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**JEVS Human Services & Samost JFCS Partner to Provide
Jobseekers with Employment Support Services; Open House Set for Jan. 5**

Cherry Hill, New Jersey– With staff in place and a new services suite, a new partnership between Samost Jewish Family & Children’s Service of Southern New Jersey and JEVS Human Services is officially open to assist the unemployed, underemployed and career transitioning members of our community.

“We couldn’t be more pleased to partner with the talented, caring staff at Samost JFCS, to bring these important employment-related services to Southern New Jersey,” said Jay Spector, President and CEO of JEVS Human Services. “The JEVS Career Strategies team has been assisting jobseekers since our inception, so to help clients across the river in New Jersey is a natural fit.”

To commemorate the joint initiative and to announce its services to the community, the program – simply named Career Strategies – will host an open house from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016 at the Katz JCC Building, 1301 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ. Free and open to the public, the event will give the community an opportunity to meet the staff, hear about employment services and schedule appointments or sign up for courses.

In its first year, Career Strategies will combine research-based and results-oriented strategies and resources to assist clients in finding rewarding, family-sustaining employment. The program will serve up to 100 participants utilizing both individual employment counseling and group workshops.

“The career services that are offered are really going to complement the social services that Samost JFCS has provided for the Cherry Hill community and beyond,” said Marla Meyers, Executive Director of Samost Jewish Family & Children’s Service. “Each day, our licensed professionals help clients find effective ways of dealing with personal challenges and transitions – and sometimes, those challenges are related to quality and family-sustaining employment.”

New Jersey has the 33rd highest unemployment rate in the US at 6.5%. As of 2014, the unemployment rates in the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey’s service areas were Camden County at 8%, Burlington County at 7.4% and Gloucester County at 7.1%; all of which were significantly higher than the state’s average.

The collaboration will address the unmet need in these targeted areas, providing vocational preparation services, including: Individual assessments of participant’s skills, interests and barriers, one-on-one job counseling, one-on-one and group guidance in resume building and cover letter writing, workshops on computer literacy, and workshops on job search strategies. Individual services will be provided on a sliding-fee scale, while many workshops will be provided free of charge. Career Strategies services are partially underwritten through financial support from the Raymond & Gertrude Saltzman Foundation.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with a Career Advisor, interested parties may call 856-673-2502, email CSNJ@jevs.org or visit NJCareerStrategies.com.



About JEVS

JEVS Human Services enhances the employability, independence and quality of life of individuals through a broad range of programs. Consistent with our core principles and entrepreneurial spirit, JEVS Human Services creates innovative and sustainable solutions to address current and future community needs. One of the largest private non-profit organizations in the Delaware Valley region, JEVS' nearly two dozen programs served 21,831 individuals over the past yet.

About Samost Jewish Family & Children's Service of Southern New Jersey

For more than 70 years, Samost Jewish Family & Children's Service of Southern New Jersey (JFCS) has been providing comprehensive, caring social services to South Jersey residents of all ages, faiths, and economic backgrounds - strengthening the individual, the family, and the community. JFCS helps the most vulnerable community members meet the challenges and overcome the obstacles that often arise during the course of daily living. JFCS services are available to residents of Camden, Burlington, and Gloucester Counties in Southern New Jersey. JFCS is a 501(c)3 non-profit social service agency and an agency of Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey.