DOCUMENTARY

Jewish Family & Children’s Service wins prize for short film

The Waltham-based Jewish Family & Children’s Service announced that The Communicator Awards has honored its online documentary “Izzy” with a first-place prize in the nonprofit category.

This international awards program recognizes big ideas in marketing and communications. Founded two decades ago, The Communicator Awards receives more than 6,000 entries from companies and agencies of all sizes, making it one of the largest awards of its kind in the world.

The four-minute documentary, produced in conjunction with Embryo Creative Group, is a first person account of Izzy Arbeiter, a Holocaust survivor now living in Boston who lost both parents and his younger brother while being held at the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Arbeiter now volunteers with Jewish Family & Children’s Service to help Holocaust survivors and senior citizens live with dignity and deal with the daily challenges they face, according to the organization.

“Our Schechter Holocaust Services program continues to honor our agency’s longstanding commitment to address the needs and concerns of Holocaust survivors and their families as they change over time,” said JF&CS CEO Rimma Zelzand. “We are delighted that The Communicator Awards recognized Izzy’s powerful story and the important work he’s doing for Boston-area Holocaust survivors.”

The Communicator Awards is sanctioned and judged by the International Academy of Visual Arts, an invitation-only group consisting of top-tier professionals from acclaimed media, communications, advertising, creative and marketing firms.

Jewish Family & Children’s Service is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2014. The organization started in 1864 as the United Hebrew Benevolent Association, and works every day to support 200 communities in and around Boston.

To learn more about Jewish Family & Children’s Service and its programs, visit www.jfcsboston.org, call 781-647-JFCS or follow @jfcsboston on Twitter.