



## **JF&CS Adoption Resources Receives Generous Grant from the Krupp Family Foundation for LGBTQ Equality Project**

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We are pleased to share that JF&CS Adoption Resources was granted funding by the Krupp Family Foundation to deliver targeted support to LGBTQ families who pursue adoption as a means of creating and expanding their families. Adoption Resources plans to mitigate the financial burden and the financial risk of adoption for LGBTQ families, boost the program's capacity to provide LGBTQ-inclusive services, and provide support specifically to LGBTQ adoptive families through community outreach and education programming.

For many LGBTQ families, the financial obligation and risk of adoption will necessitate a delay to start their family while they work to save the necessary funds. Sometimes these financial barriers preclude adoption altogether. While there are other financial resources available for adoptive parents, many of these exclude LGBTQ families because of religious restrictions and are simply insufficient to meet the needs of the many families who require financial assistance in order to adopt. Thanks to this newly awarded and very generous funding, Adoption Resources will be able to pilot a new loan program to allow LGBTQ families to undertake the adoption process when they are ready by partially funding their placement fees and providing flexibility to repay the loan over time with zero interest.

In addition, Adoption Resources is excited to create workshops and educational sessions for pre- and post-adoptive families on topics such as transracial adoption, financing adoption, private adoption, navigating open adoptions, and caring for substance-exposed newborns. A number of these workshops will be co-sponsored by Keshet, a national organization that works for full LGBTQ equality and inclusion in Jewish life. While these educational workshops will be targeted to the LGBTQ community, they will be open to the community at large and many topics will be relevant to adoptive families of all backgrounds.

Betsy Hochberg, Director of Adoption Resources, shared, "JF&CS Adoption Resources has a rich history of serving all families. Our work focuses on finding homes for every baby. We hope that this grant will enable us to develop a truly diverse group of waiting adoptive families."

Idit Klein, Executive Director of Keshet, stated, "We applaud JF&CS Adoption Resources and the Krupp Family Foundation for their leadership on this important issue. Responding to a critical need in the LGBTQ community, we hope that this initiative will set a new standard for LGBTQ-inclusive adoption practices for JF&CS and other adoption providers nationwide."

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**About Jewish Family & Children's Service**

JF&CS Adoption Resources offers a variety of programs to assist individuals and couples pursuing adoption. We are licensed in Massachusetts to provide domestic adoption services and our comprehensive services provide support and counseling before, during, and after placement. We work with single parents, same sex couples, and heterosexual couples and help families choose the level of openness in their adoptions.

For 150 years, Jewish Family & Children's Service has provided exceptional human service programs, guided by Jewish traditions of social responsibility, compassion, and respect for all members of the community. With an integrated network of more than 40 programs serving communities throughout Eastern and Central Massachusetts, JF&CS helps people of all faiths and backgrounds meet life's challenges. JF&CS programs focus on serving particularly vulnerable populations including children and adults with disabilities or mental illness, new mothers and their infants, older adults living with chronic conditions, and people experiencing financial crisis, hunger, or domestic abuse. Visit [www.jfcsboston.org](http://www.jfcsboston.org) for more information.

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