

# Tenants of JCHE Respond Generously to Hurricane Katrina. September 2005

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The donation boxes are full at each of the buildings of Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly as tenants generously contribute to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina. Many of the over 1300 older people who live at JCHE's Newton and Brighton buildings

have been quick to show their concern for the millions impacted by the devastation in the Gulf coast region.

“It’s so heartening to see this generous response, particularly from people who themselves have so little,” said Ellen Feingold, President of JCHE. “When others are facing a crisis, our tenants reach generously into their pockets.” JCHE’s tenants previously collected funds for victims of the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and of the Tsunami.

Mollie Finkelstein lives in JCHE’s Ulin House in Brighton. As a volunteer at the front desk of the building, she has watched many of her neighbors place their contributions to the Hurricane in the donation box. She explains why people want to help out. “Losing a home is a terrible thing.” This is a sentiment well understood by many who came to JCHE after experiencing their own housing crisis, either as immigrants or as long-time local residents in need of affordable housing..