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### Community Youth Foundation Grants Money to Community

In lieu of skiing, video games, and even the Superbowl, 33 San Diego students chose to give up part of their weekends and school vacations to practice *tikkun olum*, healing the world. These students participated in the Community Youth Foundation, a program of the Jewish Community Foundation designed to provide 13-15 year olds with the resources they need to be effective, meaningful givers.

The student participants each made a donation to the program, which was matched by the Jewish Community Foundation. In small groups, some with local college Hillel students who served as mentors, the younger students visited Jewish and general non-profit organizations and learned about the need within their own community, and the organizations that are attempting to meet those needs. As a larger group, they shared their site visit experiences and together decided where their funds were needed and could make the most impact.

This year, the organizations who received grants recommended by the Community Youth Foundation were the Agency for Jewish Education, Seacrest, the Anti-Defamation League, the United Jewish Federation, Children's Hospital, Becky's House, the Friends of Scott Foundation, the Educational Enrichment Systems, Jewish Family Service, the Monarch School, and Strive Second Chance.

One parent said about her son's participation, "I was amazed at his enthusiasm and understanding of the beginnings of philanthropy and the charge he got from ... the program and participating in it, I could barely ask him a question for the entire car ride home. What a great thing to give to my child. Thank you for a great program."

Many students commented that they learned the value of their money by how it would affect a specific program within the organization's larger budget as well as how to better evaluate non-profits by examining administrative costs. One hundred percent of the students said they would participate in the program again.

These exceptional students came together from different geographic areas and Jewish backgrounds, experienced the value of *tzedakah* and together applied the skills and resources needed to make informed, effective philanthropic decisions for the community they live in.

For more information, please contact the Jewish Community Foundation at 858.279.2740 or [www.jcfsandiego.org](http://www.jcfsandiego.org).

### **About the Jewish Community Foundation**

Since 1967, the Jewish Community Foundation has been at the forefront of charitable giving in San Diego. The Foundation has partnered with individuals, families and community organizations to help them achieve their philanthropic goals and to increase current and future support for a vibrant and secure Jewish community in San Diego, Israel and around the world. During fiscal year 2004/2005, the Jewish Community Foundation distributed almost \$46 million in 3,600 separate grants to 700 different charitable organizations.

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