



ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

# LOOKING FORWARD TO THE **FUTURE**

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National Council of Jewish Women

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NCJW was on the move in 2012. Whether it was at our headquarters in New York, through our lobbying efforts in our nation's capital, or as a result of our sections' relentless community service and advocacy in communities across the country, we led with commitment and passion as we moved our signature issues forward.

## ADVANCING SOCIAL CHANGE IN THE US

In the US, we mobilized and we agitated to preserve the gains women have made toward equality. We worked to strengthen the social safety net and to ensure the free exercise of our constitutional rights to religious liberty — especially when it came to reproductive justice issues. NCJW's online Action Center provided a platform for advocates to take action on issues including reproductive justice, paycheck fairness, health care reform, voting rights, domestic violence prevention, job creation and LGBT rights to name just a few. In our nation's capital, as well as regionally through our sections, we extended our reach and augmented our impact through partnership within coalitions.



## OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH ISRAEL

This past year especially, we were reminded just how deeply we are connected to our sisters in Israel and how firmly our fates are tied. We applauded the 450,000 protestors from all walks of life who took to the streets to peacefully demonstrate, calling for the government to address Israel's internal safety net issues. We expressed our support for the demonstrations in Israel upholding women's right to access public, secular spaces without restriction and voiced its support for the Israeli government's action to protect women under attack by some ultra-Orthodox Israelis. We continued to provide grant monies to grassroots organizations committed to women's empowerment and gender equality.

## THE POWER OF DIALOGUE AND ACTION

We secured a \$500,000 grant from the The Morton and Barbara Mandel Family Foundation to support a new online community to transform the way we connect on issues we care about. Through [www.my.NCJW.org](http://www.my.NCJW.org), we will welcome new and familiar faces and minds into our community. Visitors will gain new access to advocacy resources, vibrant discussions where you can weigh in on the issues, and ways to connect with others in the NCJW community.



## SUPPORTING LEADERSHIP

In spring 2012 we held our Leaders Retreat to bolster strategic leadership and organizing skills and provide participants with concrete tools and training to increase the scope, efficacy, and visibility of their ongoing work. Participants shared their energy and commitment and we were reminded in compelling fashion that within each of us is a story of a life transformed that can motivate and move others.

## LOOKING FORWARD

We look ahead to long-term growth and continue to press for social justice. We recognize that as we collaborate and connect with each other, we have more power than ever before in history to shape the future.

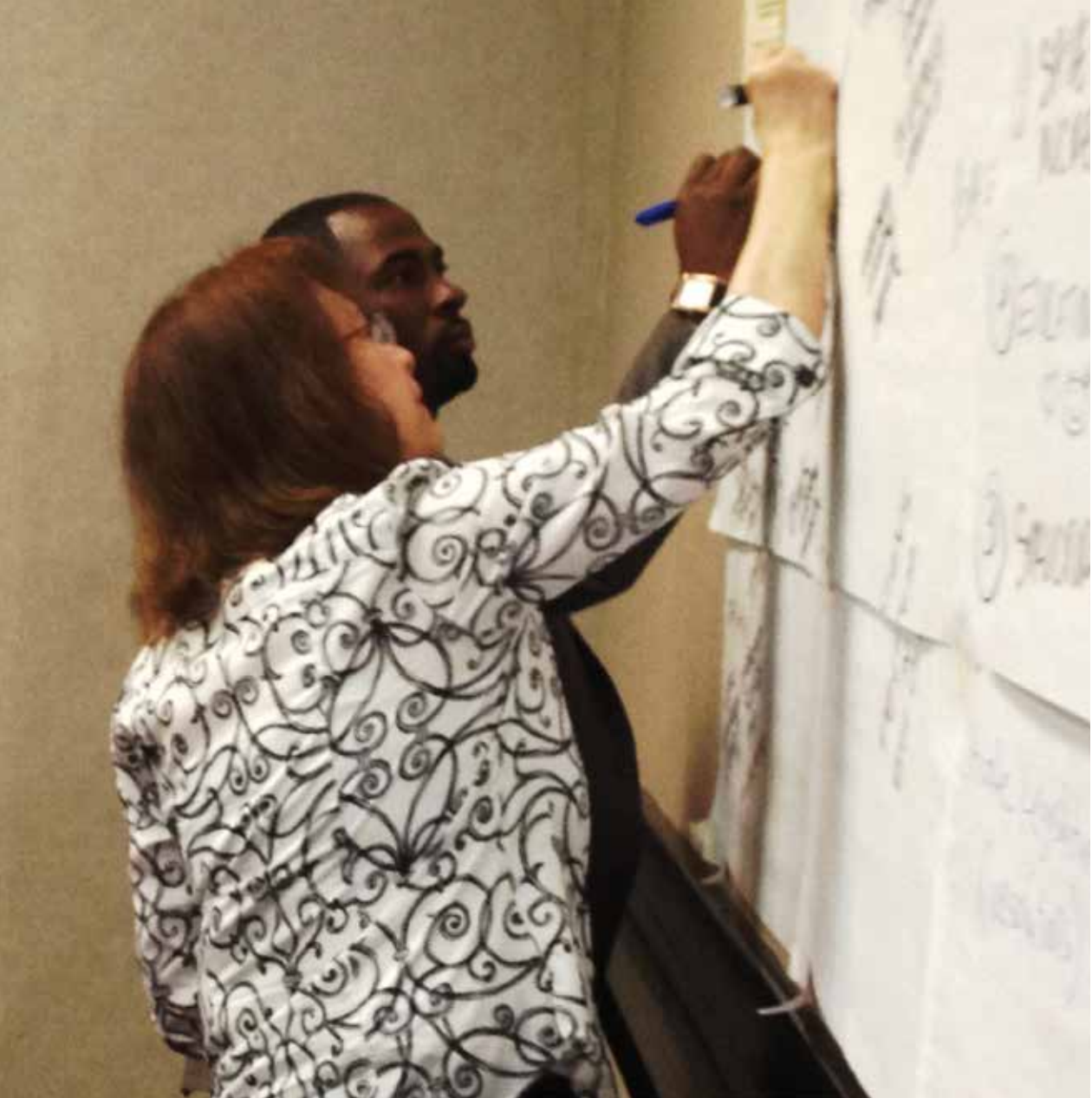
None of this important work would be possible without the dedication of our members, advocates, supporters and staff — people who believe, as we do, that our work is only beginning and will remain constant. So as you browse through the pages of this annual report, we hope you will discover new information, ideas, and inspiration and help us continue our mission of improving the lives of women, children, and families.

With a faith in the future and a belief in action,

Linda Slucker  
President, 2011–2014

Nancy K. Kaufman  
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**PICTURED (LEFT TO RIGHT): PICTURE 1:** NCJW CEO NANCY K. KAUFMAN SPEAKS AT THE DEMOCRATIC STEERING AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE WEEKLY MEETING WITH WOMEN’S HEALTH AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS LEADERS. (PHOTO: SENATE DEMOCRATIC STEERING AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE) **PICTURE 2:** NANCY K. KAUFMAN VISITS THE NCJW GREATER DALLAS SECTION. (PHOTO: NCJW GREATER DALLAS SECTION) **PICTURE 3:** NCJW’S ROCKLAND SECTION MAKING FLEECE BLANKETS FOR THE HOMELESS CHILDREN. (PHOTO: NCJW ROCKLAND SECTION) **PICTURE 4:** NCJW CLEVELAND SECTION’S DONE IN A DAY VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT MYERS APARTMENTS. OVER 70 RESIDENTS ENJOYED AN AFTERNOON OF ICE CREAM TREATS WITH TOPPINGS PROVIDED BY NCJW VOLUNTEERS. (PHOTO: NCJW CLEVELAND SECTION)



Justice, justice thou shall pursue” speaks to all of us. Urge your senators to do their due diligence of “advise and consent”: to send names of fair and independent candidates to the president, and to swiftly vote them onto the federal bench.”

Eleanor Levie, NCJW Advocate and Life Member

Marlene Cohen, Texas State Policy Advocate, participates in “Courts Matter,” a two-day training workshop on addressing the problem of vacancies in the federal judiciary, held in Dallas. The “Courts Matter” workshop was funded through a generous grant from the Open Society Foundation.

PHOTO: SAMMIE MOSHENBERG



I just sent a letter to our president via the NCJW website. Advocacy has never been this easy.”  
AJ Grossman, NCJW Advocate

The [NCJW St. Louis Section](#) advanced the economic status of women in line with [NCJW’s Higher Ground initiative](#). Marilyn Ratkin, project co-chair for Healing Hearts Bank and organizer of the Economic Justice Committee, promotes the programs at a microfinance conference.

**PHOTO:** NCJW ST. LOUIS SECTION

# Thank you, Estelle!



Birth control is legal in the US because Estelle Griswold stood up for her rights. The landmark Supreme Court case of *Griswold v. Connecticut* legalized access to birth control for married women and set the stage for other important reproductive rights decisions.

***Griswold v. Connecticut***  
**June 7, 1965**

Plan 

NCJW's Campaign for Contraceptive Access

[www.ncjw.org/PlanA](http://www.ncjw.org/PlanA)

Can you believe that in 2012 we still have to stand united for women and families so that contraceptives are available to anyone who wants them? Check NCJW out if you haven't already."

Jackie Rosenblatt, NCJW Life Member

NCJW marked the anniversary of *Griswold v. Connecticut* with its first "peer-to-peer" fundraising campaign to support Plan A: [NCJW's Campaign for Contraceptive Access](http://www.ncjw.org/PlanA) in honor of the program's fifth anniversary.



As a member of NCJW, I will fight to my last breath for safe reproductive practices available to all women. Life before Roe must never be repeated and, thanks to NCJW, should never be forgotten.”

Dr. Nilza Kallos, NCJW Miami Section,  
Winner of the *Roe v. Wade* Anniversary blog contest

Don't mess with Texas Women! [Texas State Policy Advocate](#) Susan Pintchovski and Harriet Levine at the Austin Rally for Women's Health.

PHOTO: NCJW TEXAS STATE POLICY ADVOCACY NETWORK

### Stop Political Interference

- ✓ Amendment 6 will allow politicians to intrude on personal medical decisions between a woman, her family, her faith and her doctor.
- ✓ Amendment 6 makes no exceptions for a woman's health. If a pregnant woman's health was threatened, it could ban insurance from covering the medical care she needs to end a pregnancy and protect her health.
- ✓ Amendment 6 could take away access to health care that many women who are public employees in Florida – like teachers, police officers and nurses – currently have.

### Vote NO on Amendment 6!

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### Preserve Separation of Religion & State

- ✓ Amendment 8 diverts funds from public schools and publically funded programs to the direct funding of religion, religious programs and religious schools.
- ✓ Amendment 8 could lead to misuse of taxpayer dollars and massive fraud since it requires zero oversight or accountability when funding groups of any kind calling themselves a religious organization.
- ✓ Amendment 8 will make any religious group eligible for a handout of unlimited taxpayer dollars, which makes no sense since religious groups already pay no taxes.

### Vote NO on Amendment 8!

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NCJW is all fired up! We are “on the map” as never before, and we are engaging our members and the public alike in our efforts to have voters just say no.”

Judy Traub, NCJW Advocate and Life Member

The 10 South Florida sections formed the [NCJW South Florida Coalition](#) to address two key ballot amendments (6 and 8) for the 2012 election. Among many activities, the coalition distributed 15,000 NCJW “Vote No on Amendment 6 and 8” voter palm cards across South Florida.

NCJW SOUTH FLORIDA COALITION





Meeting Israeli women who are just as daring, committed and pioneering as the NCJW women in the United States was so inspiring — it made me feel proud of Israel, of its women, and deepened my attachment to Israel.”

NCJW Women’s Mission to Israel Participant

NCJW expressed solidarity with participants in a massive rally that brought out 450,000 Israelis from all walks of life to peacefully demonstrate for social change in Israel.

PHOTO: SHARI ESHET



I am a product of my experiences with NCJW and my experiences have highlighted the strength and power we have as Jewish women.”

Cindy Amberger, NCJW Advocate and Life Member

[NCJW Minneapolis Section's Stuff for Kids/Stuff for School](#) project assembled bulk supplies for 13,500 students at 27 Minneapolis public schools, helping to ensure that all students start the school year ready to learn.

**PHOTO:** NCJW MINNEAPOLIS SECTION



As Jewish social justice activists, we are coming to Washington to express our belief that the ultimate goal in any government policy decision — be it the budget or any other issue — must be informed by a commitment to social justice and a more equitable distribution of public funds.”

Nancy K. Kaufman, NCJW CEO

United in our common desire to advance social change, NCJW traveled as part of the [Jewish Social Justice Roundtable](#) to the White House for a series of policy briefings to exchange ideas on housing, healthcare, food justice and education and meet with administration officials about the importance of grassroots leadership.

**PHOTO:** KRISTIAN WHIPPLE



I've learned it from Jill, I learned it from my sister and I've learned from the over thousand hours of hearings we held on the violence against women act that the single most important thing that empowers young women is women – powerful women."

Vice President Joe Biden, addressing Women's History Month Gathering attended by NCJW

NCJW CEO Nancy K. Kaufman and Board Director Christine Stone celebrate Women's History Month at the White House with Vice President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden.

PHOTO: THE WHITE HOUSE



Seeing unmet needs, being a part of a strong national organization, and having like-minded women who stand up for social justice, have been and continue to be the strong support for me in my advocacy efforts. Alone, I could do little — as a part of NCJW, my voice will be heard.”

Judi Wolf, NCJW Advocate and Life Member

Jamie Rafaela Wolfe of [NCJW’s San Francisco Section](#) holds up a copy of the Spring 2012 *NCJW in Action* mailer.

**PHOTO:** NCJW SAN FRANCISCO SECTION



A pioneering organization takes a journey into the unknown. That takes a lot of courage and optimism. I'm proud to be part of an organization with those attributes."

NCJW Member

Thousands of children who would have otherwise struggled to gather what they needed for school were instead served by the Back 2 School Store program run by the St. Louis and [Essex County \(NJ\)](#) sections.

**PHOTO:** NCJW ESSEX COUNTY SECTION



Voting is about exercising your right to have a say in government. That's why I am so proud of NCJW's Promote the Vote, Protect the Vote Campaign, through which NCJW works to make sure that everyone who is eligible to vote can legally do so."

Gayle Kent, NCJW Intern, Summers 2011 and 2012

[NCJW Los Angeles Section](#) members registered first-time voters at Fairfax High School as part of the section's Promote the Vote, Protect the Vote 2012 activities.

**PHOTO:** NCJW LOS ANGELES SECTION



The Center for Social Change enables NCJW to mobilize our grassroots to take action at critical moments, educate the public about our issues, and create service projects that assist at-risk communities. NCJW programs such as Plan A, Higher Ground, Benchmark, Promote the Vote, Protect the Vote, Voices for Reproductive Choices, and our Israel Program have directly benefitted from Center for Social Change support.



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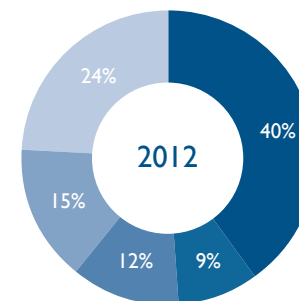
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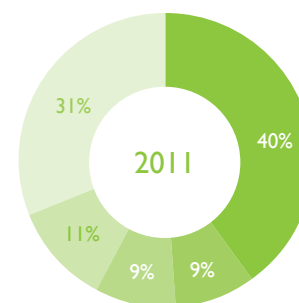
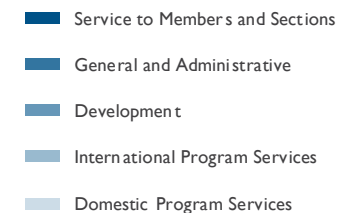
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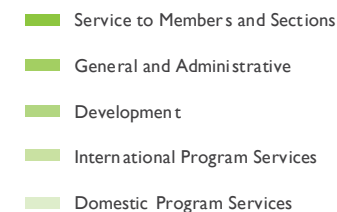
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<b>Total Revenue*</b>	\$2,436,246	\$6,375,928
<b>Expenses and Other Charges</b>		
Program Services		
International	647,049	433,717
Domestic	1,035,132	1,194,560
Service to Members and Sections	1,757,719	1,551,836
Supporting Services		
General and Administrative	367,876	335,551
Development	514,656	361,690
<b>Total Expenses and Other Charges</b>	<b>\$4,322,432</b>	<b>\$3,877,354</b>
Changes in Net Assets before Change in Value		
of Split-Interest Agreements	(1,866,186)	2,498,574
Change in Value of Split-Interest Agreements	(91,810)	35,784
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	18,122,359	15,588,001
Net Assets at End of Year	16,144,363	18,122,359
<b>Net Assets*</b>		
Unrestricted	\$5,471,327	\$7,543,426
Temporarily Restricted♦	5,243,238	5,107,119
Permanently Restricted♦♦	5,429,798	5,471,814
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$16,144,363</b>	<b>\$ 18,122,359</b>



Percentage of Total Expenses  
FYE JUNE 30, 2012



Percentage of Total Expenses  
FYE JUNE 30, 2011



\* Total Revenues for 2012 include unrealized investment losses of (\$1,667,874), and total revenues for 2011 include unrealized investment gains of \$1,904,375. Total Revenue for 2012 excluding unrealized investment losses was \$4,104,119. Total Revenue for 2011 excluding unrealized investment gains was \$4,471,553.

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