

18 YEARS +  
97 PROJECTS +  
364 MEMBERS +  
1,419 DONORS +  
\$2,653,235 GRANTED =

COUNTLESS LIVES  
TRANSFORMED

JEWISH WOMEN'S  
**FOUNDATION** of new york  
GENDEROSITY: *It's up to us*

The Jewish Women's Foundation of New York (JWFNY) was founded in 1995 by five women who shared a single vision: to promote economic, religious, social and political equality for women and girls in the Jewish communities of New York and Israel.

*Tzedakah* is fundamental to Jewish life. However, only a small percentage of funds raised within the Jewish community is used to support causes that specifically impact women and girls. JWFNY places women and girls in the Jewish community at the center of its mission and takes a unique approach to philanthropic work. It is a hands-on, collaborative organization that encourages participants to help determine how their donations are invested.

To achieve our vision we utilize **strategic and innovative grantmaking, education and advocacy**, making JWFNY uniquely positioned to create lasting, system-wide change.

GIRLS  
COLLECTIVE GIVING  
IMPACT  
EMPOWERMENT  
*Sisterhood*  
JUSTICE  
WOMEN

## EXCELLENCE IN GRANTMAKING

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The Jewish Women's Foundation of New York transforms the lives of countless women and girls in the Jewish community through grantmaking. Our process is simple: we conduct research to identify the most pressing unfunded needs and provide resources to address them. JWFNY invests in successful, impactful projects that create long-term social change for women and girls.

Some of the critical issues that JWFNY supports:

- Leadership development
- Breaking the stained glass ceiling
- Breast and ovarian cancer research
- Jewish genetic diseases
- Body image
- Bullying
- Dating violence among teens
- Gender issues in Jewish education
- Financial literacy
- Career training

As our organization continues to grow, our grantmaking is becoming even more substantial. JWFNY has given away over \$2.6 million in funds, and we are increasing our giving each year. We believe passionately

in the work being done by the individuals and institutions we fund. With your ongoing support, JWFNY can further expand the scale and impact of our grantmaking, thereby touching the lives of more women and girls in the Jewish community.

LEADERSHIP  
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## FOCUSED AND STRATEGIC **ADVOCACY**

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Advocacy complements our grantmaking and broadens the reach of our work. JWFNY engages with community leaders and grantee partners to identify the most pressing issues facing women and girls and to find effective ways to alleviate these problems. **JWFNY's goal is to focus and coordinate grantmaking and advocacy efforts to maximize our impact.**

JWFNY also creates programs and participates in coalitions to raise awareness of and to combat low-visibility but critical problems—from sex trafficking to workers' rights.

Recent advocacy work includes:

- Participation in the New York Women's Agenda's Equal Pay Day, an annual event devoted to promoting legislative action for fair pay practices in New York State.
- Support for the Better Work Life Campaign, organized by Advancing Women Professionals and the Jewish Community, which calls for new approaches to work/life balance and organizational effectiveness.
- Partnership with the Slingshot Fund in the creation of *The Slingshot Women and Girls Supplement*, a guide designed to heighten visibility of the most innovative women's social change organizations within the Jewish community in North America.
- Co-sponsorship of the conference *We Were Slaves: The Jewish Community Unites Against Sex Trafficking*, a collaborative effort of organizations participating in the UJA-Federation of New York Task Force on Family Violence.

CUTTING-EDGE  
COLLABORATION  
STRATEGY  
*Advocacy*  
JUSTICE  
INNOVATION

## EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP

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Nurturing the next generation of leaders is a key priority in our work for social change. JWFNY recognizes and supports groundbreaking, forward-thinking female leaders in Jewish social change organizations through mentoring and education.

JWFNY's *Isha Koach* donor circles offer leadership development opportunities for donors and grantee partners. These donor circles work to address the global needs of women and girls in the US, Israel and around the world through a Jewish and a gender lens. Their focus is to advance Jewish women social entrepreneurs who have founded organizations focused on improving the quality of life of the world's most vulnerable women and children.

To address the critical challenges facing Jewish communities, JWFNY strives to strengthen our infrastructure and leadership. Building organizational capacity will further enable us to:

- Focus and leverage our grantmaking for greatest impact
- Improve benchmarking of the results of our programs
- Effectively lead partnerships and convene coalitions
- Increase visibility for JWFNY and our grantee partners

ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
LEADERSHIP  
*Education*  
WOMEN  
SUSTAINABILITY

## GETTING INVOLVED

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JWFNY offers donors the opportunity to leverage their personal philanthropy through the power of collective giving, thereby increasing benefit to the lives of women, girls and families in the Jewish community.

Our approach is hands-on and unique. Participants help determine how their dollars are allocated and are given the opportunity to contribute ideas and expertise. Donors of \$2,500 per year or more may choose to serve on the committees of their choice, such as Advocacy, Education, Finance, Grants and/or Research Committees. We are a network and community of like-minded philanthropists, working collaboratively to further the causes we believe in and support.

[Join us!](#)

**DONATIONS:** Gifts of any amount help JWFNY continue our mission of creating a healthy and supportive environment for the women and girls in our communities.

**PLANNED GIFTS:** With a planned gift, donors can maximize their ability to help others while minimizing their own taxes. Extend your capacity to make a difference for Jewish women and girls through a bequest.

Contact Joy Sisisky at [joy@jewishwomenny.org](mailto:joy@jewishwomenny.org) or 212-836-1106 to learn more about becoming a founding participant in the *InHERit Legacy Society*.

**FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS:** JWFNY engages in special fundraising campaigns to achieve specific goals. Contributions to these campaigns offer opportunities for increased support and involvement in the work of JWFNY, such as the creation of named endowed chairs or fellowship funds.

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**PLEASE JOIN US** and help sustain our work for social change. Women and girls in the Jewish communities of New York, Israel and beyond need your support to secure a safe, healthy and equitable future that is full of possibility.

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*Imagine* a world...

in which all **women** and **girls** in the Jewish community are ensured a **healthy** and **supportive** environment...

in which we all have **equal** opportunity for **achievement**.

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