

## UNITED WAY OF BROOME COUNTY



Agency Name: Jewish Community Center of Binghamton, Inc.

Program Name: Kids Connection School Age Child Care Program

Program Success Story:

Leah L's family was devastated by flooding in 2006 (when she was 6 years old) and came to the Jewish Community Center with only the shirt on her back. The JCC gathered clothing and toys from our families within and offered her a safe haven to enjoy her summer and continue to come to Kids Connection School Age Child Care Program throughout the school year. Because Leah's mom is single and has a major responsibility to her son who has several disabilities, Leah is often receives less attention from her mother. The family is also affected by the long-term financial devastation caused by the flooding so we provide financial aid to Leah as she continues to attend our Summer Day Camp and Kids Connection at a reduced fee.

Caroline's mother was going through a divorce and because Caroline had been at the Jewish Community Center since preschool, her mother wanted to maintain consistency for her daughter but could not afford to keep her in our After School Program and for her to attend our Summer Day Camp. Because we knew how much Caroline needed us, we were able to help her mother substantially so that she could have the JCC as a home away from home. Circumstances like this happen every day at the JCC.