

# Miracles

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*Hope for miracles, but don't rely on one*

*Shelley Rowland*

## President's Column

The Mission of Jewish Family Service is to preserve and strengthen the quality of life of individuals and families in our community in accordance with Jewish values. A broad array of high quality services are provided in a compassionate, professional and cost effective environment of excellence.

Since January 2005, Jewish Family Service has been preparing for re-accreditation with the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services. Accreditation assures the community that the services they receive from us meet the highest standards set for the field of family services.

The Board of Directors, with input from staff, clients and the community, reviewed and re-approved our Mission and set Long Range Plans. These are:

- ◆ To expand and refine the current array of services, develop new ones to meet changing needs, and continue to insure that quality standards are integrated into all services.
- ◆ To develop closer cooperation and collaboration with the Jewish Community and to advocate for issues that strengthen individual and family life.
- ◆ To become more financially secure.
- ◆ To build a higher level of awareness and perception of JFS.
- ◆ To provide a facility that meets the expanding needs of the agency.
- ◆ To have our programs further reflect the needs of the Jewish community.
- ◆ To have appropriate staff to meet our goals.

These plans become goals that are actively worked on by committees made up of Board, staff and interested members of the community. If you, the reader, find the work of JFS to be interesting, vital and worthy of your involvement, please contact me at either [www@jfsf.org](mailto:www@jfsf.org) or call me at 202-366-5433. We welcome your participation as a committee member, direct service or administrative volunteer and as financial supporter.

The Jewish Family Service adoption program continues to expand; this year we have welcomed more than fifty beautiful children from near and far. For more information, call our adoption specialist Barbara Paris at 202-366-5433, ext. 14.



I'm Official: Nine months after coming home from Utah with my great mom and dad, Cheryl and Mark, my adoption was finalized in court. Thanks, Judge Carangelo; thanks, Barbara Paris.  
Signed: Anneliese



Meet Timmy. He joined Donna, Alan, and sisters Autumn and Liana in December 2004 all the way from Guang Dong, China. We salute this amazing family for opening their hearts to a special child.