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**SYNAGOGUE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROJECT OF
JEWISH CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES NAMED IN 2018 CHICAGO EDITION OF SLINGSHOT GUIDE**
Thirteenth Annual Slingshot Guide Highlights the Best of the Thriving Jewish Nonprofit World

Chicago, IL---The Synagogue Community Partnership project of Jewish Child & Family Services (JCFS) has been named in the thirteenth annual Slingshot Guide. The Guide highlights the most groundbreaking organizations and projects, and is a resource for volunteers, activists and donors looking for new opportunities and projects that, through their innovative nature, will ensure the Jewish community remains relevant and thriving.

Selected from among hundreds of finalists reviewed by over 100 individuals with expertise in grant-making and Jewish communal life, JCFS's Synagogue Community Partnership works with Chicago-area congregations to provide easily accessible, welcoming support and services to address the social services and mental health needs of the Jewish community in a place where individuals and families already gather. Organizations included in this year's Guide were evaluated on their innovative approach, the impact they have in their work, the leadership they have in their sector, and their effectiveness at achieving results.

"JCFS is proud to be selected in this year's guide, and thrilled to be part of the amazing community of innovative Jewish organizations included in the Guide over the years who continue to create positive change in the Jewish community," said Amy Rubin, Senior Director, Community Services at JCFS.

Added Stefanie Rhodes, Executive Director of Slingshot, which publishes the Guide each year, "Slingshot's work is to help Jews find, fund and connect to meaningful, exciting experiences in Jewish life. We are proud to highlight organizations doing exceptional work, serving as the trailblazers for what is possible, meeting the community's evolving needs and inspiring all of us. Whether we look to the guide for funding ideas, best practices or trends in Jewish life, it remains a resource for all of us, providing new tools and optimism for our collective future. We would like to thank our generous partners for helping support the Chicago edition of Slingshot 2018 - The Crown Family Philanthropies and the Jack and Goldie Wolfe Miller Fund."

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The Slingshot Guide was created by a team of young funders as a guidebook to help funders of all ages diversify their giving portfolios to include the most innovative and effective organizations, programs and projects in North America. For more information visit slingshotfund.org

JCFS provides vital, individualized, results-driven, therapeutic and supportive services for children, adults and families of all backgrounds who face challenges with life transitions, mental health, intellectual/developmental disability or basic human need.

JCFS is a partner with Jewish United Fund in serving our community. We embrace diversity. Our commitment to inclusivity is woven throughout our services, programs and welcoming workplace. For more information visit JCFS.org

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