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## **Heart and Soul Gala of Jewish Family Service Honored 26 Years of CEO Jill Borg Spitzer**

On Saturday, March 3, 2012 Jewish Family Service of San Diego welcomed more than 600 guests to its annual Heart & Soul Gala at the Hyatt Regency in La Jolla. This year's theme, *A Legacy of Service*, celebrated Jill Borg Spitzer, long-time Jewish Family Service CEO, who has retired after 26 years of service. The organization honored Spitzer for her extraordinary accomplishments, inspiring leadership and communal service.

The Heart & Soul Gala is a major fundraiser for Jewish Family Service, which has addressed the significant increase in members of the community who need help due to the economic downturn. The evening raised more than \$1 million to benefit the more than 50 social service programs of Jewish Family Service.

Jewish Family Service continues to meet the ever-growing and ever-changing needs of our community by providing programs including JFS Economic Crisis Response Program, the Hand Up Youth Food Pantry, the Jewish Employment Network, Jewish BIGPals, On the Go Senior Transportation, and much more.

The 2012 Heart & Soul Gala was co-chaired by Murray Galinson, Jennifer Levitt and Ashley Stone, with Auction Chairs Leslie Fastlicht Russo and Valerie Viterbi. Jerry and Carole Turk were the Honorary Chairs for this wonderful night.

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### **ABOUT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF SAN DIEGO**

Jewish Family Service was founded in 1918 by a consortium of women's clubs which sought to address the myriad of human needs of the time. Today, JFS is a comprehensive human service organization with locations throughout San Diego County and the Coachella Valley. From its early grassroots origins, the agency now serves all of San Diego County with more than 50 programs. 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](http://www.jfssd.org).