

OUR MISSION

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

NCJW's programs and projects reflect the spirit of the organization itself – a faith in the future; a belief in action.



Through education, community service, advocacy and collaboration, we work to address the needs of all peoples and faiths within our community. Our advocacy efforts aim to correct the root causes of the social problems we encounter. We dare to have a vision about what is possible.

Greater Dallas Section is devoted to making a positive difference in the lives of women, children and families in the community, responding to public needs with innovation and dedication. Over 1,000 members devote thousands of hours annually to community service projects as well as to research, education, and advocacy to advance NCJW's mission.

OUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS AGENDA

For more than a century National Council of Jewish Women Greater Dallas Section has been on the forefront of social change. Our Jewish Values implore us to improve the lives of women, children and families, especially in these challenging times. NCJW's bold "Vision for America" strives to:

- ◆ Ensure Reproductive Health, Rights and Justice,
- ◆ Support Economic Justice and Provide for Human Needs,
- ◆ Promote a Diverse, Fair, and Independent Judiciary,
- ◆ Ensure and Advance Civil Rights and Civil Liberties,
- ◆ Promote Civic Engagement,
- ◆ Promote Religious Freedom and Strengthen the Separation between Religion and State,
- ◆ Welcome Immigrants and Refugees,
- ◆ End Gun Violence,
- ◆ Stop Gender Based and Sexual Violence,
- ◆ End Human Trafficking.



Our challenges are great, but not insurmountable. As we have for 107 years, we will continue to make a difference. NCJW is tenacious, focused, and steadfast in our mission to repair a broken world.



OUR PROJECTS

FOOD + FIT = FUN

This bilingual program helps low-income parents prepare their preschool children for a healthy beginning for academic success and a healthy overall lifestyle. Partnering with area agencies and with HIPPY Texas, Food + Fit = Fun promotes good nutritional habits and regular physical activities.



Nutrition and physical fitness classes were taught to over 2,200 economically disadvantaged individuals.



1,600 Dallas, Irving and Richardson preschoolers and their families on field trips to the DMA, Perot, and Arboretum.

HIPPY

HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) is a parent involvement, school readiness program that helps parents prepare their 3-, 4-, and 5-year old children for success in school and beyond. Throughout the year, NCJW volunteers assist the families with culturally appropriate field trips to the DMA, the Nasher, the Perot and the Arboretum, encouraging them to tap into and explore their creativity.



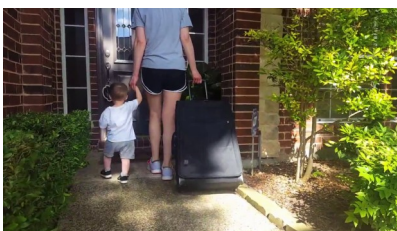
Provided 550 backpacks and 400 binders at the Back to School Fair, 357 turkeys for Thanksgiving, and a clothes closet serving 179 families. 3,469 uniforms, underwear and socks were donated plus reading tutors to 5 schools.

WEST DALLAS BACK TO SCHOOL INITIATIVE

NCJW volunteers purchase or solicit school uniforms, socks, underwear, shoes and jackets, as well as backpacks and back to school supplies. During the school year, volunteers extend their support by working with families in need of services at five West Dallas elementary schools and coordinate a tutoring program in these schools. Helps the children of West Dallas go to school with a sense of dignity and pride.

KIDS IN COURT

This program assists the Dallas District Attorney's office in preparing children who are potential witnesses in felony child abuse cases. NCJW volunteers assist in making the courtroom and its procedures familiar to these children and their families.



Over 600 totes and suitcases given to women coming out of domestic violence or trafficking situations.

THE SUITCASE PROJECT

Volunteers help women and children coming out of domestic violence or trafficking situations start their new life with a sense of dignity by providing minimal material needs such as pillows, suitcases, tote bags, robes, and household items.

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We also partner with other nonprofits who serve the community including JFS, Literacy Achieves, Vickery Meadow Food Pantry, the VNA, Mosaic Family Services, West Dallas Multipurpose Center, CASA, LIFT, CNM, Dallas, Irving and Richardson Independent School Districts and University of Texas at Arlington.



Provided partial college scholarships to 10 high-school seniors who had graduated from the HIPPY program.



Advocated for social justice issues alongside NCJW advocates from across Texas at the State capital in Austin and again with NCJW advocates from across the country in Washington, D.C.



Contributed over 1,000 volunteer hours to teach ESL and citizenship classes to adult students at Literacy Achieves.



Recruited volunteer Deputy Registrars and signed up 100's of voters throughout Dallas County.



Provided over 4,000 pounds of food staples and clothing to families at the Vickery Meadow Food Pantry and Clothes Closet.

In the past year, NCJW volunteers gave over 14,000 volunteer hours and served thousands of clients in Dallas and beyond.

OUR HISTORY



In March 1913, the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Dallas Section, was granted a charter by the national organization and became the first Jewish women's organization in Dallas.

NCJW has launched, maintained and funded numerous community service projects to meet needs within the Dallas community during our 100 years of voluntarism. Here are some highlights:

- ♦ First penny lunches in Dallas Public Schools
- ♦ First volunteer program in Dallas Public Schools
- ♦ Work to support soldiers in World War I and World War II
- ♦ Immigrant and refugee aid – English, health, and civics classes
- ♦ First hearing tests and free health physicals for school children
- ♦ First Family Outreach – counsel families at risk and work to prevent child abuse and neglect
- ♦ Minnie Hexter Milk Fund—providing free milk and baby formula to families in Dallas
- ♦ Instrumental in founding the Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- ♦ Successfully advocated for and funded the first social worker in the Dallas County Jail
- ♦ Pioneer work with the blind, including the Talking Book Program
- ♦ Instrumental in starting the Dallas Mental Health Association
- ♦ Children's day care studies
- ♦ Founded LIFT (Literacy Instruction for Texas) in 1961
- ♦ Founded Dallas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) in 1979
- ♦ Created and ran docent program at Dallas Central Library
- ♦ Developed programs to prevent substance abuse
- ♦ Sponsored first Alzheimer's Disease Conference in Dallas
- ♦ Community Board Institute (CBI) – founding organizer and sponsor of this non-profit training program
- ♦ Founded Safeguards for Seniors – education for seniors regarding proper use of medications
- ♦ Parkland Infant Hearing Screening Program -started volunteer program spanning 30 years
- ♦ Developed docent program for The Women's Museum
- ♦ Support of numerous community service projects in Israel



AND SO MANY MORE ...

Our volunteers continue to serve many social service agencies in Dallas. With your generous support, NCJW's past and present commitment to improving the lives of women, children and families will continue to be our impetus into the future!