

## B'Yachad, Together for a Happy Holiday

### Shalom, Friend!

In keeping with our annual tradition, Jewish Family Service of St. Paul will bring joy to community members through the B'Yachad Gift Drive. B'Yachad means “together” in Hebrew, and together with partner agencies, hundreds of volunteers and generous donors, we delivered over 150 gift bags during the year-end season of giving in 2018!

JFS will partner again this year with community agencies and individuals to make the B'Yachad Gift Program possible. Together, we provide clients and other referred individuals with customized gift bags filled with household and personal care items, and gifts to enhance joy and wellness.

Each year, board members and constituents in St. Paul community service organizations and synagogues give their time as gift shoppers, “mitzvah-makers” who wrap the festive gift bags and delivery volunteers. Many individuals and families also donate requested items to B'Yachad bins that are placed throughout the community or donate cash or gift cards to help spread the spirit.

Here are a few ways you and your organization can support B'Yachad, have fun in service of others and make a real impact on a client and their family this holiday season:

- Shop for gifts** using client-specific wish lists - See your agency's program leader or JFS volunteer connection for a customized shopping list.
- Help connect us** to businesses and community donors who can provide in-kind and financial support.
- Fill the B'Yachad Bin** located in the offices of our partner agencies including the JCC, Talmud Torah, St. Paul Jewish Federation and local synagogues. Each will display ideas for specific gift items to donate at that location.
- Join us for a fun gift-wrapping event** on **Sunday, December 8th** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Deliver gift bags** on **Sunday, December 15th**, beginning at 10:00 am. Russian-speaking volunteers are especially needed to help with deliveries.
- Donate** to the B'Yachad fund on the JFS website at [www.jfssp.org/donate](http://www.jfssp.org/donate)

B'Yachad is proud to partner with our friends at the St. Paul Jewish Federation, St. Paul JCC, St. Paul Talmud Torah, BOND, NCJW Minnesota, St. Paul Hadassah, Temple of Aaron, Beth Jacob Synagogue and Mount Zion Congregation.

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Please return your filled B'Yachad gift bag to JFS  
or at your organization no later than Monday,  
November 25th.

