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[JCC of Greater Pittsburgh Chief Program Officer Named “An Emerging Leader”](#)

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh is pleased to announce that JCC Chief Program Officer, Jason Kunzman, has been named a winner of the Emerging Leader Award from the Greater Pittsburgh NonProfit Partnership of the Forbes Funds. Kunzman was one of 15 finalists for this award whose criteria was to nominate a professional “integral to supporting their communities throughout the dual crises of the COVID-19 pandemic and social justice events over the past year and a half, identifying the needs of their communities and developing actionable solutions to continue meeting needs in an environment of increased demand and fewer resources.”

Kunzman played an important role in the JCC’s in emergency support related to 10.27 and the creation of the 10.27 Healing Partnership and was the JCC’s primary architect of Covid protocols to reopen the agency in June 2020 to today along with the launch of our life sustaining partnerships around blood supply shortages, Covid testing and ongoing vaccination clinics.

His work complements the life sustaining programs and services led by the JCC’s AgeWell at the JCC Department that have been ongoing since the pandemic began in March 2020, including the distribution or delivery of more than 105,000 meals to senior adults and children and supporting socially isolated seniors with almost 20,000 Telephone Wellness Checks.

“While this award could only be presented to an individual, we know that this award also recognizes our entire JCC community, who have been the most passionate individuals I know in pursuit of mission and excellence and have executed our Covid protocols with steadfast consistency, rigor, and endurance,” said Brian Schreiber, JCC President and CEO. “We do not engage in the work for the accolades, but deeply appreciate those external experts who have recognized the power and impact of our work.”

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