EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Jewish Community Chaplain sought to serve as in-house chaplain in senior continuum of care community (50%) and as regional resource (25-50%)

Responsibilities include:

• Serving as the in-house Chaplain for Daughters of Sarah Community for Seniors. Job functions will include:
  o Providing pastoral care and counseling for residents of the Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and The Massry Assisted Living Center;
  o Liaising as needed with other community clergy (both Jewish and non-Jewish) to address resident needs;
  o Coordinating and conducting religious services for Jewish Holidays and celebrations;
  o Advising Activities, Dietary, and Social Service Departments on aspects of Jewish Holiday traditions, and serve as a resource to address Jewish observance questions (other than supervising Kashrut);
  o Providing programing on Jewish topics for residents, as requested;
  o Performing in-house funerals, as requested.
• Serving as community-wide chaplain for Jewish residents in other long-term care facilities, providing Jewish education and support to activities and related staff and provide pastoral care for Jewish residents;
• Training community volunteers who offer Jewish holiday, cultural and traditional activities to residents;
• Liaising with community rabbis and clergy to ensure residents and families in long-term care settings have option of receiving pastoral care.
• Providing guidance for Jewish holiday information and community-wide displays.
• Coordinate and manage distribution of Jewish holiday newsletter and similar communications to promote education as to Jewish holiday customs and traditions.
• Collaborate with Jewish and non-Jewish community professionals and volunteers to promote understanding and appreciation and innovations for Jewish pastoral care.
• Serve on Jewish Community Committee for Aging and related committees.

Requirements include:

• Minimum of one unit of clinical pastoral education and commitment to pursue additional units in first year of employment
• Rabbinical ordination or equivalent experience.
• Master's degree from an accredited institution in Theology, Pastoral Care, Judaism or Spirituality is required
• Minimum of 1-3 years of experience in chaplaincy or pastoral experience, preferably in healthcare setting
• Affiliation with NAJC: National Association of Jewish Chaplains within first year of employment preferred
• End-of-life expertise is preferred.
• Understanding of family dynamics; issues related to chronic disease management and emotional health; death and dying.
• Able to work in a collaborative team relationship.
• Able to perform public speaking engagements and lead weekly Shabbat and memorial services, as needed
• Able to work flexible hours, including potential for some evenings and weekends
• Able to work remotely
• Excellent interpersonal skills
• Valid driver’s license
• Own or have access to a reliable car

All potential employees of Jewish Family Services are subject to a criminal background check.

For consideration, please submit a resume, cover letter and two professional references to:

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