

Questions & Answers About



The Family
Partners
Program at
Menorah Park

**THE
MENORAH PARK
FOUNDATION**

**A Supporting Organization
of Menorah Park Center
for Senior Living**

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MAKING A GIFT TO THE FAMILY PARTNERS PROGRAM AT MENORAH PARK

Since its beginnings in 1906, Menorah Park has been the recipient of thousands of contributions and each one has been an important link in helping to insure that the work we do continues.

Menorah Park needs all types of contributions so that the care we provide, despite any possible governmental cutbacks, will never be diminished.

*A gift to **The Family Partners Program** can be an ideal way for you to make a gift to Menorah Park.*



WHAT IS THE FAMILY PARTNERS PROGRAM?

The majority of residents at Menorah Park do not have the financial resources to pay for their own care. Fortunately, they can turn to our government's Medicaid Program to pay for their care. While Medicaid is an excellent program, it does not reimburse Menorah Park for the full cost of each resident's care.

The Family Partners Program was established by the Menorah Park Board of Trustees in 1989 to encourage the family members of our Medicaid residents to help "close the gap" between the Home's actual cost of care and Medicaid reimbursement.

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WHY DOES MENORAH PARK NEED A FAMILY PARTNERS PROGRAM?

In addition to providing the highest quality nursing and medical care to everyone living at Menorah Park, we also strive to provide the highest level of emotional, psychological, social and religious support to our residents.

In order to meet this goal, many “extras” are provided at Menorah Park which can’t be found at similar facilities. Special programs, the highest quality staff and a beautiful environment are part of what makes Menorah Park unique. But, in order to maintain the high standards we are accustomed to, we need your help!!

Although the gap between a resident’s actual cost of care and Medicaid reimbursement fluctuates, it is generally in the range of \$5,000, making Menorah Park’s deficit quite large.

The Jewish Community Federation provides an annual allocation to Menorah Park, but it will never have the resources to fund the Center’s Medicaid shortfall.

We don’t want the financial gap created by the shortfall to effect the services and programs Menorah Park provides. In order to assure that this doesn’t happen, we need the support of our resident families through **The Family Partners Program.**

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WHY SHOULD OUR FAMILY CONTRIBUTE TO THE FAMILY PARTNERS PROGRAM?

Medicaid was authorized by Congress in 1965 and today is a joint, federal and state program for the aged or disabled who cannot afford to pay for their own medical care.

Even if Medicaid is paying for someone's care, we hope our family members will take some responsibility to help pay for that care too.

We all know that excellent care costs more than the reimbursement Medicaid can afford. In order to maintain the level of care we have come to take for granted, we need families to contribute to **The Family Partners Program.**

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HOW IS THE MONEY CONTRIBUTED TO THE FAMILY PARTNERS PROGRAM USED?

The money we raise through the Family Partners Program is used for special entertainment, monthly bagel brunches, the annual Candlelight Dinner, religious activities and special cultural events.

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HOW CAN OUR FAMILY HELP?

If a resident is supported by the Medicaid program, the family will be contacted by the Coordinator of the **Family Partners Program** who will briefly explain the program and send them a short video to watch.

The Coordinator will follow up with a call to arrange an appointment. At that meeting, she will provide information about the program and answer any questions.

If a resident pays for his/her care privately upon admission, but becomes eligible for the Medicaid Program during their stay, they will be contacted by the Family Partners Coordinator at that time.

A family may make contributions to the general Family Partners Fund or sponsor a specific event in honor of their relative.

For further information on the Family Partners Program, or on sponsoring an event, please contact Carol Wolf, Family Partners Program Coordinator at 216-831-6500.



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