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National Council of Jewish Women Greater Dallas has a 112 year history of addressing community needs through education, impact programs, and advocacy. Rooted in progressive Jewish values, NCJW Dallas strives to target systemic causes of social issues regardless of faith.

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HISTORY

Founded in 1913, NCJW Dallas has pioneered groundbreaking programs addressing diverse needs in the Dallas community and beyond. The visionary women of NCJW Dallas have launched initiatives such as free school lunches, literacy services for English language learners and those with hearing or visual impairments, ASPIRE literacy instruction for adults, CASA, and volunteer support in public schools, among other.

AREAS OF IMPACT

- **Families in Crisis:** focused on abused women and children; children and youth aging out of foster care; and children testifying against abusers
- **Education:** early learning opportunities for preschoolers; teacher support; and college scholarships
- **Health and Wellness:** women's access to health care; access to healthy food; and nutrition and fitness education



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2024-2025

60

community partners

22K

neighbors impacted

65

advocacy action calls.



IMPACT PROGRAMS

■ **THE SUITCASE PROJECT:** Provides essential transitional assistance to abuse survivors and children aging out of foster care.

➔ Annually assists > **400 FAMILIES IN CRISIS.**

■ **THE WEST DALLAS INITIATIVE:** Multi-partner program provides essential food and necessities (such as diapers) to West Dallas families and direct support to elementary students and school staff to ensure quality education.

➔ Annually assists > **6000 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.**

■ **HOME INSTRUCTION FOR PARENTS OF PRE-SCHOOL YOUTH (HIPPIY):** Promotes early education support to HIPPIY preschoolers and their families. Awards college scholarships to HIPPIY high school graduates.

➔ Annually supports **4300 STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES.**

■ **KIDS IN COURT:** A 30-year-old award-winning initiative that introduces the trial process to child abuse victims, witnesses, and their families.

➔ Annually supports > **450 INDIVIDUALS.**

■ **FOOD + FIT = FUN:** Demonstrates and teaches how a healthy lifestyle is affordable, achievable, and enjoyable by combining nutrition classes with physical activity in a fun environment.

➔ Annually educates > **1200 NEIGHBORS.**

■ **THE VICKERY MEADOW FOOD PANTRY:** Provides food, clothing and other necessities to a community of thousands of immigrants and refugees.

➔ Annually distributes > **40,000 lb OF FOOD.**

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Leadership

ELAINE STILLMAN, BOARD PRESIDENT

A Dallas native, Elaine has begun her tenure in May 2024 and has brought a diverse background as a computer programmer, CPA, and business owner.

Elaine is a dedicated volunteer with NCJW Dallas, where she advocates for women's, children's, and families' rights through initiatives like Kids in Court and the West Dallas Initiative. She has held key leadership roles, including Treasurer and VP of Administration, and was honored with the Janis Levine Music Make-A-Difference Award in 2023 for her impactful contributions to the community.

SHANNON MORSE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A passionate advocate for education and community engagement, Shannon has been the Executive Director of NCJW Greater Dallas since October 2020. With a robust background in education consulting and nearly a decade of experience in real estate, Shannon leads initiatives that empower women, children and their families, continuing to drive positive change in the Dallas community and beyond.

Formerly a Teacher Effectiveness Coach at TNTP and Director of Assessment at Mercy College, Shannon has developed innovative strategies and curricula that support educators nationwide. Based in Dallas, Shannon combines a commitment to social justice with a keen understanding of community needs.

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Testimonials

A child who witnessed his aunt being murdered testified with excellence and indicated that Kids in Court helped him be more confident when telling the truth."

Summer Elmazi, Dallas County DA Partner

Being new to America and not knowing English made it hard for my parents to find books and educational toys for me when I was born, and HIPPY solved this problem. Thanks to HIPPY, I had access to tons of books for kids my age in Spanish/English.

HIPPY was the first time my mom saw I could truly get along with others and make friends, which gave her the confidence needed to enroll me in preschool.

HIPPY College Scholarship Recipient



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