

Women's Auxiliary of Mozaic Senior Life

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2023

Celebrating 50 Years of Service to Seniors

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the needs of the elderly and their
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Women's Auxiliary of
Mozaic Senior Life

Fall GALA

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Honoring

Jim Bennett

Arthur and Gladys Lunin Humanitarian Award Recipient

Joan A. Kuriansky

Louis Lotstein Award for Distinguished Service Recipient

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Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2023 Fall Gala. On behalf of the Women's Auxiliary, we thank you for your support of this very important event. The Fall Gala raises significant funds to enhance the lives of the Residents and clients of Mozaic Senior Life directly through enriching programs and services. We are extremely grateful for your generosity, especially during this challenging time as Mozaic Senior Life continues to provide excellent care and services to Residents and to our community at large.

Tonight, we pay tribute to two deserving individuals, Jim Bennett and Joan A. Kuriansky. A heartfelt congratulations to you both! We are also celebrating 50 years of service to seniors – Mazel Tov to Mozaic Senior Life!

We extend our continued gratitude to all Mozaic Senior Life staff who tirelessly give of themselves to ensure excellent care for all Residents. A special thank you to Ruth Ridgeway of Ruth Ridgeway Designs for the beautiful décor that makes the evening special. And a very sincere thank you to the Fall Gala Committee who donated their expertise, time, and support to make this event a success.

We know you will love the beautiful background music played by our harpist and violinist and enjoy hearing from Sherry Truhlar of Red Apple Auctions as our Master of Ceremonies. We also have an exciting auction this evening with many great opportunities to support the Women's Auxiliary, so please bid generously!

Enjoy your evening!

Cindy Epstein and Vivian Epstein

Fall Gala Co-Chairs

Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2023 Women's Auxiliary Fall Gala. Thank you for helping us celebrate our 50th Anniversary and 50 years of incredible service to the community!

We are pleased to be honoring Jim Bennett with the Arthur and Gladys Lunin Humanitarian Award and Joan A. Kuriansky with the Louis Lotstein Award for Distinguished Service. They have both served Mozaic Senior Life for many years and advanced our cause with their talents, dedication and caring. We congratulate them on well-deserved awards and are so thankful for their leadership and innumerable contributions to our mission.

The success of this event is the result of a collective effort of many. Cindy Epstein, Vivian Epstein, and the entire Women's Auxiliary Board have worked for months on this special evening. We thank the Women's Auxiliary for sponsoring this annual Gala and thank all of you for your participation and partnership and all you do for the Residents and clients of Mozaic Senior Life.

Tonight, we are pleased to be with you for this celebration. However, we would be remiss not to recognize the long-term impact that COVID-19 has had on our community. This continues to be a challenge for us all and we are grateful to everyone for their strength, their talent, their wisdom, and their support in helping us get through the pandemic. It has also truly been an extraordinary year, as The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus on Park Avenue celebrated its seventh anniversary in June. Our state-of-the-art senior services campus is the first and only Household Model nursing home in Connecticut. This design is the result of years of research and a vision to be the absolute best and most comprehensive senior care provider in Southern Connecticut, as well as a resource for the broader community. Thanks to the generosity of our incredible community for allowing us to bring together the future of long-term care, assisted living, community services, intergenerational activities, the fitness center, and the community-at-large, including the Jewish Federation of Greater Fairfield County, in one place that is truly Home for all of us.

Once again, we thank all of you who have helped to make not only this evening a success but have made the past 50 years of Mozaic Senior Life the premier organization it is today. We are incredibly grateful to all of you.

With our warmest regards,

Jon August
Chairperson

Andrew H. Banoff
President & CEO

ARTHUR AND GLADYS LUNIN HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Jim Bennett

Mozaic Senior Life is proud to present the Arthur and Gladys Lunin Humanitarian Award to Jim Bennett this evening, honoring his dedication to excellence within the entire community.

This award was created to recognize outstanding public and community service as exemplified by the good works of Arthur and Gladys Lunin. Any individual who by his/her sacrifice, effort, and service to the Fairfield County Community deserves to be recognized and held up as an example for others to follow. Of special merit are those individuals who have furthered the cause of justice, fostered understanding between Jews and non-Jews, and made voluntary and significant efforts to care for those unable to care for themselves.

Born and raised in Virginia, Jim graduated with a BA from University of Virginia and an MBA from Columbia University. He is most proud of the two companies he and his business partner co-founded and subsequently sold after immense growth of each company (The Direct Company and Really Good Stuff). Most meaningful to Jim was enriching the education of students across the country initially focusing on Kindergartners and First Graders, then expanding to all grades. He felt a deep responsibility to also care and provide for the employees and families of his companies, always looking out for others.

A close family member instilled in Jim the importance of philanthropy and the responsibility this bears. He has always made the time to help others and maintained strong ties to his community. As a young father living in Westport, he was a member of the Family Center of Westport/Weston, and the Chair of the original Compo Beach Playground Project in 1989. Jim spearheaded the design and build of a much-needed community playground and after years of planning, along with over 1,500 people helping, built the playground in just five days. He also served on the United Way of Westport/Weston Board in the 1990's.



Jim's journey with Mozaic Senior Life dates back to November 13, 2011. He was a client in our short-term rehabilitation on Jefferson Street. He will forever remember and appreciate the unparalleled care and compassion shown to him from the moment he arrived. As a grateful client, he began getting to know our organization and was very supportive of the concept of the new campus on Park Avenue. After he retired in 2016, his involvement grew as he shared his strong entrepreneurial experience and skills to help position Mozaic Senior Life to be financially secure and meet the core mission, as well as to grow and adapt in the challenging healthcare environment. Jim feels strongly that it is vitally important for Mozaic Senior Life to remain relevant. Jim is an active member of the Board of Directors, is the Founding Chairperson of the Vision 2031 Committee, as well as a member of the Audit, Finance, and Investment Committees.

Jim currently lives in Fairfield with his partner, Ellyn Myers. He previously lived in Westport for many years and has three adult children Rachel, Mike, and Sarah. Jim is an avid bicyclist and continues to ride 50-100 miles a week. Jim and Ellyn spend a few months a year in Naples, Florida where he volunteers with a non-profit organization that focuses on creating safe roads and paths for bicyclists.

Jim Bennett is indeed a valued member and pillar of our community. We are grateful and fortunate to have him integrally involved with planning for the future of our organization. We thank him and congratulate him on this extremely well-deserved award.



"Jim Bennett is one of the formal and informal leaders of our Board of Directors, and our community. We are privileged to have his wisdom, insight, and calm demeanor to lead us through the Vision 2031 Steering Committee and all that he does. He also is a personal reflection on the important work that we do every day and the gratitude that we have to our dedicated workforce. I am personally grateful to Jim for his counsel, his friendship, and his support."

Andrew H. Banoff
President & CEO, Mozaic Senior Life

LOUIS LOTSTEIN AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Joan A. Kuriansky

Joan A. Kuriansky, MA, JD, is this year's recipient of the Louis Lotstein Award for Distinguished Service. Her connection to Mozaic Senior Life began over 50 years ago through family. She is the daughter of one of the founding members of The Jewish Home for the Elderly of Fairfield County. Julius B. Kuriansky was the fifth Chairperson from 1978 to 1980. She continues to fulfill the legacy of the first generation of Kurianskys by supporting many organizations through The Louis J. Kuriansky Foundation, and by personally being engaged at all levels in many Jewish and secular organizations, nationally and internationally. In addition to continuing her family's philanthropic engagement in charitable causes, she has followed a path of activism and advocacy, specifically for gender-based rights focused on developing and implementing policies and programs that have lasting impact on women's and girls' rights with issues surrounding aging, healthcare, economic self-sufficiency, and gender-based violence.

The Lotstein Award was created to recognize leaders for their long-term service to Mozaic Senior Life as demonstrated by the devotion of the late Louis Lotstein. This is a very fitting tribute to Joan, as Louis, also from the Stamford community, worked closely with her family as a visionary leader in the early years.

Joan has worked in the social justice field throughout her accomplished career as executive director, board member, and hands-on volunteer. She enjoys working with and mobilizing people and organizations to find innovative solutions like the first domestic violence courts in the country or a nationwide campaign on women's health to make an impact in the lives of women and families. As the Executive Director of a national aging organization, she addressed challenges that many Mozaic Senior Life clients face related



to long-term care, economic well-being, or caregiving. Joan is recognized for her leadership through various appointments and awards. President Clinton appointed Joan to the first National Advisory Council on Violence Against Women. She received a Gloria Steinem award where she was named "A Women of Vision" by the Ms. Foundation and most recently in 2020, received an award by Advocates for Human Rights for her research and advocacy in the field of gender-based violence.

Joan grew up in Stamford, graduated from Washington University, BA, Occidental College, MA, and University of Virginia Law School. She currently lives in Washington DC. Joan has a powerful voice and is a role model with tireless energy and unlimited knowledge, and is dedicated, persistent, and forever committed to ensuring women's and human rights for all, using her platform to effect change.

Our community has been enriched and we are so very grateful to Joan for making Mozaic Senior Life a priority in her life. Joan is committed to continuing the work of the generation that preceded her while bringing light to new issues, programs, and needs. Congratulations on this well-deserved award.

"Joan Kuriansky has been part of the history of the (Mozaic) Jewish Home her entire life, as her family has been engaged with our development since its inception. She has not lived in this area for many years but has continued to support us emotionally, financially, and remained committed to our mission personally and through her family members and Foundation. We are grateful to Joan and the entire Kuriansky family."

Andrew H. Banoff
President & CEO, Mozaic Senior Life



*Joan's parents,
Julius and Isabelle Kuriansky*



*Joan's uncle and aunt,
Louis and Helen Kuriansky*



About our organization and our mission...

The overriding mission of the Women’s Auxiliary is to nurture, enhance, and support quality of life initiatives for the Residents and clients that we serve. The Auxiliary fulfills this mission by augmenting services, programs, and facilities provided by Mozaic Senior Life. Our commitment to support ongoing programming especially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, was a priority. With the strength and determination of this group of women, we are proud to say we found creative ways for the Residents to have special treats, small group programs, and larger gatherings.

The Women’s Auxiliary undertook the challenge to create a place for seniors in our community in 1968. They were instrumental in building The Jewish Home for the Elderly of Fairfield County, now called Mozaic Senior Life, which opened 50 years ago on October 15, 1973. Hundreds of women have been involved as members of the Board of Directors during its existence. Thousands of women have been a part of our success through Auxiliary membership, volunteerism, and financially supporting and participating in our programs and events. It is through their dedication that the Auxiliary has raised over six million dollars to accomplish our mission. We are incredibly proud of our contributions and knowing that we make a daily difference in the lives of the Residents.

As part of celebrating 50 years of unparalleled care for Residents and clients, the organization rebranded as Mozaic Senior Life. The word mozaic was selected to convey that we are better, stronger, and more effective together. Each piece alone is beautiful, but when combined with other pieces, it is a representation of the beauty and diversity of the people who comprise our organization – Residents, clients, staff, and volunteers. In June 2016, Mozaic Senior Life opened The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus on Park Avenue, our Household Model state-of-the-art intergenerational senior services campus which includes Mozaic Jewish Home our skilled nursing and rehabilitation, and Mozaic Assisted Living, our traditional assisted living, and memory care residences. This innovative environment is providing a rich social and cultural experience for seniors and has changed the concept of “nursing home” forever. A full range of services are provided to meet the needs of seniors in the community, including Mozaic Home Care,

Mozaic Hospice, Mozaic Adult Day, Mozaic at Home, Mozaic ElderCare Navigation, and Mozaic Adult Family Living. Also, the Mozaic Institute on Aging offers Geriatric Assessments and Care Management, and in response to an unfortunate but critical need, the Mozaic Center for Elder Abuse Prevention opened in 2007, the first in the state of Connecticut. Mozaic Concierge Living is our new Life Plan Community on Long Ridge Road in Stamford, currently in design and pre-marketing.

On behalf of the entire Women’s Auxiliary, we would like to thank the Fall Gala Committee and Mozaic Senior Life staff. They have worked hard to coordinate this wonderful evening. Their energy and initiative are very much appreciated especially by all the Residents whose lives are enriched and enhanced by the funds we raise through this event. We would also like to thank all members of the Women’s Auxiliary who we will rely on for help, support, and involvement to achieve our collective goals. Mazel tov to Jim Bennett and Joan Kuriansky, and sincere thanks for all they have done for the betterment of Mozaic Senior Life.

Cindy Epstein and Vivian Epstein
Women’s Auxiliary Co-Presidents

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RICHARD BLUMENTHAL
UNITED STATES SENATOR
October 26, 2023

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the annual Women's Auxillary Mozaic Senior Life Fall Gala! My congratulations on another successful year serving your community. My sincere thanks to those in attendance for your continued support of Mozaic Senior Life and the Women's Auxiliary in their ongoing mission to provide quality care and services to seniors.

For 50 years, Mozaic Senior Life has been a premier provider in the Jewish community, offering state of the art care to senior citizens, including long-term care, rehabilitation services, and home care. This effort would not have been possible without the extraordinary contributions of so many individuals – two of whom we honor tonight: Jim Bennett, recipient of the Arthur and Gladys Lunin Humanitarian Award; and Joan A. Kuriansky, recipient of the Louis Lotstein Award for Distinguished Service. Please join me in recognizing Jim and Joan for their longstanding commitment and contributions to Mozaic Senior Life!

My sincerest thanks to Mozaic Senior Life for their commitment to extraordinary work in support of our community's seniors. My thanks to the Women's Auxiliary for inviting me to be a part of this important occasion, and for continuing to place the care and quality of life of those you serve as your highest priority.

Enjoy a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,

Richard Blumenthal
United States Senator

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United States Senate
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October 26, 2023

Dear Friends:

Congratulations to all at Mozaic Senior Life as you celebrate your 50th Anniversary. This milestone offers us an opportunity to reflect upon your exceptional commitment to skilled nursing and senior care services. I wish I could be in attendance as you celebrate this accomplishment.

Mozaic Senior Life provides extensive, wide-ranging programs for the benefit of seniors in Bridgeport and the surrounding areas. Offering services from home care to senior living residences, Mozaic Senior Life staffs over 800 compassionate individuals with a proclivity for serving their community. Through ensuring all seniors receive person-centered and customized care, Mozaic Senior Life has been designated a Top Nursing Home by *U.S. News & World Report*. The services provided by Mozaic Senior Life, including teaching programs for students and nurses, have made the Bridgeport community a healthier place over the last 50 years. Your organization is an inspiration for senior care service providers across the State of Connecticut, and I cannot underemphasize the positive impact of your organization's work.

I would like to specially recognize Jim Bennett and Joan A. Kuriansky for their commitment to community service and advocacy. Through their respective careers, these individuals' work has enabled many Connecticut seniors to receive the care they need while propelling Mozaic Senior Life to future success, and I am deeply appreciative of their efforts.

Once again, congratulations to you all on your 50th Anniversary. Mozaic Senior Life plays an integral role in fostering the well-being of Connecticut's seniors. Your dedication to skilled nursing and senior services will continue to uplift our state. I look forward to working hand-in-hand with you all for years to come.

Sincerely,



Christopher S. Murphy
United States Senator

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Congress of the United States
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October 26, 2023

I sincerely regret that I am not able to join you at the Fall Gala for the Auxiliary of Mozaic Senior Life to celebrate an outstanding 50 years of service to the community. However, I wanted to convey my appreciation for the exceptional work of this organization. For 50 years this foundation has provided premier senior care within Fairfield and New Haven counties, including skilled nursing, homecare, and long-term care protection.

I want to recognize the remarkable work of Jim Bennet for his essential work through the years in Fairfield country. He is the recipient of the Arthur and Gladys Lunin Humanitarian Award in recognition for his outstanding public and community service. Jim has been a hugely successful businessman, entrepreneur, and a philanthropist and has been widely involved in the community. Jim has served as the Chair of the original Compo Beach Playground Project and Mozaic Senior Life's Board of Directors in 2019, Jim has done admirable work within the Audit, Executive, Finance, and Investment committees. He has risen above and beyond in his work and founded the Vision 2031 committee to help position this organization for the future. I am proud to congratulate Jim on his work and the reception of this award.

I would also like to applaud the work of Joan A. Kuriansky for her leadership and committed service to the Auxiliary of Mozaic Senior Life. Joan has been awarded the Louis Lotstein Award for Distinguished Service, as her leadership service has been emblematic of the devotion of the late Louis Lotstein through her activism and advocacy. Joan's father was one of the founding members of The Jewish Home for the Elderly and she continues her family's legacy with her phenomenal dedication to this organization through The Louis J. Kuriansky Foundation. As a former Stamford resident Joan contributed impressive work in activism not just professionally but also a volunteer; she continues this crusade in Washington, D.C. Joan's been a tireless advocate for the community I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award.

Thank you for the amazing work of this foundation and thank you to Joan and Jim for their special contributions to both the community and the Auxiliary of Mozaic Senior Life. Have a wonderful evening in celebration and thank you for allowing me to express my appreciation and congratulations.

Sincerely,



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October 26, 2023

To the Women's Auxiliary of Mozaic Senior Life:
On behalf of the City of Bridgeport, it is my pleasure to extend greetings and congratulations to all who attend the "Mozaic Senior Life Women's Auxiliary Fall Gala."

We would also like to congratulate and give special recognition to Jim Bennett as the recipient of the Arthur and Gladys Lunin Humanitarian Award, and Joan A. Kuriansky as the recipient of the Louis Lotstein Award for Distinguished Service.

Thank you for your commitment to nurture, enhance and support the quality of life for our most vulnerable residents and community members. As a result of your efforts and dedication, Mozaic Senior Life, formerly Jewish Senior Services continues to be a premier provider of senior health throughout Fairfield County.

Best Wishes!


Joseph P. Ganim
Mayor



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October 26, 2023

Welcome to the Women's Auxiliary of Mozaic Senior Life's annual Fall Gala! On behalf of the Town of Fairfield, I would like to congratulate this year's honorees – Jim Bennett, recipient of the Arthur and Gladys Lunin Humanitarian Award, and Joan A. Kuriansky – recipient of the Louis Lotstein Award for Distinguished Service.

Fairfielder Jim Bennett exemplifies the tremendous contributions of Arthur and Gladys Lunin through his outstanding public and community service. A successful businessman, entrepreneur, and philanthropist, Jim has been an integral part of the Fairfield County community for generations. Jim is a model citizen who prides himself on helping others. He is deeply committed to Mozaic Senior Life in various ways including serving as a member of its Board of Directors and its Audit, Executive, Finance and Investment committees. Jim's long-term commitment to Mozaic Senior Life is evident in his role as founding Chairperson of the Vision 2031 committee.

Joan A. Kuriansky is most deserving of the Louis Lotstein Award for Distinguished Service which recognizes leaders for their long-term service to Mozaic Senior Life as emulated by the invaluable contributions of the late Louis Lotstein. Joan's activism and advocacy is commendable. Like her father, who was one of the founding members of The Jewish Home for the Elderly, Joan has made a positive impact on the Mozaic Senior Life community. She proudly carries on her family's legacy through her steadfast commitment to The Louis J. Kuriansky Foundation.

Let's join together to honor Jim and Joan for the incredible contributions they have made to Mozaic Senior Life and the Greater Bridgeport area and let's also proudly honor and recognize the 50th anniversary of the Fall Gala.

I hope you enjoy this special evening!

Sincerely,


Brenda L. Kupchick
First Selectwoman

MAYOR CAROLINE SIMMONS
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September 22, 2023

Jim Bennett
c/o Mozaic Senior Life
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Dear Jim,

Congratulations on receiving the prestigious Arthur and Gladys Lunin Humanitarian Award! This well-deserved recognition highlights your outstanding public and community service, mirroring the admirable legacy of Arthur and Gladys Lunin.

Your journey as a successful businessman, entrepreneur, and philanthropist has left an indelible mark on the Fairfield County community. Your involvement in various initiatives, from the Chair of the original Compo Beach Playground Project to your dedicated service on Mozaic Senior Life's Board of Directors in 2019, showcases your unwavering commitment.

Your contributions span across generations, making a significant impact through your participation in the Audit, Executive, Finance, and Investment committees. As the founding Chairperson of the Vision 2031 committee, you've played a pivotal role in positioning the organization for a brighter future.

Your dedication to making our community a better place is truly inspiring, and we are fortunate to have you as a beacon of philanthropy and service. Your legacy of compassion and dedication will continue to inspire us all.

Once again, congratulations on this well-earned honor. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact you will continue to make in our community.

Warm regards,

Caroline Simmons
Mayor

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September 22, 2023

Joan A. Kuriansky
c/o Mozaic Senior Life
The Harry and Jeanette WeinBerg Campus
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Dear Joan,

Warmest congratulations on receiving the prestigious Louis Lotstein Award for Distinguished Service! This recognition is a testament to your unwavering commitment to Mozaic Senior Life and the values it represents, mirroring the legacy of Louis Lotstein.

Your path of activism and advocacy, both professionally and as a dedicated volunteer, has left an indelible mark on the organization. Your family's rich history and your own remarkable dedication through the Louis J. Kuriansky Foundation are a shining example of the difference one individual can make.

Thank you for embodying the spirit of service and for continuing your family's legacy with such outstanding devotion. We are incredibly proud to have you as part of our community, and your contributions continue to inspire us all.

Once again, congratulations on this well-deserved honor!

Warm regards,

Caroline Simmons
Mayor

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Our goal was to create a place in our community for seniors
to be cared for as though it was Home – treated with
compassion, dignity, and love.

Mazel tov on celebrating 50 years
of exceptional care.

Andrew, many people live a better life
because of you and what you do.
Thank you for being you.

With admiration and affection,

Roz Goldstein

Congratulations Jim Bennett

We are delighted to
honor our dear friend for
his tireless efforts and
boundless energy on
behalf of our community.

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their service and commitment.

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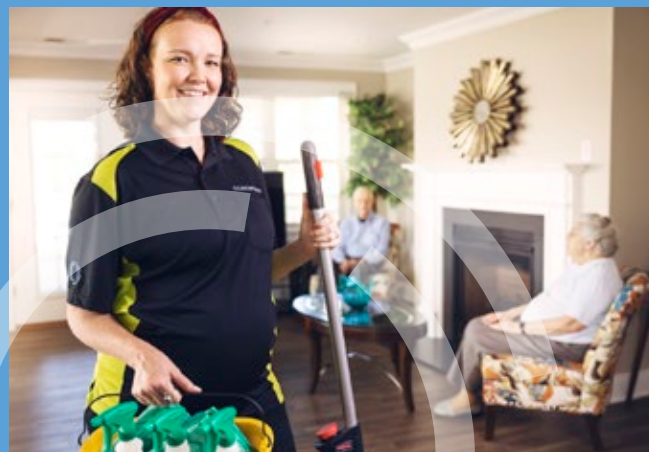
Congratulations to this year's honorees,
Jim Bennett and Joan Kuriansky.
And thanks to the many volunteers
and staff at Mozaic Senior Life
for their dedication and hard work.

Jerry & Vanessa Rosenberg

Leadership takes vision, patience, and
enormous skill to navigate the future.
Jim, thank you for the vision
of what the future should be.
Andrew, thank you for making it
become a reality.

Arthur & Carol Spinner

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To the most deserving honorees,
Thank you for all you have done
and continue to do.

With gratitude,
*Diana, Rachel,
and Jon August*

Jim, your leadership and generous support of Vision 2031 has been an inspiration and a gift for our organization and everyone that benefits from your kindness and motivation. Your friendship and counsel are priceless (even when it makes my hair hurt)!

Joan, beyond the family history and longstanding dedication to our Mission and the broader community, lies a woman of integrity, honor, and passion for repairing the world. It is our privilege to know you and share in your energy.

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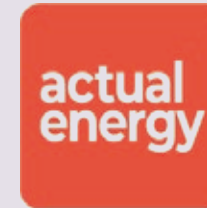
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Attorney David Goldstein agreed to become the Home's first President. With a tremendous knack for organization, key leaders from throughout Fairfield County were recruited. The project had been launched.

By 1967, the Jewish Home for the Elderly was incorporated. A site was purchased, Officers and a Board of Directors were elected, and installed, and architectural drawings were begun.

Efforts now turned to the Building Fund Campaign. There were early morning breakfasts, late dinners and meetings and long drives over icy roads to tell the story of the Home throughout the County. By 1969, the Building Committee was working long hours towards

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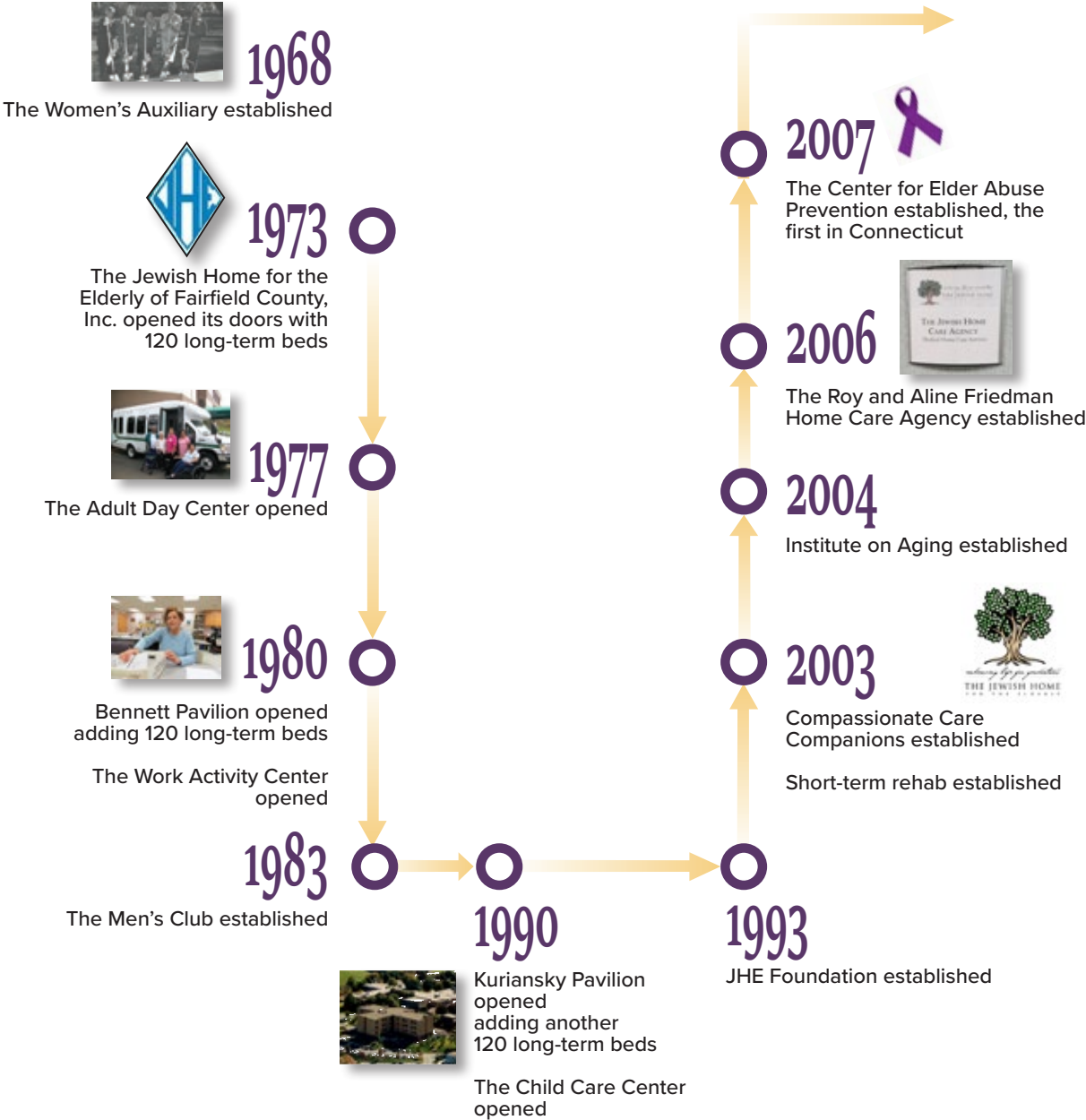


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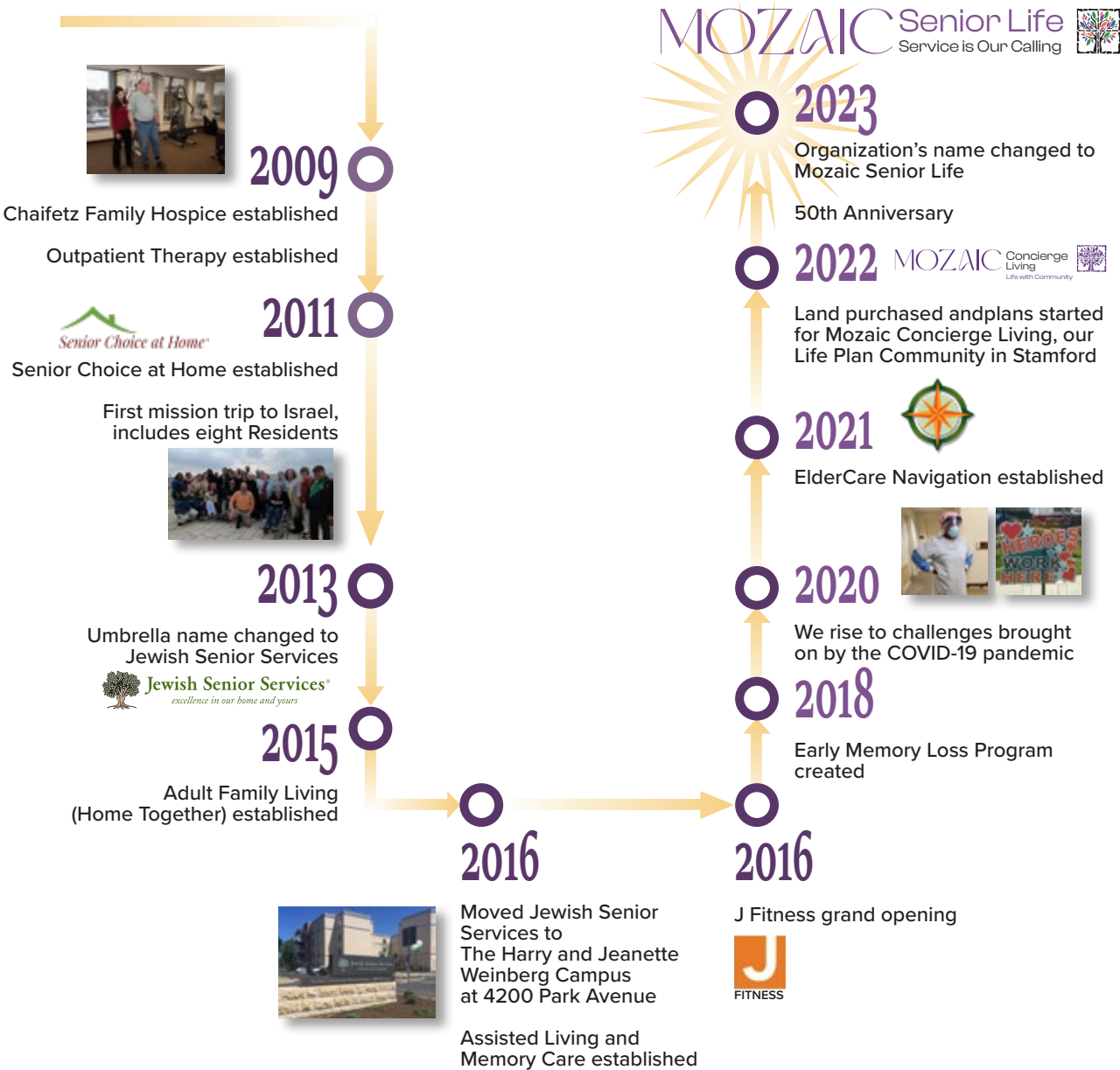


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To Jim
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Jon Sonneborn

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THANK YOU to Jon August and the entire Board of Directors for your time and commitment in keeping Mozaic at the top of the list of organizations that care for our elderly.

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