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Jewish Federation of Broward County lends a helping hand to Women in Distress

The Jewish Federation of [Broward County](#) recruited more than 300 volunteers for its fifth annual Tikkun Olam Day. Tikkun Olam, which means "repair the world," is a fundamental principal of Jewish tradition, and the day is an annual tradition for the Jewish Federation and the participating synagogues. This year, the Federation lent a helping hand to Women in Distress, painting, cleaning, gardening and otherwise improving the newly purchased facility.

"It was a remarkable and exhilarating day," said Elissa Mogilefsky, chairwoman of the Community Relations Committee for the Jewish Federation of [Broward County](#). "So many people across the county showed up, and made a wonderful impact. Buildings were painted, the landscaping was improved, and hundreds of toiletry bags consisting of lotion, shampoo, conditioner and soap were assembled by volunteers." This year's event was chaired by Gail Kuhn, Lyn Saberg and Rabbi Mark Gross.

Every year, the Jewish Federation of [Broward County](#) selects an important charity to help. In years past, volunteers have provided tremendous

assistance to the Salvation Army Transitional Housing and Archways Mental Health facility. This year, Women in Distress was selected, to help revamp the new facility.

The mission of Women in Distress is to provide victims of domestic violence with safe shelter, crisis intervention and resources, and to educate the community in order to Stop Abuse For Everyone (SAFE) through Intervention, Education and Advocacy. The organization purchased new property and the Tikkun Olam Day volunteers helped refurbish the building and the land. In addition, numerous children were there to help, many of whom participated in a craft project making trivets, book marks and memo pads for the residents.

The Jewish Federation of [Broward County](#) acts in concert with its network of beneficiary agencies to lend them a helping hand; safeguard and address local educational and social service needs; perpetuate Jewish tradition and heritage; and ensure the continuity and survival of Israel, and Jewish communities around the world.



Pepi Dunay, VP of Community Relations of the Jewish Federation of Broward County, Deerfield Beach Commissioner Bill Ganz, Mary Riedel, President and CEO of Women in Distress of Broward County



Rabbi Mark Gross, Gail Kuhn, Elissa Moilefsky, Eric B. Stillman



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Peter Berg and Stan Lebowitz



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