

Tzedakah Group: Our Giving Community

These educational opportunities help you connect with other funders and learn together about giving and our community. No solicitations at any events.

Please mark your calendar for:

Shabbat Celebration with the Students of Hillel at UCSD

Friday, April 25, 2003

6:30 pm

UCSD International Center

Come share multi-denominational services and traditional kosher Shabbat dinner with hundreds of Jewish students at UCSD.

Highlights of 2003 Jewish Funders Network International Conference

Wednesday, May 19, 2003

9:30 am

Jewish Community Foundation

Participants in this international conference of Jewish philanthropists will share strategies and trends in national Jewish philanthropy.

Funding the Arts...A Jewish Value

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

12:00 Noon

Lawrence Family JCC

4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla

Join us for this opportunity to learn from experts about trends and innovative models in the arts world. We will also discuss the role of arts in the context of a world in crisis.

To confirm your attendance at any of these events, please call 858.279.2740. Feel free to invite family members or friends.

Community Youth Foundation Engages and Inspires

Imagine someone gave you a sum of money and challenged you to make the world a better place. What skills would you use to evaluate different community needs? How would you weigh priorities? What lessons and values would you apply to the process? In the past six years, more than 140 students in the **Jewish Community Foundation's Community Youth Foundation** have discovered answers to these questions.



Matthew Valji and Rebeca Littman presenting at the 2003 Jewish Funders Network International Conference.

Students participate in a curriculum that includes **text study** from Judaic sources about giving, **interactive exercises** to identify charitable interests as well as **site visits** to non-profits in both the Jewish and general communities. This culminates in an **exciting and sometimes heart-wrenching final session** where participants come together to make funding decisions.

This year's Community Youth Foundation participants again gave the program high marks. According to one student: "I learned that there is a lot kids can do to make a difference." Another commented: "I became more connected with the community and am very thankful for what I have."

Please see the reverse side for a listing of how this year's funds were granted.

Dor L'dor Stories

The **2003 Jewish Funders Network International Conference** in San Jose featured a special presentation by two San Diego youth, **Rebecca Littman and Matthew Valji**, steering committee members of the Community Youth Foundation. This marked a historic occasion for these teenagers to interact with well-known philanthropists from across the world.

Speaking to a packed room, Rebecca and Matt shared **strategies to apply Jewish values to improve the community**. One attendee said, "Their comments truly gave us inspiration and hope for the future." Based on the student's comments, **many participants said they plan to implement similar youth foundations in communities across the United States**.

Giving Trends: Jewish Education and Israel

On a daily basis, donors partnering with the Foundation work to address **our future as a Jewish people**. Two major giving themes that have emerged: **Jewish education** and the **vibrancy and well-being of the State of Israel**.

Jewish Education

As part of the Agency for Jewish Education's recent Festival of Jewish Learning, the Foundation convened a panel entitled *Who's Going to Fund Jewish Education?* Discussion centered on:

- ◆ the rising cost of **day school tuition**
- ◆ the need for **quality supplementary schools**
- ◆ the importance of **preschools**

Strategies and models in these areas were covered as well as Jewish education giving opportunities.

Israel

With the crisis in Israel intensifying and further cutbacks in social services funding, the importance of Israel funding only increases. Recent grants by the Foundation have helped **aid victims of terror**, provided **crisis management and other social services**, and supported **vital educational institutions**.

The Foundation can help you identify creative ways to support both the local Jewish community and Israel. Please call for more information.



Preschools like the JCC (shown) provide an early opportunity to promote Jewish continuity.

Strategies for Giving: A Gift of Real Estate

Gifts of real estate can provide significant tax benefits and help build a vibrant community. As the strong real estate market continues, the Foundation is seeing an increasing interest in this area. Below is a case study of a recent real estate gift. Names have been changed.

More than twenty years ago, Jewish Community Foundation donors Alan and Betty Goldstein purchased a condo in Tierrasanta. This year, they decided they were ready to sell it. Rather than selling the condo on their own, Alan and Betty consulted with the Foundation and decided it would be an ideal asset to contribute to their donor advised fund. Alan and Betty transferred the property to the Foundation's Charitable Real Estate Fund. The Fund handled the sale under the auspices of the Foundation's Real Estate Committee. The proceeds were then transferred to the donor advised fund.

"The gift was truly a win-win situation," said Alan. "The Foundation made the process easy for us. All aspects of the sale were handled professionally and efficiently. Now, we can continue to support the community programs we love."

Community Youth Foundation Grants

Jewish Community Organizations:

Anti Defamation League

San Diego's primary and effective resource for combating anti-Semitism.

United Jewish Federation

General Campaign, Summer Residential Scholarships and Sha'ar HaNegev

The central Jewish fundraising and planning organization in San Diego.

Jewish Family Service

Jewish Healing Center, Project SARAH

High-quality, confidential human care services and programs.

Agency for Jewish Education

Central resource for Jewish education and educators in San Diego.

General Community Organizations:

Monarch School

Middle school and high school for homeless children located downtown.

Make A Wish Foundation

Grants "wishes" to children with a life threatening illness.

Children's Hospital

San Diego's only designated pediatric care trauma center/hospital.

Interfaith Committee Worker Justice

Advocates to improve salaries, benefits and conditions for low-wage workers.

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