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## JSSA Seeks Volunteers for Hospice and Transitions Program

**March 8, 2010—Rockville, MD—**Do you want to help people during their most challenging days? Do you want to make a real difference in the life of a patient or family by volunteering your time and compassion? Would you be interested in providing telephone support to a bereaved person? JSSA (Jewish Social Service Agency), a non-sectarian community agency, is seeking volunteers over the age of 18 to help enhance the quality of life of individuals and families facing life-threatening or terminal illness.

JSSA offers specialized training for prospective volunteers for its Hospice and Transitions programs. JSSA's Hospice provides professional care and volunteer support to terminally ill individuals and their families in our community; it also provides bereavement support for 13 months following a loved one's death. JSSA's Transitions program provides volunteer services to patients and their families living with life-limiting illness and the effects of treatment. Volunteers visit patients in their homes and in residential facilities, provide companionship and emotional support, practical assistance with errands and transportation, and offer respite for caregivers. Bereavement volunteers make evening phone calls that can make a difference in a bereaved person's day.

The next training course is scheduled for Monday, April 26; Thursday, April 29; Monday, May 3; and Thursday, May 6, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at JSSA's Montrose Road office, 6123 Montrose Road, Rockville. Applications and interviews will be required for those interested in the volunteer training. No walk-ins accepted. For more information and to sign up for the course, please contact Amy Kaufman Goott, Volunteer Coordinator for JSSA Hospice and Transitions at 301-816-2650, [agoott@jssa.org](mailto:agoott@jssa.org), no later than 5 days prior to the start of the course.

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JSSA has been helping people across the Washington metropolitan area meet emotional, social, and physical challenges for more than 115 years. A nonsectarian provider, we serve people of all religious backgrounds, races and ethnicities, helping the youngest child to the most fragile senior, from individuals to entire families. JSSA provides services and support to more than 25,000 individuals a year through our wide range of counseling, educational, employment, in-home support, hospice and nursing care, and social services.