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### **Jewish Community Foundation Awards Grants of More Than \$10 Million Since July**

The Jewish Community Foundation experienced a record first quarter of grantmaking, awarding **grants of more than \$10 million** since July through the Foundation's donor advised fund program. The funds were distributed in areas ranging from Jewish education to caring for the homeless to the arts.

"These grants represent the very heart of our work," said Marjory Kaplan, Foundation Executive Director. "By partnering with both caring community members and lifesaving and enhancing programs, we truly make a meaningful impact."

Through the Foundation's donor advised fund program, individuals and families set up charitable funds and receive an immediate tax deduction. They then retain the privilege of recommending grants to compelling community organizations in their interest areas and receive education and advice in grantmaking.

The grants awarded included distributions to organizations such as the **Tel Aviv Foundation** to provide hot lunches for preschoolers from disadvantaged economic backgrounds; the **Doris A. Howell Foundation for Women's Health Research** to encourage young scholars to pursue careers in the field of women's health; and the **United States Holocaust Memorial Museum** to sponsor a special exhibit on medical experimentation during the Shoah. These were three of more than 250 local, national and international groups.

For more information about establishing a donor advised fund with the Jewish Community Foundation, call Merle Brodie at 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.