

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Alaina Green 720.248.4590 303.947.9148 Cell agreen@jewishfamilyservice.org

New Fund for Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust Established

DENVER, Colo. — **January 16, 2015** — Jewish Family Service announces that the Claims Conference has successfully negotiated a \$250 million landmark agreement with the German government. As a result of this negotiation, a new fund will be established, to be administered by the Claims Conference, for Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust.

This fund is open to Jewish Nazi victims who were persecuted as Jews and were born January 1, 1928 or later AND who suffered one of the following types of persecution:

- Were in a concentration camp; or
- Were in a ghetto (or similar place of incarceration in accordance with the German Slave Labor Program); or
- Were in hiding or living under false identity for a period of at least 6 months in Nazi-occupied or Axis countries;
- Were a fetus during time that their mother suffered persecution as described above.

Eligible applicants are entitled to receive a one-time payment of €2,500 (approximately \$3,280).

Individualized applications were mailed in December to certain survivors who are known to the Claims Conference and may be eligible. For those who want to apply and did not receive an application in the mail, application forms will be available on the <u>Claims Conference website</u> beginning February 1. There is no deadline to apply and no income restriction.

Mirella Schreiber, JFS care manager, is available to answer questions and provide information about the application process. Please contact her at 720.248.4640 or mschreiber@jewishfamilyservice.org.

More information about the fund and eligibility requirements: http://www.claimscon.org/2014/09/child-survivors/

About Jewish Family Service of Colorado

Jewish Family Service of Colorado (JFS) believes in strengthening the community by providing vital services to people in need. Every day, JFS helps people overcome life's challenges to live fuller, more meaningful lives. Founded in 1872, JFS is a nonsectarian, nonprofit human services agency serving metro Denver and Boulder. JFS helps seniors live independently at home, provides quality mental health counseling, offers training and job placement to those with developmental disabilities and other barriers to employment, and provides food and financial aid to people in crisis. Every year, the agency benefits more than 25,000 people of all ages, faiths, incomes, and abilities. For more information, call 303.597.5000 or visit www.jewishfamilyservice.org. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter!