



As we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, the needs of our Greater Washington Jewish community continue to evolve and increase. Though we cannot know the course this situation will take over the coming weeks and months, it is clear that now is the time for us to secure and stabilize our community.

That's why we have opened the [Jewish Community COVID-19 Response Fund](#).

Our goal for this emergency response is multifaceted.

- We must address the critical needs facing our community today, including increasing financial distress, social isolation, and mental health challenges.
- At the same time, we must also ensure that we have a vibrant community in one year, ten years, and generations from now.

We cannot let the current crisis destroy our vital communal institutions or allow the members of our community to suffer.

I am grateful and proud to share that **more than \$2 million** has already been committed to this response fund, **including \$500,000 from Federation's emergency reserve**. But we cannot stop here. The needs do not stop here.

Federation's mission is to inspire, build, and sustain vibrant Jewish life in a changing world by mobilizing our community in common purpose, intentional innovation, and effective action. This work has never been more important than it is today. It is why we must come together to address critical needs now and for the future.

Your generous support over the years has empowered Federation to build and strengthen the infrastructure serving our community today. Our institutions are strong and well-suited to meet our communal needs because of this unrestricted—and unwavering—support. **Today, as individuals and organizations in our community face new and unprecedented needs, it is incumbent upon us to rise up and meet them once again.**

When we make the effort to support our friends, family, neighbors, and organizations, we can continue to build and strengthen all that makes Jewish Greater Washington an incredible community.

Please donate today.

To your health,

Gil Preuss

CEO, The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington

P.S.: Our team at The Jewish Federation has proudly launched and continues to update our [Connect with Purpose During Covid-19](#) resource center, featuring many options for learning, culture, physical activities, and more. With content curated from across the whole community, we hope it will offer you comfort and connection during this time of social distancing.