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Jewish Family Services Names Michael Hopkins as New CEO

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Jewish Family Service has named Michael Hopkins as the organization’s new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Hopkins will assume leadership of Jewish Family Service on January 24, 2012 following the retirement of Jill Borg Spitzer, who has held the Jewish Family Service leadership position for the past 26 years.

“Jill will continue her connection to our family as a consultant,” said Felicia Mandelbaum, Jewish Family Service President, and Chair of the Board of Directors, “helping to facilitate Michael’s familiarity with the many programs, services and relationships that has earned Jewish Family Service the reputation as one of San Diego’s truly outstanding organizations. Borg Spitzer will be honored for her 26 years at the annual Heart & Soul Gala on March 3, 2012. This year the theme, *A Legacy of Service*, celebrates Borg Spitzer’s extraordinary accomplishments, inspiring leadership, and communal service.

Hopkins has devoted more than 30 years to building and strengthening the Jewish community, with a majority of his professional career directing and growing Jewish Community Centers across the country. Prior to joining Jewish Family Service San Diego, Hopkins served as Executive Director of Nehirim, a national Jewish LGBT organization. Prior to that, he was CEO of Jewish Community Center (JCC) Metrowest, one of the largest JCC’s in the country with an \$18 million budget and more than 200 full-and part-time staff. During his tenure with JCC Metrowest, Hopkins led a \$23 million expansion and renovation and launched the nation’s first Jewish Health and Healing Center at a JCC. Hopkins previously served as the Executive Director of the JCC of Richmond VA and has worked at JCC’s in Tucson, Columbus and

Pittsburgh. Hopkins earned his MSW from the Yeshiva University Wurzweiler School of Social Work.

“We’re excited by Michael’s vision, expertise and compassion in helping Jewish nonprofits reach their full potential. We look forward to welcoming him to Jewish Family Service and our community,” said Mandelbaum.

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ABOUT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE’S HEART & SOUL GALA

The Heart & Soul Gala of Jewish Family Service has become an important mainstay of the San Diego Jewish social scene. This year’s gala theme, *A Legacy of Service*, takes place on March 3, 2012 and celebrates the achievements of Jill Borg Spitzer as CEO of Jewish Family Service and growth of the organization over the past 26 years. All proceeds from the event benefit the programs of Jewish Family Service. For more information, call (858) 637-3034 or visit www.jfssd.org/gala.

ABOUT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF SAN DIEGO

Jewish Family Service was founded in 1918 by a consortium of women’s clubs who sought to address the myriad of human needs of the time. Today, JFS is a comprehensive human service organization with eleven locations throughout San Diego County and three in the Coachella Valley. From its early grassroots origins, the agency now serves more than 30,000 people annually. Its programs and services include: Adoption; Case Management; Counseling; Crisis Services; Family Violence; Jewish Connections; Refugee Resettlement; Older Adult/Senior Services; Parenting, Youth & School-based Services; and Training/Education. Learn more about why JFS is *One Source for a Lifetime of Help* at www.jfssd.org