



Annual Report 2006–2007

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN





“We vow to continue our fight for the many important causes we so firmly believe in.”



NCJW member, Sue Rosenthal, of the NCJW West Morris Section reads with two girls, Alyssa Gonzalez and Aoma Caldwell during a sixth-grade diversity contest, “What Prejudice Means to Me.”

This year, NCJW made a difference.

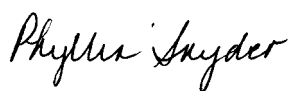
All of us — our members, volunteers, and supporters — can feel proud of what we accomplished. From July 2006 to June 2007, we galvanized our 90,000 members and supporters, taking action on a diversity of pressing issues that face society. From coast to coast and as far away as Israel, NCJW maintained its reputation as the “voice of the progressive Jewish woman” — speaking out on issues including reproductive rights, hate crimes, children’s health insurance, the rights of women and children in Israel, judicial nominations, religion-state separation, post-Katrina efforts, and Darfur.

A major accomplishment of this year was the initiation of our newest campaign, Plan A: NCJW’s Campaign for Contraceptive Access — a multifaceted program driven by an important public policy issue. At the June 7 national press conference that launched this campaign, we proclaimed in a powerful and unified voice, “We have a plan — Plan A: NCJW’s Campaign for Contraceptive Access. We have a plan — to educate ourselves. We have a plan — to educate others. We have a plan — to organize, mobilize, and activate the progressive community, the faith-based community, and the public at large to help ensure that every woman has access to contraception and medically accurate sexuality education.” We have successfully created numerous tools to be used by our national and local leaders, and our volunteers and advocates to champion this campaign for years to come.

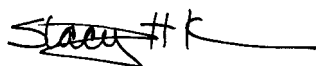
Our commitment to educate, mobilize, and activate the progressive and faith-based communities, and the public at large is in no way limited to contraceptive access. We vow to continue our fight for the many important causes we so firmly believe in.

With the support of our generous donors, volunteers, and advocates, our journey to make a difference, to achieve social justice by putting our progressive ideals into action, continues. There is much work to be done. Inspired by Jewish values, we have no choice but to follow our mission to improve the quality of life for women, children, and families, and to safeguard individual rights and freedoms. Golda Meir said, “I never did anything alone. Whatever was accomplished in this country was accomplished collectively.” We can certainly say the same for our work at NCJW,

We cannot do it alone.



Phyllis Snyder, President



Stacy Kass, Executive Director





NCJW activists join coalition partners to mark World AIDS Day, December 2007, Washington DC.

Truth is
sometimes
stranger
than fiction

And the truth is, women and their families are paying the price.

Plan ASM

NCJW's Campaign for Contraceptive Access



Coordinated campaigns like Plan A mobilize and unite NCJW's grassroots in communities around the country.

Educating, Mobilizing, and Activating the Progressive Community

On June 7, 2007, the National Council of Jewish Women's newest campaign — Plan A: NCJW's Campaign for Contraceptive Access — was publicly launched at a national press conference in Washington, DC. This proactive, community-based program aims to secure and protect access to contraception, focusing on five key issues: comprehensive sexuality education, emergency contraception, pharmacy refusals, affordable contraception, and young women's access. The public launch of this campaign ushered in a robust series of powerful NCJW advocacy and education initiatives at community, state, and national levels.

Promoting a Federal Bench That Supports Fundamental Freedoms

BenchMark: NCJW's Campaign to Save Roe continued to build momentum through coalition partnerships on both the local and national levels. Focusing on targeted communities throughout the country, NCJW joined with its coalition partners to provide training and technical assistance aimed at strengthening education and outreach efforts on the impact of judicial nominations on our constitutional rights and freedoms. Following its ambition to mobilize quickly and vigorously when necessary, NCJW activated its grassroots volunteers to

oppose the confirmation of Leslie Southwick, a nominee with a record of hostility to civil rights, to a lifetime seat on the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

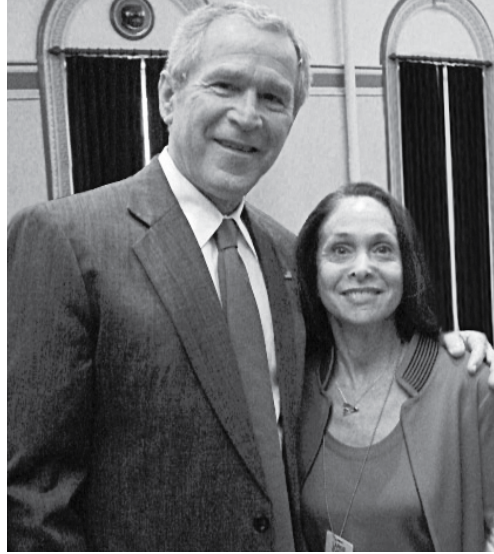
NCJW Marks Victories in Washington

NCJW celebrated passage of several bills that had received priority attention from NCJW advocates over the years, including the reauthorization of the Head Start program with protections against religious discrimination in hiring and the passage of a hate crimes prevention bill in both the House and Senate. In addition, the House passed the DC Voting Rights Act, granting voting representation in the House of Representatives to our nation's capital.

“We express our appreciation to the legislators who stand up to be counted in favor of civil rights and justice.”



Students enrolled in the NCJW Women and Gender Studies Program at Tel Aviv University, the first bachelor's degree-granting program of its kind in the Middle East. Photo credit: Vera Etzion.



President Phyllis Snyder represented NCJW as part of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, June 2007, Washington DC.



Award-winning publications like the *NCJW Journal* help NCJW educate and inspire its membership.

NCJW Approaches 60 Years of Commitment to Israel

As Israel prepares to celebrate its 60th anniversary, NCJW continues to reaffirm its strong commitment to the Jewish state. In the summer of 2006, as war erupted between Israel and Lebanon, NCJW rapidly responded by distributing emergency funds strategically through direct support to NCJW-funded projects. To promote the rights of all women in Israel, NCJW, represented by President Phyllis Snyder, spoke out in protest of gender-segregated bus lines. During more peaceful times, NCJW celebrated the completion of its million-dollar endowment to the growing NCJW Women and Gender Studies Program at Tel Aviv University. Complementing NCJW-funded programs at both Tel Aviv and Hebrew Universities, NCJW's Israel Granting Program continues to sustain diverse pioneering programs via its grass-roots grants that teach, support, and empower women, children, and families throughout Israel.

NCJW Members Convened for Education and Motivation, Turning What They Learned Into Action

At Washington Institute 2007, NCJW's premier public policy event, more than 400 action-minded women representing 75 NCJW sections, 31 states, and eight countries participated in high-level

briefings and advocacy training. These volunteers took part in 200 congressional visits, using what they learned to advocate for congressional support for three pieces of critical legislation: broadening the protections of the hate crimes bill, expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), and federal funding for comprehensive sexuality education. Providing instruction that could be put into immediate action was also a key focus of the NCJW Leaders' Retreat held in September 2006. Over 85 NCJW leaders received training covering topics such as strategic planning and organizational governance. Leaders returned to their communities eager to share and use their newly honed skills to energize their local members.

NCJW Receives Recognition

NCJW took home honors that show our collective commitment not only to our message, but to our important mission. The *NCJW Journal* and website each won top 2006 MarCom Creative Awards. The *Summer 2006 NCJW Journal: Facing the Crisis in Women's Health Care* took home a platinum award — MarCom's premier prize, for exceptional magazine standards. And NCJW's website, www.ncjw.org, scored a 2006 gold award for its online excellence. These awards mark the third consecutive year that the *NCJW Journal* and website have been acknowledged in this prestigious international competition.

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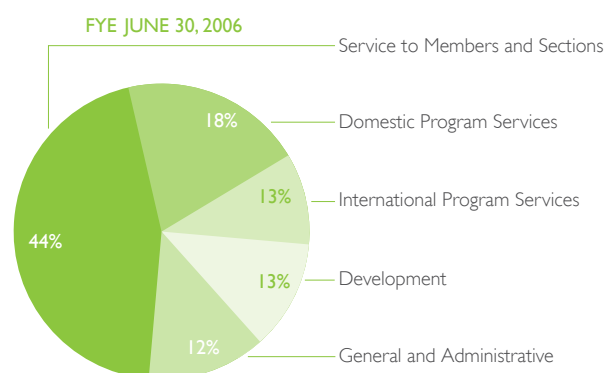
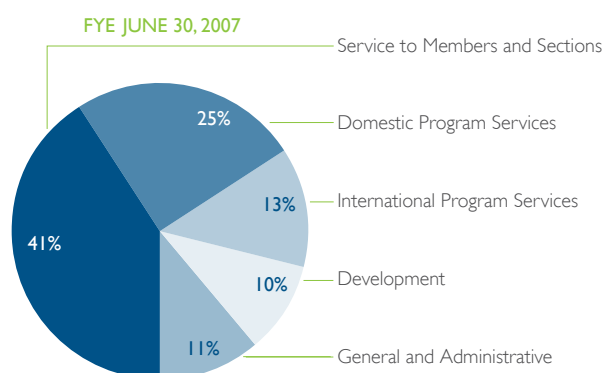
Statement of Activities and Net Assets

	FYE June 30, 2007	FYE June 30, 2006
Total Revenue	\$6,028,629	\$3,948,218
Expenses and Other Charges		
Program Services		
International	580,779	551,559
Domestic	1,065,604	788,863
Service to Members and Sections	1,800,991	1,933,416
Supporting Services		
General and Administrative	458,088	528,419
Development	441,806	574,557
Other Charges, Net	(37,352)	40,432
Total Expenses and Other Charges	\$4,309,916	\$4,417,246
Change in Net Assets	1,718,713	(469,028)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	14,325,597	14,794,625
Net Assets at End of Year	\$16,044,310	\$14,325,597
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$4,339,216	\$2,743,225
Temporarily Restricted ♦	6,417,304	6,452,301
Permanently Restricted ♦♦	5,287,790	5,130,071
Total Net Assets	\$16,044,310	\$14,325,597

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