older adults. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve as an honorary co-chair of this year's gala, *Championing Older Adults and Their Families Every Day*.

CJE SeniorLife has long been a cornerstone of compassionate and innovative care in our community. Your commitment to enriching the lives of older adults and supporting their families through vital services—ranging from healthcare and housing to wellness programs and memory support—is truly inspiring. Especially in a time when so many seniors face growing challenges, your work offers hope, stability, and a sense of belonging.

As a public servant I have had the privilege of advocating for policies that protect and empower older adults. But public policy alone is never enough. It takes dedicated organizations like CJE, generous supporters, and a community rooted in empathy to ensure that our elders live not just longer, but better.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the people who laid the foundation of our neighborhoods, our families, and our futures. Tonight, we honor your impact—and rededicate ourselves to the essential work ahead.

With deep gratitude and admiration,

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Robyn Gabel

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**Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz**  
Representative • 17th District

May 6, 2025

CJE Senior Life  
3003 W. Touhy Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60645

Dear Jane and Abby,

Congratulations and thank you for the opportunity to join with you as an Honorary Chair to Celebrate CJE Senior Life ("CJE") and the incredible work this organization does every day. CJE's work transforms the lives of over 25,000 seniors and their families. The values of CJE are a reflection of our community and are present in all the facets of the organization's work, including compassion (chesed), respect (kavod), intention (kavanah), advocacy (timicha), innovation (chidushim) and accountability (arevut).

CJE works tirelessly to support seniors through the process of navigating Medicare's complexities and other government benefits, locating affordable housing, as well as providing information, referrals, reassurance and support. CJE also does an excellent job supporting seniors who need assistance with care management, home-delivered kosher meals, transportation, adult day services, health and wellness activities, counseling services, and legal services. CJE should take great pride in its work to support the community through its professional and community education programs, Holocaust community services, and caregiver resources. My staff and I are proud to work alongside CJE to best serve our seniors when they are in need of assistance.

We are all lucky to have CJE SeniorLife in our community. As a member of the Illinois Jewish Legislative Caucus, I thank you for all you do to provide programs and services that reflect Jewish values.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz".

Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz  
State Representative, 17th District

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**Hoan Huynh**  
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May 16, 2025

CJE SeniorLife  
3003 W. Touhy Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60645

Dear Friends of CJE SeniorLife,

It is a privilege to serve as an Honorary Chair at Celebrate CJE once again this year. The invaluable work that CJE SeniorLife does for our city is extremely admirable, and I cannot express enough how proud I am to have such an organization serve many of my constituents. I am a proud supporter of CJE SeniorLife and am always delighted to celebrate their accomplishments whenever possible.

I see the great value this program holds for our city and its senior communities; Chicago is home to vibrant, resilient, and compassionate seniors, and my district in particular is home to a vast senior population. I want to extend my gratitude to CJE SeniorLife for their commitment to advocating for and providing initiatives to help older adults improve their quality of life—something that is extremely invaluable and irreplaceable. This work could not be done without any of their dedicated team.

I am committed to advocating for CJE SeniorLife's work in providing over 25,000 seniors in the Chicagoland area with life-changing services for over 50 years, and continue to wish them even more success in the future. Please join me in celebrating this amazing organization at this wonderful event.

All the Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hoan Huynh".

State Representative Hoan Huynh, 13th District

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**MICHAEL KELLY**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
15TH DISTRICT

CJE SeniorLife  
3003 West Touhy Avenue  
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Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to congratulate CJE SeniorLife on 53 amazing years of dedicated service to older adults within the Jewish community. I want to welcome everyone gathered at the annual Celebrate CJE and wish everyone a joyous evening.

I also want to offer my sincerest gratitude to everyone at CJE who helped in the mission of assisting the older adults, especially the at-risk, so they can age with dignity and respect through the delivery of innovative and life-sustaining residential and community-based programs. Your hard work and dedication is essential to a better quality of life for so many, and it does not go unnoticed.

All of CJE's dedication to older citizens and the Jewish values has enhanced the quality of life for countless seniors and their families. I am honored to serve as an honorary chair for CJE's 53 wonderful years as we applaud friends and supporters to celebrate all of CJE's accomplishments.

Congratulations again to CJE SeniorLife for 53 years of exceptional service!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Kelly".

Mike Kelly  
State Representative  
15<sup>th</sup> District

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**Bob Morgan**

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 58TH DISTRICT

CJE SeniorLife  
3003 West Touhy Ave.  
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Dear CJE SeniorLife Board and Staff,

I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to CJE SeniorLife for your continued excellence in serving the Chicago and North Shore communities. This year marks yet another milestone for your organization, and it is my pleasure to write in support of your annual fundraiser, which helps to raise essential resources to sustain the life-changing programs you provide to seniors and their families.

CJE SeniorLife continues to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to enhancing the well-being of over 20,000 seniors annually. The breadth and depth of services you offer, from mental health support to financial and legal assistance, play a crucial role in ensuring that older adults are empowered to lead fulfilling lives, no matter the challenges they may face. Your work provides the critical infrastructure for seniors to thrive both mentally and physically. Additionally, the accessibility of virtual and in-person support groups has been invaluable, especially as it ensures that those who are most vulnerable can still access the resources they need.

Through your innovative care programs, CJE SeniorLife is setting a new standard in senior services, one that is built on a foundation of compassion and community. I am truly inspired by your vision and the genuine care you provide to those in need. Thank you for all you do to better the lives of seniors, and for your ongoing dedication to improving our community.

As we come together to celebrate the remarkable achievements of CJE SeniorLife, I want to reaffirm my support for your mission. I look forward to seeing the continued impact of your work in the years to come and am proud to be a part of your journey.

Best Regards,

*Robert M Morgan*

Bob Morgan  
State Representative

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**TRACY KATZ MUHL**  
**State Representative - 57th District**

July 8, 2025

CJE SeniorLife  
3003 W. Touhy Ave  
Chicago, IL 60645

Dear Friends at CJE,

On behalf of the 57th district, thank you to the CJE staff and volunteers for your hard work and dedication to your mission - providing compassionate, high-quality care to older adults and their families.

For over fifty years, CJE has proudly provided a broad range of services across the Chicagoland area. Today, the network of supportive services includes adult day programs, counseling, food services, housing, legal guidance, and casework. Significantly, CJE recognizes and supports the needs of caregivers, as well. With this holistic approach, CJE programming has grown and expanded to care for over 25,000 older adults and their families. That is a truly meaningful contribution to our communities and deserves celebration.

I am grateful to be an honorary chair for the gala, and I look forward to another year of thoughtful, compassionate work.

Most sincerely yours,

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Tracy Katz Muhl  
State Representative, 57th Legislative District

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**Kevin Olickal**

STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
16th DISTRICT

May 9, 2025

CJE SeniorLife  
3003 W. Touhy Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60645

Dear CJE SeniorLife and Friends,

I am proud to recognize the incredible work of CJE SeniorLife and to thank you for your decades of service to older adults and their families.

For more than 50 years, CJE has provided essential support that helps seniors live with dignity, purpose, and connection. From affordable housing and counseling to care coordination and caregiver support, your services have a lasting impact on the lives of thousands each year.

Your commitment to meeting the evolving needs of older adults reflects the best of what community-based care should look like: compassionate, comprehensive, and rooted in respect. As state representative, I deeply value the work CJE does to uplift individuals and strengthen our broader community.

Thank you for all that you do. I am proud to support your mission and look forward to seeing your continued impact for years to come.

Sincerely,

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Kevin John Olickal  
State Representative  
Illinois' 16th District



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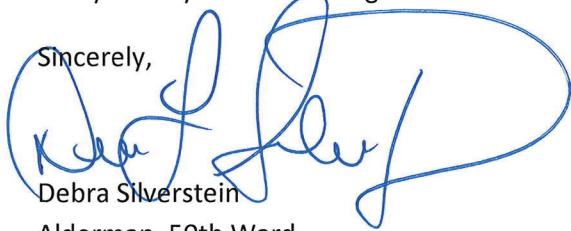
Dear CJE SeniorLife, Friends and Honored Guests:

Congratulations to CJE SeniorLife on another year of service to the City of Chicago and our 50th Ward community!

Each year, CJE SeniorLife serves thousands of seniors and their caregivers. This organization provides a wide range of vitally needed services to an extremely important segment of the City of Chicago and surrounding suburbs – our aging friends and loved ones. In the 50th Ward, we have CJE SeniorLife clients who receive home delivered meals, transportation services, personal care and many more critical services. Thank you for your contributions to our wonderful neighborhood.

It is an honor to be included as an Honorary Chair at the annual Celebrate CJE event. I look forward to many more years of working with CJE SeniorLife.

Sincerely,



Debra Silverstein

Alderman, 50th Ward



**VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD**

Dear Friends,

It is an honor to welcome you to Celebrate CJE 2025 and to congratulate CJE SeniorLife on more than 50 years of incredible service.

CJE has provided services for Chicago area adults and their families in an innovative and dignified way since 1972. You are to be applauded for the support and comfort your programs and outstanding staff provide.

I am proud the Tamarisk NorthShore and the Weinberg Community for Senior Living, consisting of Gidwitz Place for Assisted Living and The Friend Center, call Deerfield home. It is my hope that our cooperative and friendly relationship will continue for many years to come.

Again, congratulations on all you do.

Best regards,  
Daniel C. Shapiro  
Mayor, Village of Deerfield



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September 16, 2025

CJE SeniorLife

Dear Friends:

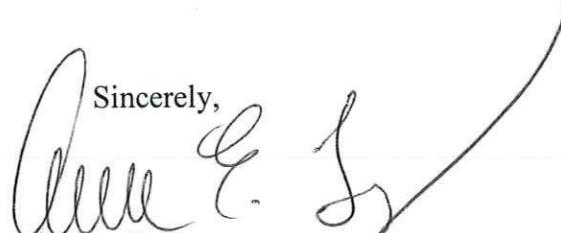
Tonight, as we celebrate the many successes of CJE SeniorLife, we are reminded of the tremendous impact that CJE SeniorLife has provided to the Skokie community. Each year, the lives of over 25,000 seniors and their caregivers have benefited greatly from the multitude of programs and services offered by CJE SeniorLife.

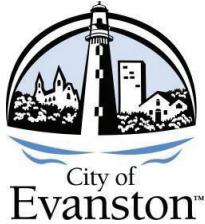
The continuum of care that CJE SeniorLife provides runs the gamut from adult day services, geriatric care management, health and wellness activities, counseling services and support groups for older adults and their caregivers, all with the mission of enriching our seniors to age with respect and dignity. Every older adult has their own unique journey and CJE SeniorLife is equipped with the resources to aid in this journey.

My heartfelt congratulations for the compassion, services and advocacy you provide to our aging population.

Please accept my best wishes for a most successful CJE SeniorLife event.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,  
  
Ann E. Tennes  
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April 6, 2025

CJE SeniorLife  
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Dear CJE SeniorLife Board Members, Staff and Supporters,

On behalf of the City of Evanston, I would like to congratulate CJE SeniorLife on an extraordinary record of providing compassionate care and steadfast support for older adults and their families in Evanston and throughout the Chicago area.

For more than 50 years, CJE SeniorLife has provided excellent and much-needed service to our whole region. CJE SeniorLife is a champion for older adults when navigating the complexities of Medicare and other government benefits, locating affordable housing as well as providing information, referrals, reassurance, and support. CJE provides a broad range of services to older adults in residential-based communities as well as those who live in their own homes. Every year, CJE serves nearly 20,000 older adults and family caregivers who turn to them for help.

As Mayor of Evanston, I'm truly grateful for the lasting, positive impact CJE has had in our community. In this time of stress and uncertainty for human service providers across the country, I am particularly appreciative of CJE's remarkable work, and I look forward to many more years celebrating and supporting this wonderful organization.

Sincerely,

Daniel Biss  
Mayor, City of Evanston

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Congratulations to  
CJE SeniorLife staff and  
the Board of Directors for  
continuing to enhance the  
lives of older adults in our  
community.

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Steven Anixter, JoAnn Anixter Silva,  
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Jim z"l,

Thank you for all you did to enrich the  
lives of older adults in our community.

You led by example,

You made the world a better place, and

You will be dearly missed,

Love,

Lois, Danny, Amy, Michael & Marcy

James C. Mills z”l  
Longtime Board Member,  
Past Board Chair, and  
Champion of CJE SeniorLife.

May your memory forever be a  
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With gratitude for your decades  
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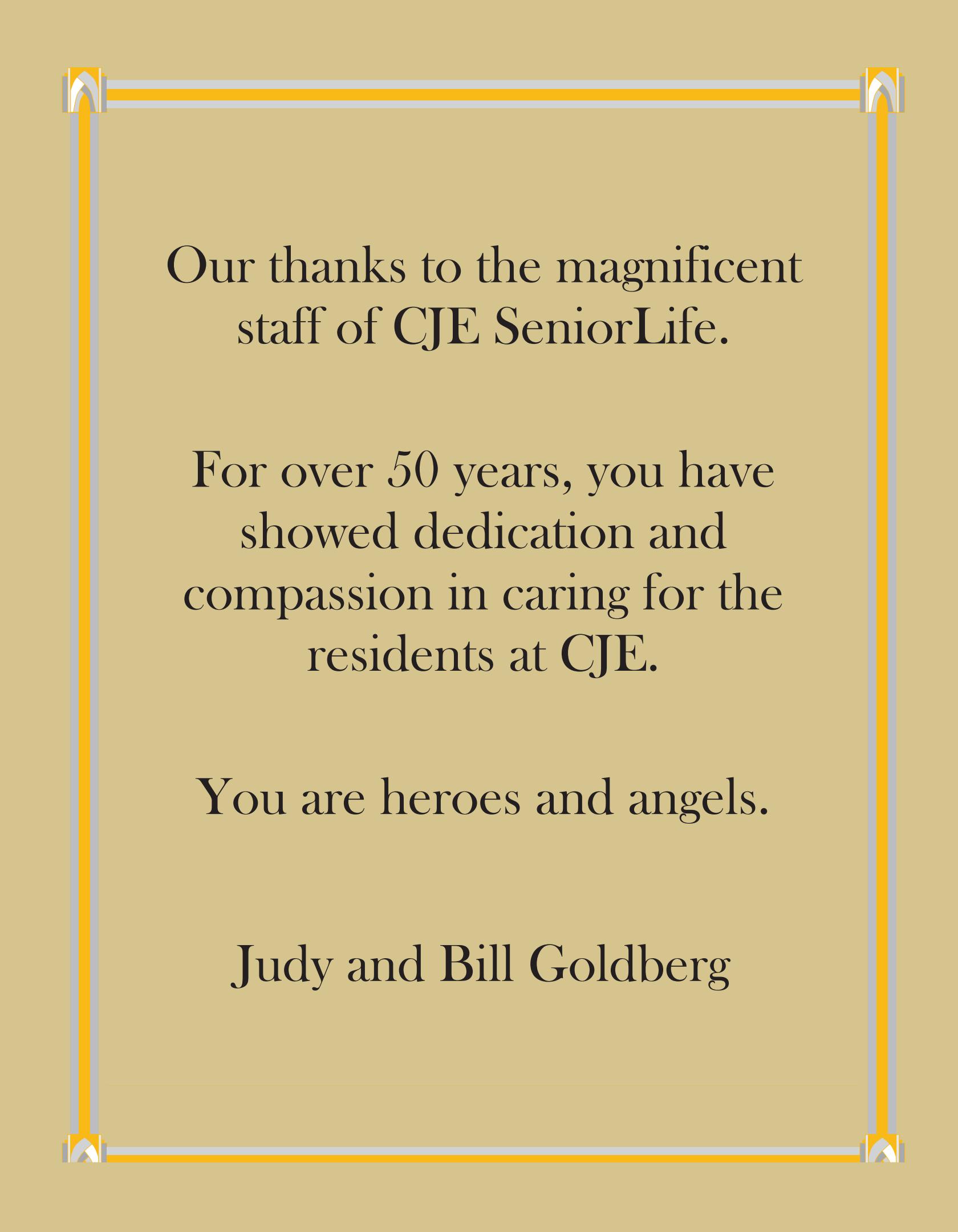
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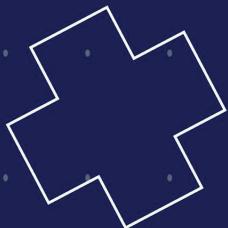
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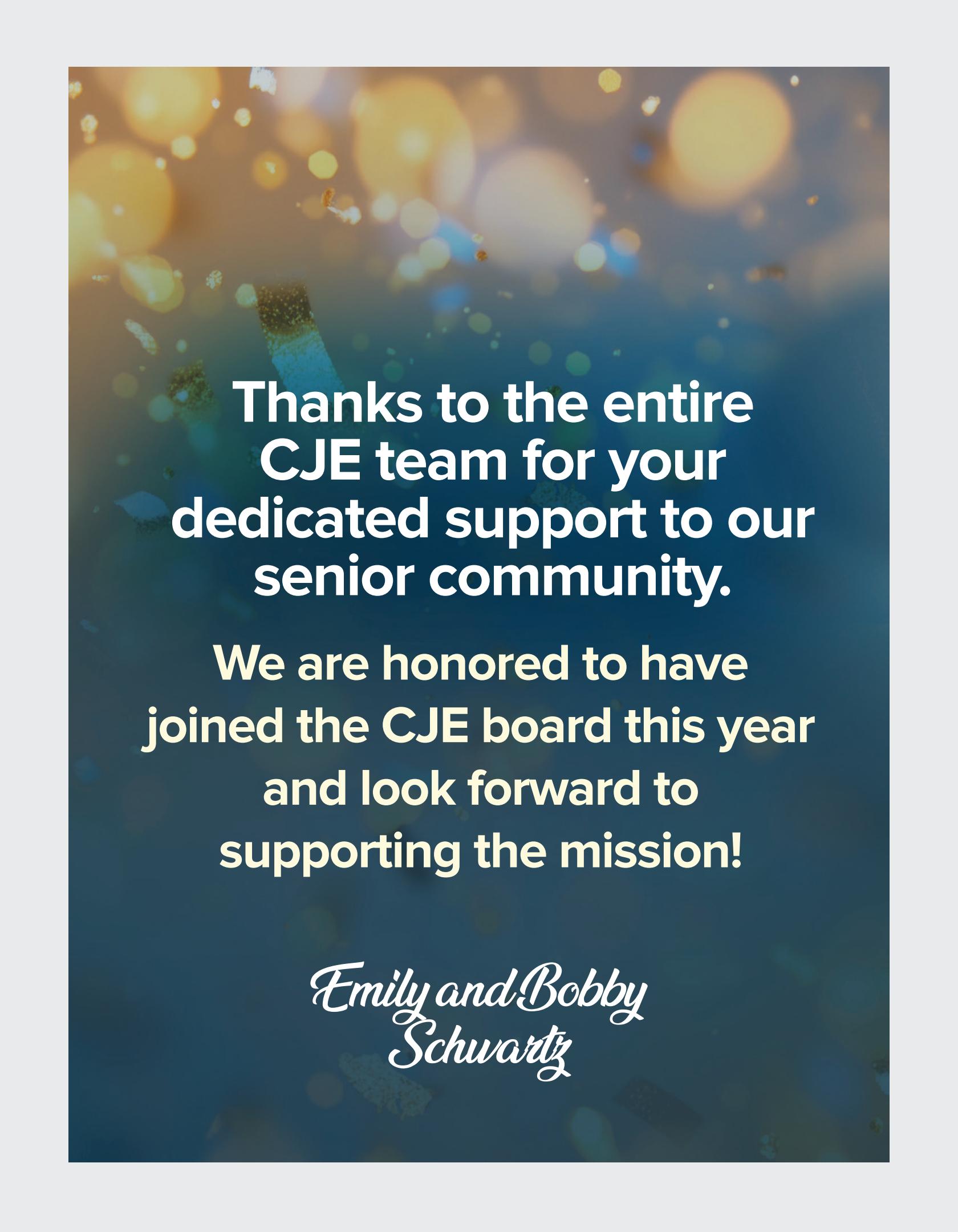
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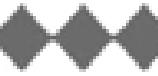
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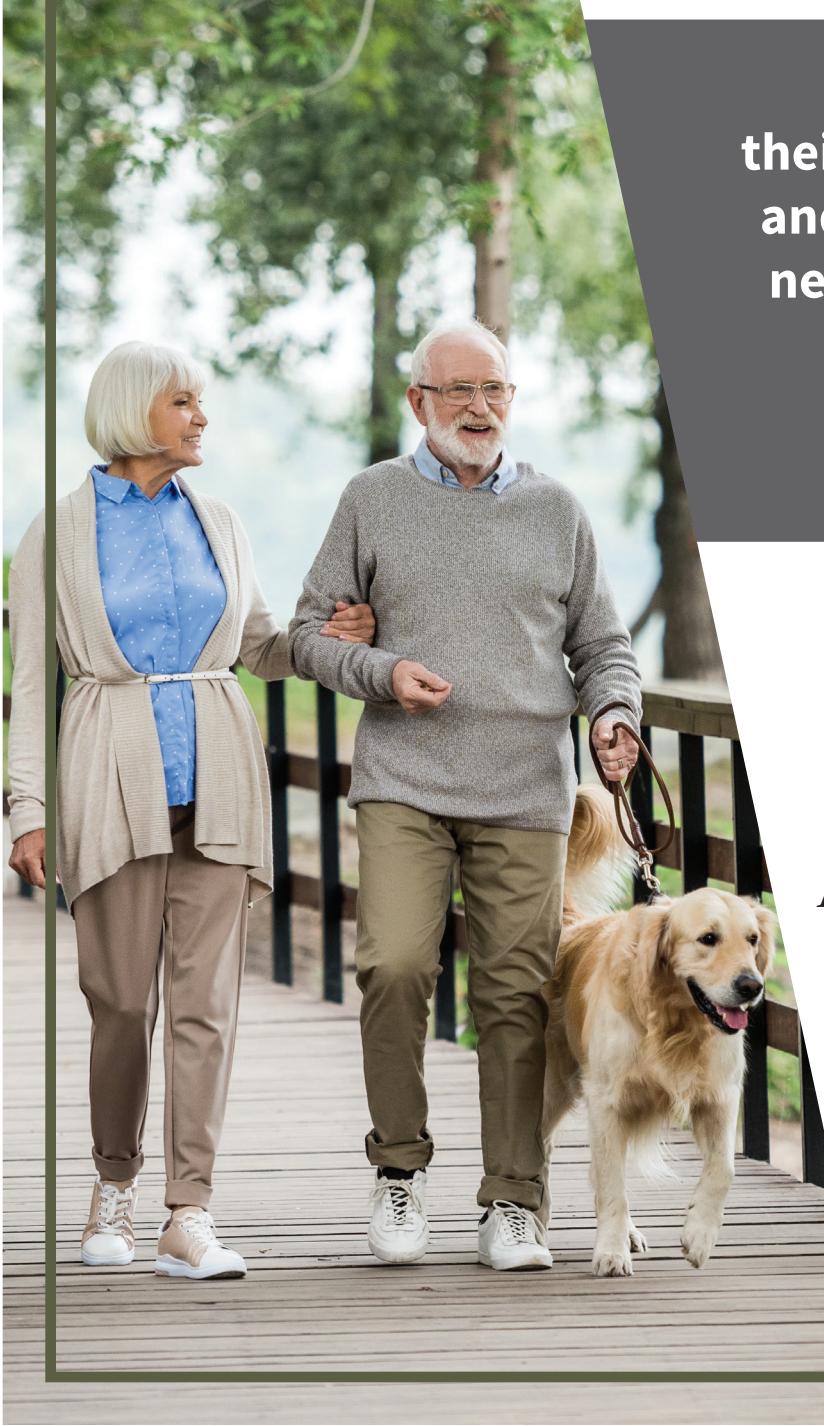
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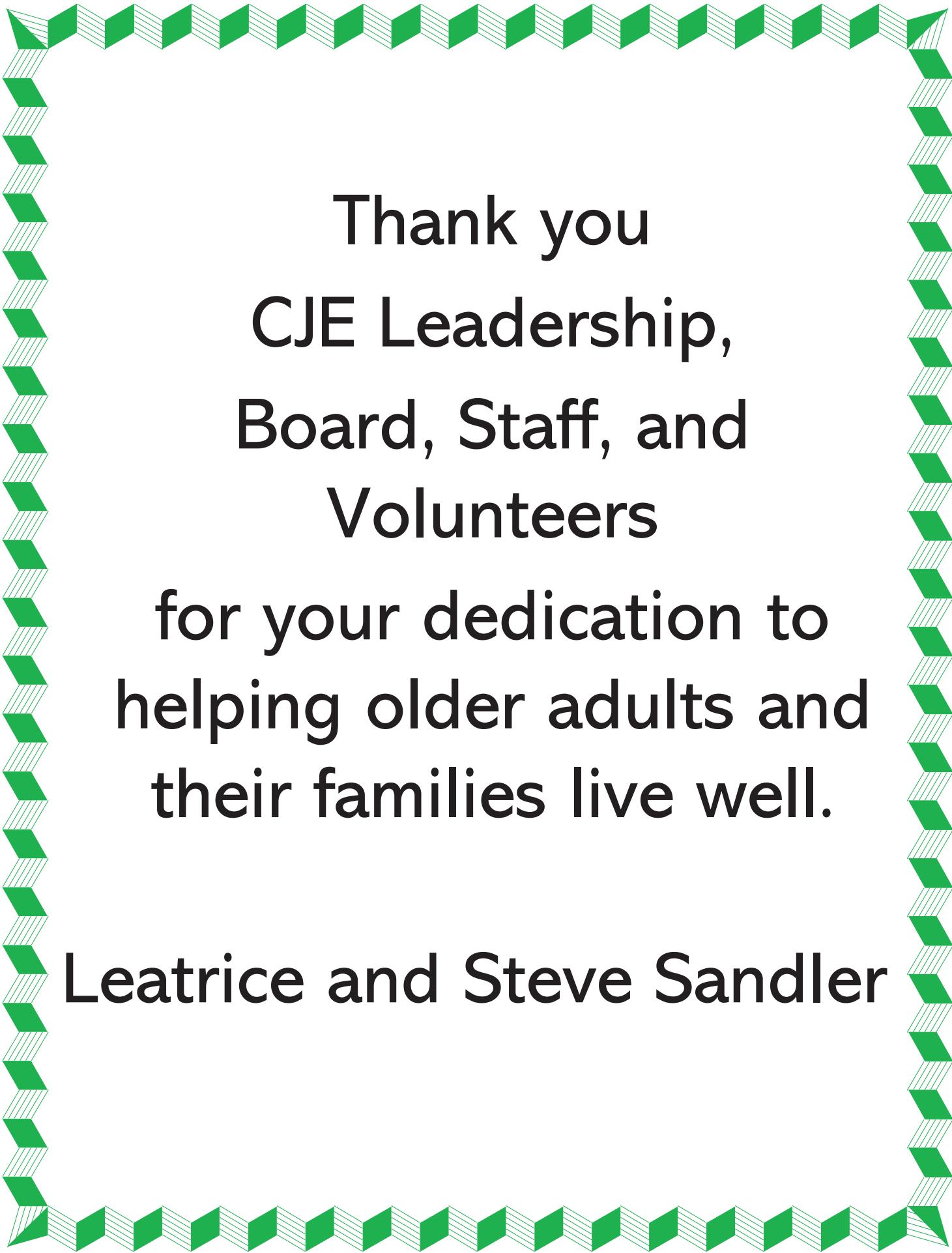
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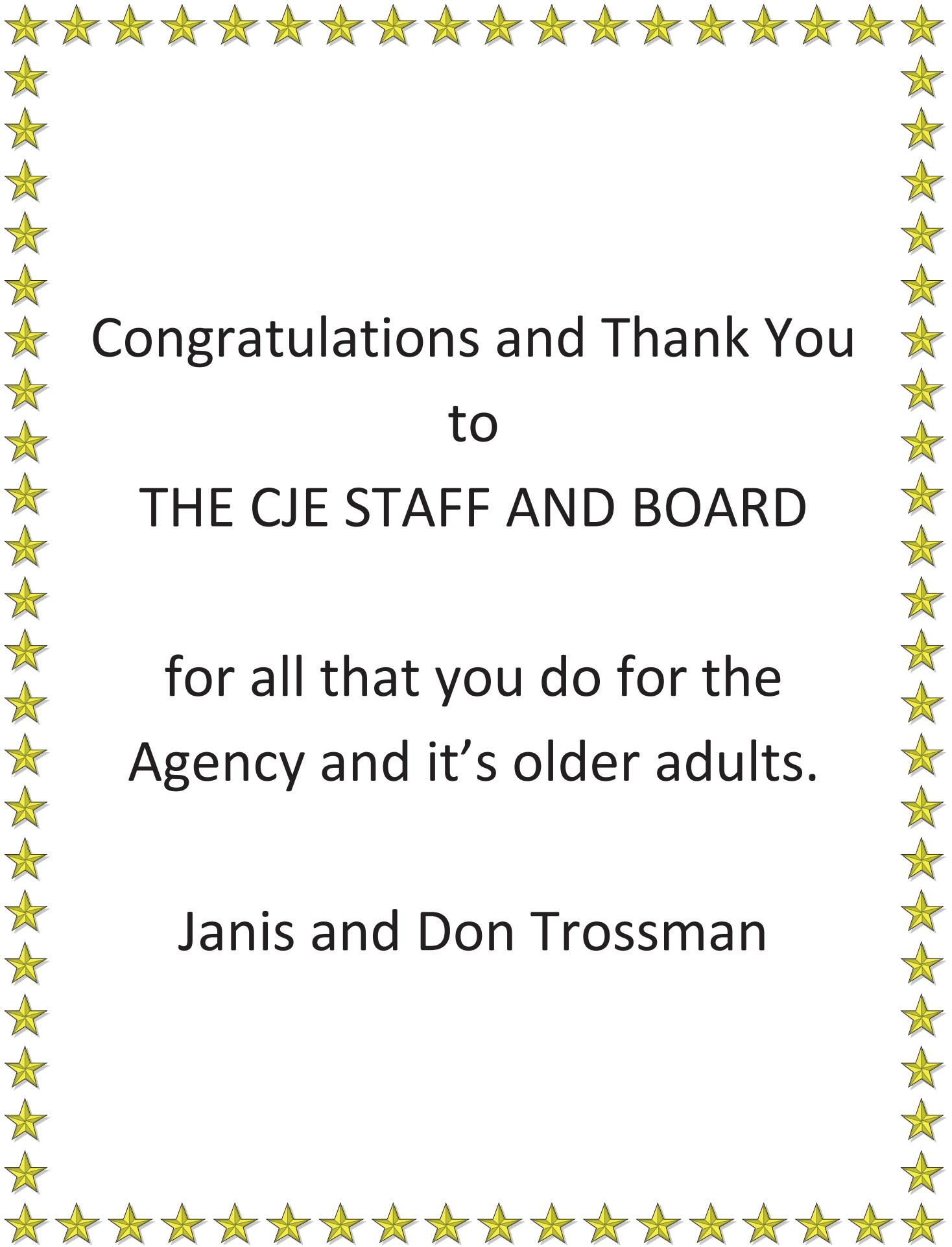
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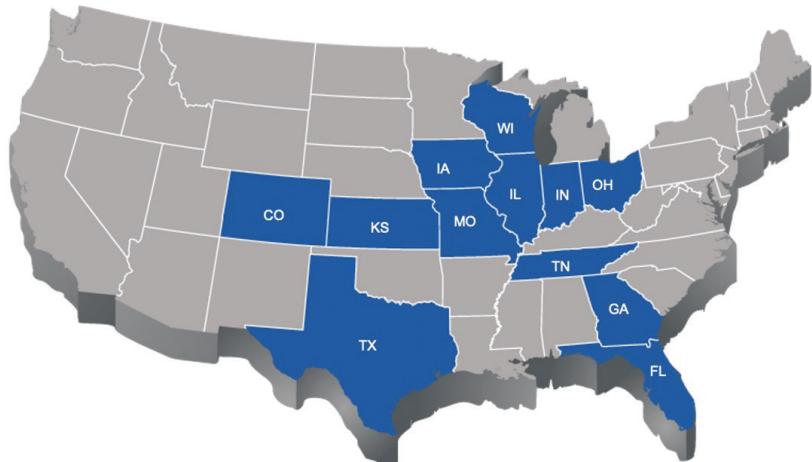
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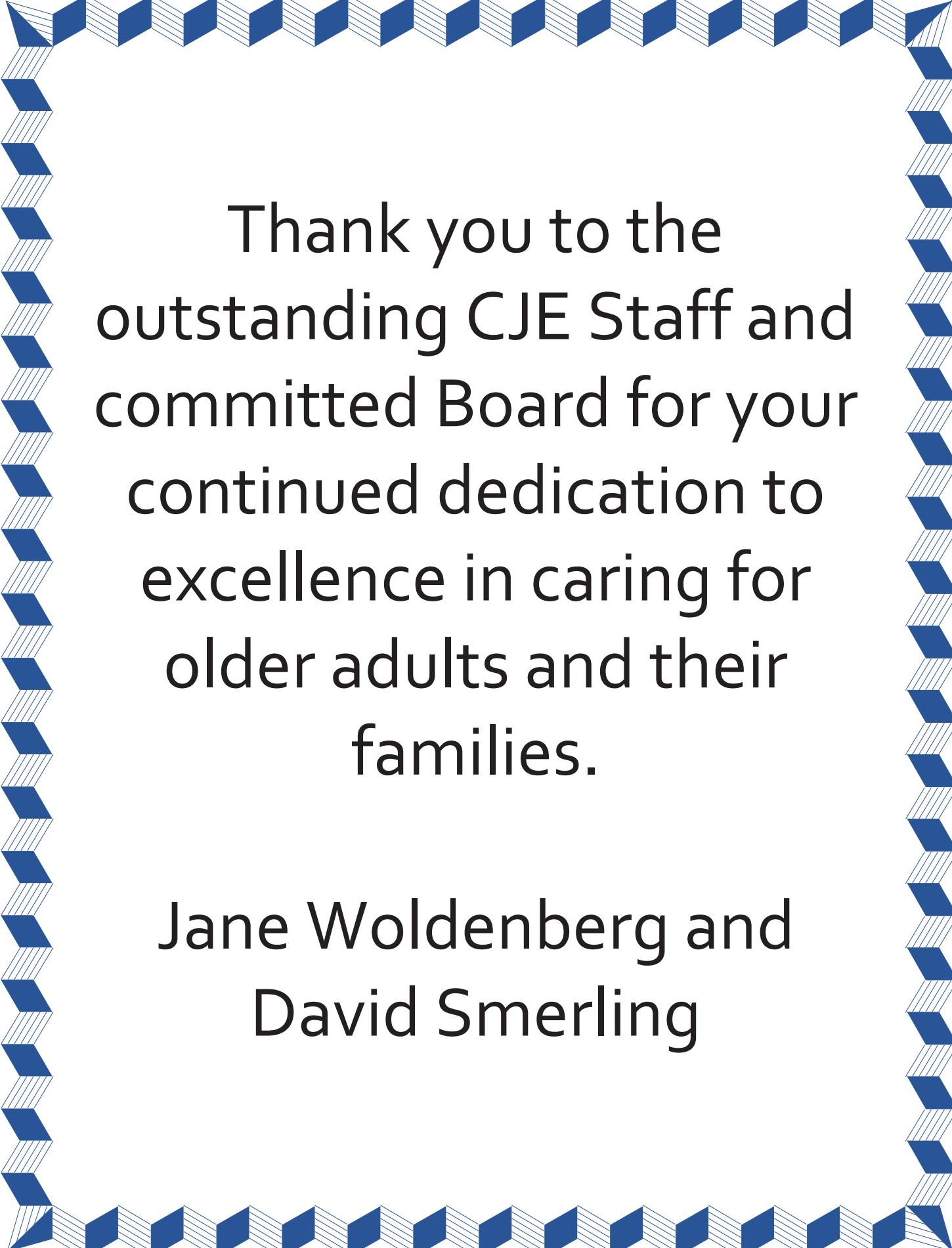
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# With Gratitude to CJE

We extend our heartfelt thanks to CJE for their unwavering dedication to enhancing the lives of older adults and their families. CJE's compassion, care, and commitment to dignity are a beacon of support in our community.



*Thank you, CJE, for making a difference for us and so many others*

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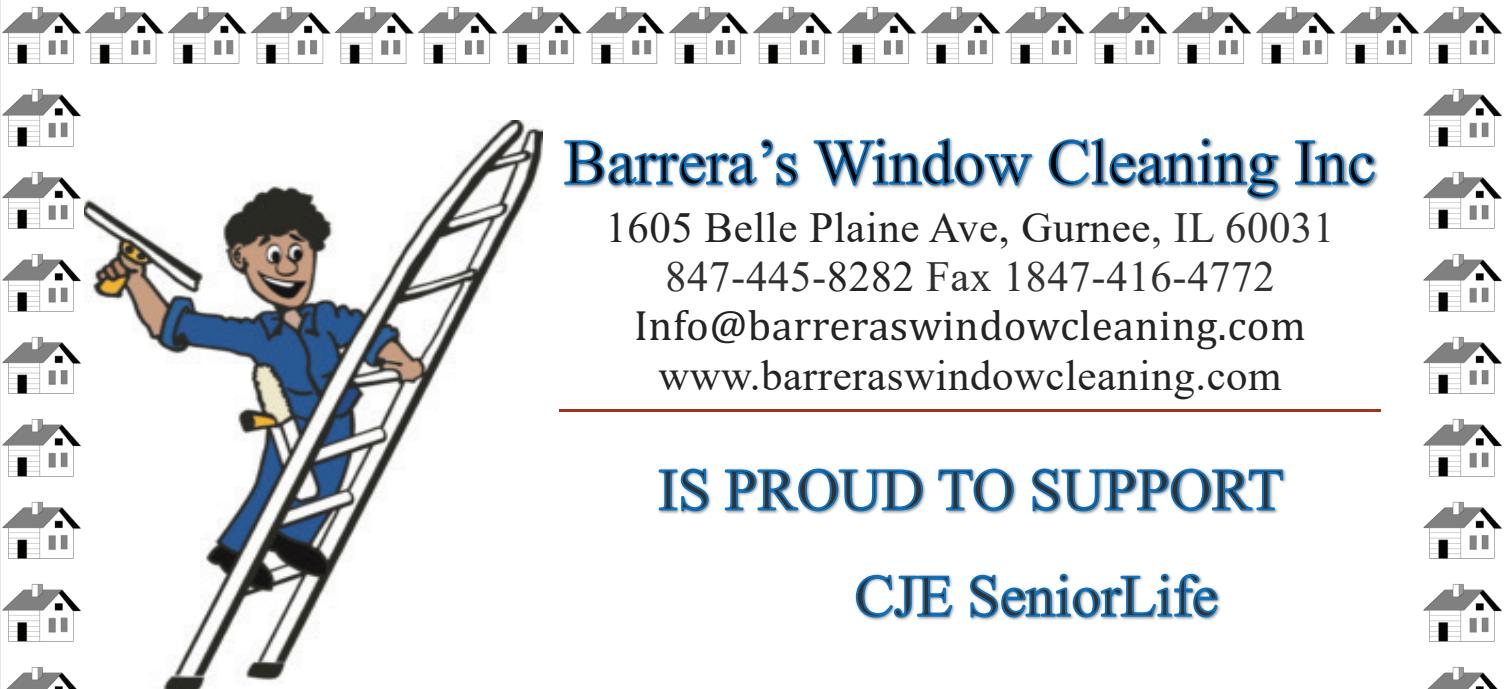
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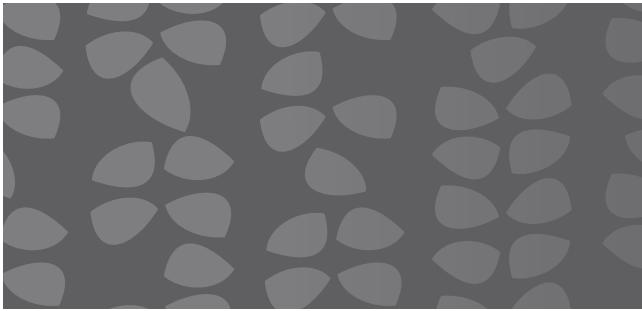
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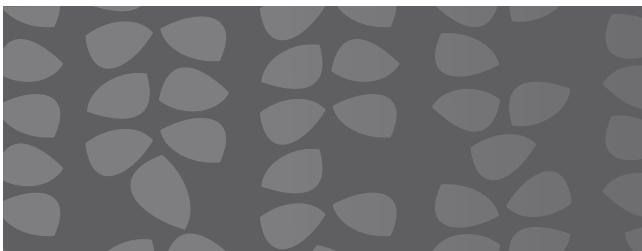
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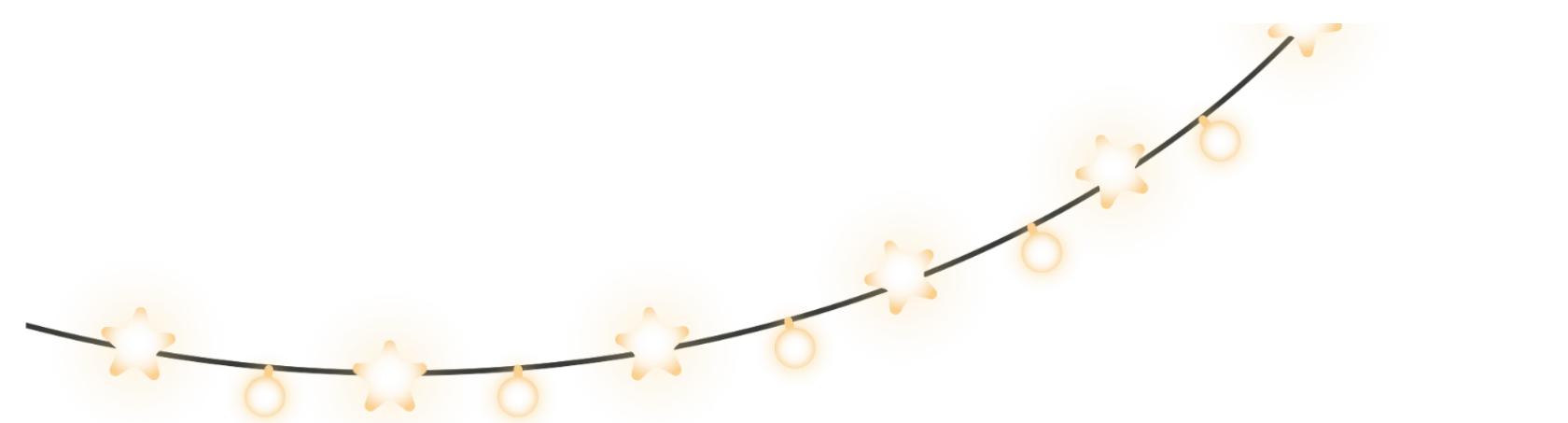
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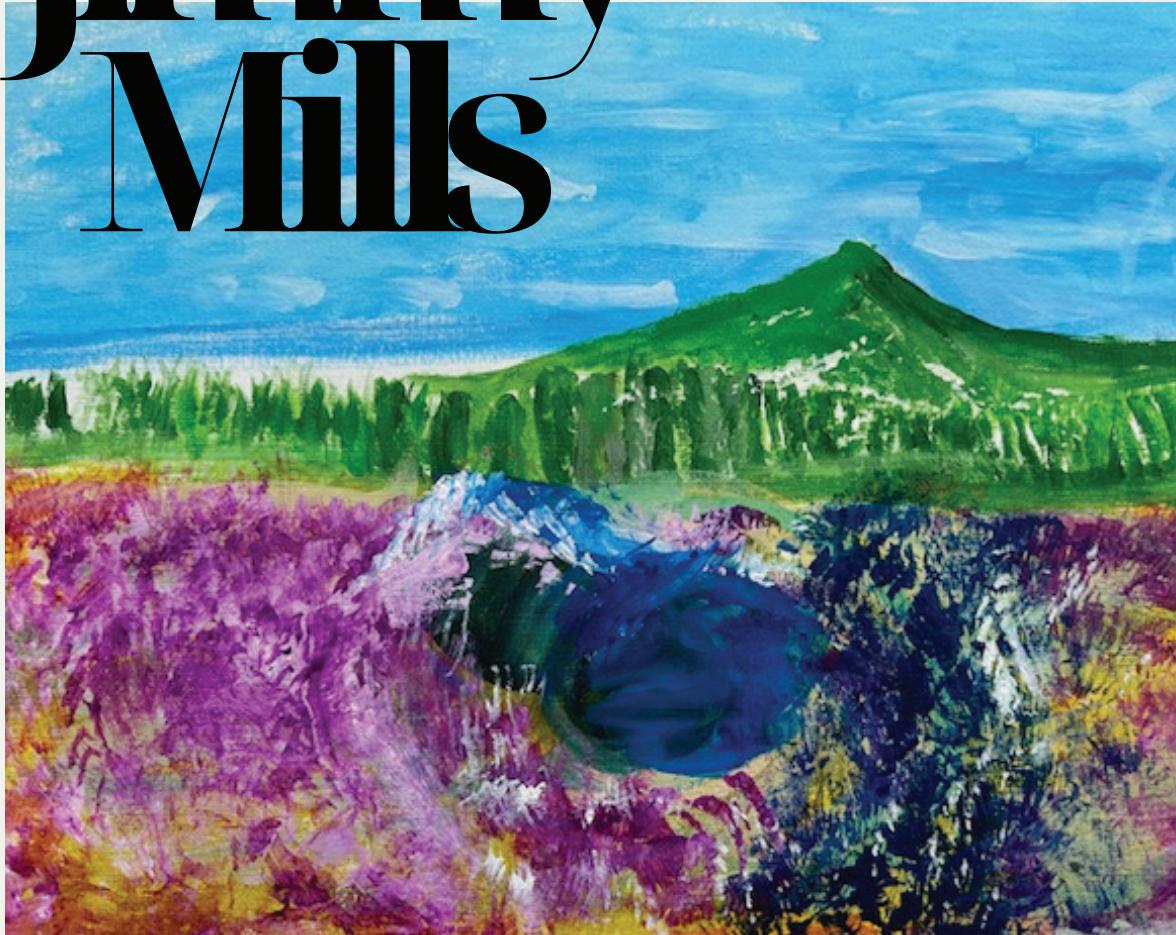
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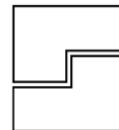


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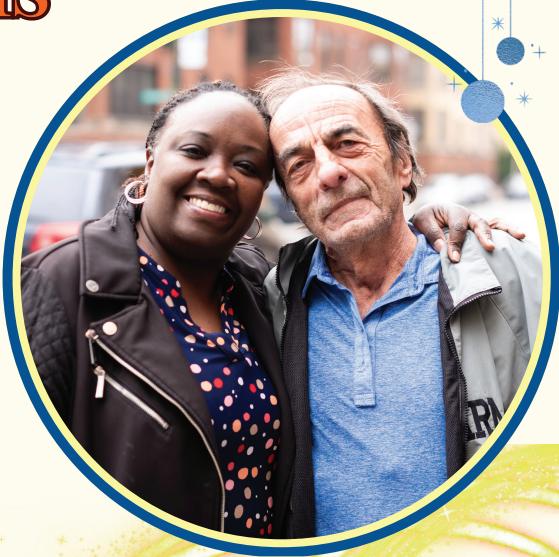
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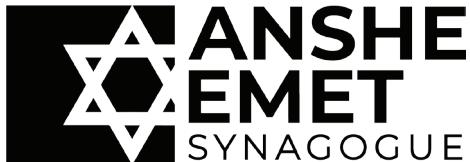


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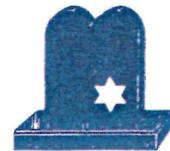
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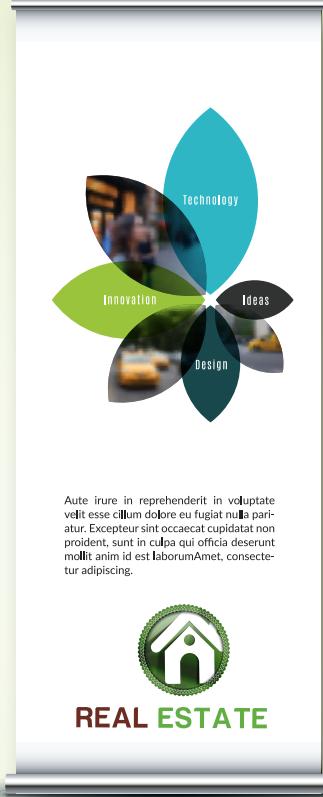
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