



CLAIMS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES \$720 MILLION USD TO 300 SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS GLOBALLY TO SUPPORT HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Goodman Jewish Family Services of Broward County Among Those Receiving Grants in the United States

Davie, Fla. (March 7, 2022) – Gideon Taylor, President of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference), announced the allocation of \$720 million USD in funds to more than 300 social welfare organizations globally to support home care and supportive services for frail and vulnerable Holocaust survivors.

Gideon Taylor, President of the Claims Conference, said, “We are proud to announce this significant allocation at a time when these funds are critical, due to the age, poverty and increasing disability of our waning survivor population, and as they also continue to face the ongoing uncertainty and threat of COVID-19. We know these funds provide vital support during these difficult times.”

In recent years, during negotiations with the German government, the Claims Conference pressed the urgent need to increase home care funding for Holocaust survivors both in the United States and across the globe. The new allocations are distributed to social welfare organizations in regions where significant numbers of survivors live, to ensure vital services, such as home care, medical care, emergency assistance and food are available for Holocaust survivors in those regions. Funds for these vital services provide a critical lifeline to frail, elderly Holocaust survivors in need around the world, enabling them to live out their remaining days in the dignity that was stolen from them in their youth.

Among the organizations in the United States to receive grants is Goodman Jewish Family Services of Broward County (Goodman JFS) which is dedicated to empowering individuals, strengthening families, protecting the vulnerable and helping seniors including Holocaust survivors age safely and with dignity in their homes by providing innovative social services and programs to the Broward community. As the third largest grantee, the allocated funds allow Goodman JFS to provide its Holocaust Survivor Assistance Program with the support it needs to coordinate benefits and services tailored to meet their unique healthcare, social, financial and emotional needs.

“Broward County has one of the largest Holocaust survivor populations in the United States,” said Randy Colman, President and CEO of Goodman JFS. “This generous allocation from the Claims Conference is critical to help us offer dignified support to our survivors through qualified and compassionate care managers, food from our Cupboard, financial support and an overall improved quality of life.”

Greg Schneider, Claims Conference Executive Vice President, said, “Survivors will be supported wherever they live, whether war-torn areas or conflict zones, and no matter the obstacle. Whether in the face of the ongoing pandemic, issues of inflation, or threat of war, we are committed to providing home care, food and medicine to elderly poor Holocaust survivors. We will continue to fight for more year-after-year to ensure every survivor has the care they deserve.”

These considerable funds constitute one of the largest allocations from any grant-making organization globally in one year and the largest amount ever allocated for Claims Conference in a single year. In 2021, the Claims Conference distributed \$653 million USD in grants to over 300 social service agencies worldwide and this year the Claims Conference estimates that the funds, through the grants and partner organizations, will reach approximately 120,000 survivors.

By state, the number of grants distributed comprise: Arizona (2); California (7); Colorado (1); Connecticut (1); Florida (6); Illinois (1); Maryland (2); Massachusetts (1); Michigan (2); Minnesota (1); Nevada (1); New Jersey (11); New York (9); Ohio (3); Oregon (1); Pennsylvania (2); Texas (2); and, Washington (1). In some cases, the grants are distributed to organizations that reach survivors in adjacent states.

Additionally, Claims Conference continues to provide direct compensation to survivors. In 2021, the Claims Conference distributed approximately \$820 million USD in compensation to over 210,000 survivors in 83 countries.

Representatives from 23 major Jewish organizations founded the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) in 1951 in response to the West German government's promise to make "material amends" to Jewish survivors of the Holocaust. The Claims Conference represents world Jewry in negotiating for compensation and restitution for Jewish survivors of the Holocaust and their heirs.

For more information about the Claims Conference, please visit: www.claimscon.org

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About the Claims Conference: The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference), a nonprofit organization with offices in New York, Israel and Germany, secures material compensation for Holocaust survivors around the world. Founded in 1951 by representatives of 23 major international Jewish organizations, the Claims Conference negotiates for and disburses funds to individuals and organizations and seeks the return of Jewish property stolen during the Holocaust. As a result of negotiations with the Claims Conference since 1952, the German government has paid more than \$90 billion in indemnification to individuals for suffering and losses resulting from persecution by the Nazis. In 2021, the Claims Conference distributed approximately \$820 million in compensation to over 210,000 survivors in 83 countries and allocated over \$650 million in grants to over 300 social service agencies worldwide that provide vital services for Holocaust survivors, such as homecare, food and medicine.

About Goodman Jewish Family Services of Broward County: Goodman JFS is dedicated to empowering individuals, strengthening families, protecting the vulnerable and helping seniors age safely and with dignity in their homes by providing innovative social services and programs to the Broward community. Our work is based on Jewish values to improve quality of life regardless of race, religion, ethnic background or sexual orientation. The agency has been assisting residents and Holocaust survivors in Broward County for more than 58 years. Goodman JFS provides food, socialization opportunities, reparations, and home care and emergency services to Holocaust survivors and Broward County residents of all faiths who are in need. Its ongoing community outreach brings hope, dignity and joy to the lives of so many in need throughout Broward County. For more details, visit www.jfsbroward.org/.

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