



## **2017 Grant Report**

### **Joint Coalition Assistance Fund**

Kavod Senior Life was honored to receive a \$2,000 grant from the Joint Coalition Assistance Fund in 2017. The grant was a huge asset to the organization in that we primarily serve seniors who are near or below the poverty level, evidenced by our average resident income of \$13,500. The grant enabled Kavod to assist individuals on our campus with basic needs that they were unable to afford otherwise.

Kavod worked with its four staff care coordinators (or social workers) to obtain applications from residents for funds (capped at \$300 per application). Then, we created an internal committee to assess the needs and allocate the money. Committee members represented three different internal departments and were not given resident names in order to retain objectivity and anonymity.

Each request was assessed for specific need appropriateness, resident income level, availability of outside/other support, insurance coverage, amount of request and urgency. In the end, seven residents were selected to receive the funds for a variety of needs that included payments for hearing tests and a hearing program, dental work, physical therapy, funeral expenses and clothing.

Funds were distributed directly to the vendor providing the service to the resident. Those receiving the funds were overwhelmed by this provision and could not express enough how much they appreciated this support.

It is with the care and generosity of the JCAF that Denver's most vulnerable seniors are able to obtain a better life and thrive in their later years. Thank you, JCAF members, leaders and team from all of us here at Kavod Senior Life!

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