

## Bettina Cass for JewishCare



JewishCare is one of the organisations that I am actively involved in through my work, both as a social policy researcher in the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of NSW and as Chair of the Social Justice Committee of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies. JewishCare's core values and services emphasise the priority which must be given to the needs of people and their families made vulnerable by a number of life circumstances – ageing accompanied by frailty, severe illness, including mental illness, disability, family caring responsibilities, joblessness and low income, family upheavals which affect parents, children and young people. I became aware of the services provided by JewishCare over 25 years ago, as a university teacher and researcher in the field of social welfare.

It has been my privilege to liaise consistently with JewishCare in my career. It has the reputation of providing exceptional services with great professionalism, understanding, compassion and heart, and that reputation extends beyond our community throughout Australia. We must all be reminded that there is a full range of needs that exists throughout life. Disability, severe ill health, family problems affecting children and young people and the frailties of ageing may affect all of us. JewishCare's professional and dedicated services are there to provide vital security, assistance and support and must be treasured.

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