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Chortek Family Creates Legacy for Community

Peter and Elaine Chortek and the Chortek Family Foundation of the Jewish Community Foundation recently announced a \$2 million endowment plan to develop future leaders and donors for the San Diego Jewish community. Three local organizations will benefit: the Agency for Jewish Education, Hillel of San Diego, and the San Diego Jewish Academy.

"These organizations are critical to the long-term strength of the Jewish community," noted Elaine Chortek. "By investing in our youth, we can create and ensure a bright future."

The Chorteks structured the endowments to ensure that future generations of their family remain connected to these agencies. Every year, the director of each organization will meet with members of the Chortek Family Foundation, including Peter and Elaine's children, Robert Chortek and Susan Chortek Weisman to report on how the earnings of the fund were used.

"When our grandchildren are older, they'll join the meetings as well," said Peter. "We hope this will help keep them engaged and excited."

"Pete and Elaine's plan is bold, generous and creative," stated Marjory Kaplan, Jewish Community Foundation Executive Director. "Their vision is an inspiration to us all."

In announcing these endowments, the Chorteks noted that they are a direct result of the Leave a Jewish Legacy program through the Foundation's Endowment Leadership Institute. "The program made us think about how we can best fulfill the Jewish imperative of *dor l'dor*, passing the values of one generation on to the next," said Peter.

Since 1967, the Jewish Community Foundation has partnered with donors and community organizations in achieving their philanthropic goals. In addition, the Foundation works to increase current and future support for a vibrant and secure Jewish community in San Diego, Israel and around the world. During fiscal year 2003/2004, the Jewish Community Foundation distributed more than \$53 million in 3,000 separate grants to 700 different charitable organizations.