



To JCS Board Members, Former JCS Board Members, JCS Council Members, JCS Staff,

I am writing to let you know that Barbara Gradet has decided to leave JCS at the end of her contract, June 30, 2016. Barbara and her husband, Howard, plan to relocate to California to be closer to their children and grandchildren and to pursue new career opportunities.

This is certainly a bittersweet moment for JCS. Barbara's contributions to JFS and JCS over the past 11 years are incalculable. Her leadership has helped make us one of the most effective and respected social service agencies in North America. She will be sorely missed. However, all of us who know Barbara understand how important her children and grandchildren are to her, and we are happy that she and Howard will be able to join them in the beautiful climate of sunny California.

I will be forming a Search Committee that will begin meeting this summer to plan the process for finding Barbara's successor. It is my intention for this transition year to be a smooth and seamless one. Of course, in the meantime, the important work of JCS goes on under Barbara's excellent leadership.

Sincerely,

Ron Attman
President
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