

Making Jewish Places

Highlighted Microgrants

North Metro Goes to Camp

Grant #1: \$1,500 went toward an all camp shabbat hosted by Congregation Gesher L'Torah. From VP of Education, Alyssa Siegel: *I'm so proud of what we were able to accomplish in the North Fulton community. We had about 150 attendees as well as 6 camps (Camp Barney, URJ Camp Coleman, Ramah Darom, Camp Judaea, In the City Camp, and MJCCA Day Camps) come together for a beautiful evening of crafts, songs, prayer, snacks, and just overall camaraderie celebrating the love of Jewish camping. Rabbi David Paskin (The Rock n' Roll Rabbi) filled the service with music, tefillah, and songs which embodied the camp experience. He did a wonderful job of incorporating tunes/melodies and traditions from the various camps. We also had campers from all the overnight camps speak about their experience, which added another layer of Jewish camping advocacy and showcased the number of overnight campers we have in Alpharetta/Johns Creek.*

Feedback from the community:

This was such a great event! It was wonderful to see the impact of Jewish camping and the community coming together to celebrate it. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put this together! -AA

It was a wonderful evening. I loved having all that ruach and great music in the service! Thank you for organizing...we are already looking forward to another one! -HB



Adult Purim Party

Grant #2: \$1,000 went to an individual in the Alpharetta/Johns Creek community who planned and implemented an adult purim party. The grant paid for security and marketing. The event was attended by 200+ people from the Israeli-American community, most dressed in costumes. There were 2 photo stands, photographer, belly dancer, great music and people had fun in a great atmosphere.

Feedback from the community:

From Anat Azoulay: *People gave a lot of compliments about thinking of the small details that created great atmosphere. Party topic was movies and Hollywood and many guests were dressed accordingly. People said that they loved it.*



StepUp 5K Race to Embrace Tolerance

Grant #3: \$1,000 went to support the Embracing Tolerance 5K

From Steve Sutton, CEO of Embracing Tolerance: *This was the 3rd stepUp Race. We attracted 203 runners for our 1K Funrun, and 5K Road Race. We had runners representing synagogues, corporations, and junior/high schools. We had significant community involvement from local fitness organizations and restaurants. We had great response to the 40+ educational signs along the running path. Our planning needs to start earlier and needs to incorporate a broader group of volunteers.*

Feedback from the community:

I run in many races and...felt the stepUp Race to Embrace Tolerance was extremely well organized, loved the course, and was challenging from a seasoned runner perspective...loved running for this cause which spoke to me personally." -- DG

"Great event and great job!! I enjoyed it and look forward to next year's 5k." The majority of runners really appreciated the educational signage which educated parents while speaking to kids of all ages. --SK



Grant #4: \$1,000 went to a Jewish mother/daughter team to create protective mask making kits. The grant allowed the creation of 125 kits containing mask making materials for vulnerable individuals and medical professionals. Each kit contains materials to make 7 reusable masks (fabric, elastic, thread). Congregation Dor Tamid and Gesher L'Torah are serving as pick up and drop off locations. Over 200 masks were sewn donated to The Cohen Home and to local hospitals. Additionally, a series of tutorial videos were produced by the daughter. A local girl scout troop watched the videos and sewed masks to distribute to local grocery store workers and delivery personnel, earning their COVID response badge. The remnant materials were donated to a local 12-year old, who is currently sewing masks and donating the proceeds to JF&CS food pantry as well as NFCC. She has donated over \$200 thus far.

