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Brushes + Forks at the Mingei

Program benefits Jewish Family Service's Hand Up Youth Food Pantry

San Diego, CA -- Join Emerging Leaders at JFS—San Diego's premier network for community-minded, philanthropic young professionals—at Brushes + Forks on Thursday, December 13 at the Mingei International Museum in Balboa Park. You'll be treated to live music and delicious food and drinks at the renowned setting of the Mingei home to folk art, craft, and design from all eras and cultures of the world. Proceeds benefit the *Hand Up* Youth Food Pantry and Foodmobile hunger programs at Jewish Family Service of San Diego.

According to Shana Hazan, Supervisor, Youth Leadership Programs & Hunger Advocacy Network at Jewish Family Service and Brushes + Forks Events Chair, Brushes + Forks offers a unique opportunity to enjoy an amazing evening with a fabulous group of people while supporting an organization committed to improving our community one person at a time.

"I am passionate about Jewish Family Service because of the incredible impact its programs make in the lives of each person who turns to us in their time of need," said Hazan. "For more than 35,000 people across San Diego, JFS offers a helping hand, needed guidance, and unparalleled support—and always with dignity and respect."

Tickets are \$60 (\$75 at the door). Purchase tickets online at www.jfssd.org/brushes or contact Ashley Harrington, Emerging Leaders Coordinator, at (858) 637-3051 or ashleyh@jfssd.org.

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ABOUT EMERGING LEADERS AT JFS

Emerging Leaders at JFS brings together socially-minded young Jewish professionals to support the many programs and services of Jewish Family Service of San Diego. Members contribute creative problem-solving and professional skills to support the work of Jewish Family Service and enhance their own professional experiences. By taking responsibility for the social issues affecting our community and empowering each other to make a difference, Emerging Leaders at JFS is leading Jewish Family Service into the future. www.ifssd.org/emerging

ABOUT THE HAND UP YOUTH FOOD PANTRY

Led by the *Hand Up* Teen Leadership Program, the *Hand Up* Youth Food Pantry provides supplemental food to military families, homeless people, older adults, pregnant and parenting teens, and low income families at 11 locations throughout San Diego county. From August 2010 through August 2011, *Hand Up* provided 248,796 pounds of food and hygiene products to over 9,084 people. www.ifssd.org/handup

ABOUT FOODMOBILE

Since 1971, Foodmobile has provided hot, kosher, home-delivered meals to homebound older adults and younger homebound disabled adults in San Diego. This vital program compassionately enables individuals to maintain their independence. Friendly volunteers deliver meals daily and conduct a safety inspection. More than 1,950 meals are delivered each month by a dedicated group of 45 volunteers. www.ifssd.org/foodmobile

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; HIV; 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.ifssd.org