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Jewish Community Foundation Celebrates 36th Year

The Jewish Community Foundation is marking 36 years of service. As the oldest such organization in San Diego and one of the most established in the nation, the Jewish Community Foundation awards grants throughout the world and works to ensure a vibrant, secure Jewish community now and in the future. The number 36 has particular meaning in the Jewish faith, marking hope, prosperity and life.

"It's particularly meaningful to us that we've awarded well over \$36 million in grants in our 36th year," said Andrew Viterbi, Foundation President. "The San Diego Jewish community has experienced tremendous growth and expansion over this time period; the Foundation is honored to have facilitated that growth through funding, education and guidance."

To mark the occasion, the Foundation issued a special publication highlighting the thousands of people and organizations working in partnership to keep the community strong. The report also features the Foundation's wide scope of programs that assist community members in creating meaningful and effective charitable plans.

"Three programs created in the last few years have been particularly positive ways to engage diverse segments of the community," stated Marjory Kaplan, Foundation Executive Director. "The Book of Life honors those who have promised to leave a legacy to the Jewish community. The Jewish Women's Foundation engages and educates women as funders and community investors. Finally, the Community Youth Foundation prepares the next generation to make wise giving decisions."

For more information about the Jewish Community Foundation or to receive a copy of the report, call 858-279-2740.

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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 2002/2003, the Jewish Community Foundation distributed more than \$36 million in 3,000 separate grants to 700 different charitable organizations.

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Jewish Community Foundation President Andrew Viterbi and Executive Director Marjory Kaplan

