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**THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SAN DIEGO
CELEBRATES ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

May 31, 2007 – Five hundred of San Diego's philanthropic leaders tonight celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Jewish Community Foundation, San Diego's largest grant maker and oldest community foundation.

At the elegant, high-energy evening at the San Diego Museum of Man, the Foundation honored 40 years of charitable giving to the San Diego community and thanked those who give. Mayor Jerry Sanders was among the dignitaries in attendance.

The celebration brought together philanthropists with the non-profit agencies, organizations and religious institutions – both Jewish and secular – that deliver services to San Diegans.

"Since 1967, a lot has happened – in our lives *and* at the Foundation," said Murray Galinson, event chair. "First, the foundation has become the largest grant-maker in San Diego County. Just last year, we gave away more than \$50 million in grants to the Jewish and general community. Most of these grants came through family funds and foundations.

"Second, more than 500 families have committed millions of dollars through their estates for future endowments. These legacies will be vitally important to keep our community strong for future generations.

"Third and final, the Foundation has become a national model in many areas -- including family philanthropy, endowments, our youth program, and our women's foundation."

Celebrants previewed the Museum of Man's forthcoming exhibit, *Journey to the Copper Age*, which opens next month. This landmark show, which originated at the Israel Museum, is based on a research expedition led by Dr. Thomas Levy of the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Levy guided tours of the exhibit at the party.

The Jewish Community Foundation is most grateful to the event underwriters: DLA Piper US LLP; Carleton Management, Inc.; San Diego National Bank; Scripps Investments & Loans, Inc.; AKT LLP; Goldman Sachs & Company; and San Diego Private Bank.

"At the core of all the Foundation's work is a genuine sense of gratitude," said Sheila Potiker, chair of the Foundation. "For the generosity of our donors, for the friendship of the

community, and for the work we all do together to strengthen Jewish life and improve the world -- thank you to each and every one of you here tonight.”

Marjory Kaplan, chief executive officer of the Foundation, urged celebrants to continue to make a difference, saying: “We have much more work to do together. There are more families to involve in giving, more young people to engage in philanthropy, and more needs that must be met in San Diego, Israel and around the world.”

About the Jewish Community Foundation:

With managed assets of \$264 million, the Jewish Community Foundation is the largest grant maker in San Diego. Founded in 1967, the Jewish Community Foundation partners 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 2005-06, the Jewish Community Foundation distributed more than \$53 million in 3,900 separate grants to 800 different charitable organizations. Since its inception, the Jewish Community Foundation has granted more than \$400 million to nonprofits that serve the community.

The Jewish Community Foundation’s mission is to promote philanthropy through meaningful partnerships with donors and community organizations in achieving charitable goals; and to increase current and future support for a vibrant and secure Jewish and general community in San Diego, Israel and around the world.

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