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Jeremy Pearl Recognized by San Diego Business Journal as CFO of the Year

SAN DIEGO, CA – The Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego (JCF) is honored as Jeremy Pearl, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, is recognized as 2018 CFO of the Year by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Each year the *San Diego Business Journal* recognizes top financial executives in the San Diego area for their contributions to company growth, leadership and community involvement. Now in its 13th year, the CFO of the Year Awards acknowledged 65 finalists across the categories of public company, privately held company, nonprofit organization, business nonprofit, and government, education, and community.

Jeremy was named CFO of the Year in the government, education and community award category at the 2018 Awards which were held Thursday, March 15 at the Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter.

Jeremy has been at the Foundation for more than 12 years, guiding growth in assets under management from \$203 million to almost \$400 million. Last year he also served as interim Chief Executive Officer and facilitated a seamless transition when Beth Sirull was brought on board in March 2017.

At the Foundation, Jeremy is responsible for financial oversight including finance and operations, investment management, human resources, and information systems. He also works closely with donors and their advisors to support charitable gift planning. This past year, Jeremy has been instrumental in creating a new investment option, the Impact Investment Pool, which is designed to generate social and environmental impact alongside financial return. The Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego is proud to be the first Jewish community foundation in North America to offer an impact investment pool to donors.

In addition, Jeremy lead the effort to launch JCFConnect, a new online platform where donors can easily recommend grants, access detailed fund and investment activity, research organizations, generate gift and grant activity reports, and customize their individual interest profiles.

Pearl said, "At JCF we believe in the power of every individual to make a difference and that collectively we can change the world. We inspire, educate and engage individuals and families to be effective philanthropists and social investors. The community foundation business model is challenging, as our mission is to give away funds to support the community, yet we are self-sustaining from the fees we charge on assets we manage. Typically, we distribute one-third of our assets annually to organizations on behalf of our donors. Replacing these assets and growing our footprint

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means focusing intensely on our clients. I'm honored to be a part of the team that serves these individuals and families who drive philanthropy in San Diego."

Prior to joining the Foundation in 2005, Jeremy spent nearly six years in KPMG's Personal Financial Planning practice. Jeremy began his legal career in estate planning with Miller, Monson & Peshel. Prior to entering the legal profession, Jeremy worked for Home Federal Bank and Wells Fargo.

Originally from London, England, Jeremy received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wales and, after immigrating to the United States in 1986, received his Juris Doctorate and Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of San Diego. He has been a member of the State Bar of California since 1997. Jeremy is also past president of British-American Business Council San Diego, a transatlantic trade organization.

To read the full *San Diego Business Journal* article, please visit the JCF website:

<https://jcsandiego.org/news>

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About The Jewish Community Foundation

The Jewish Community Foundation partners with individuals, families and community organizations to help them achieve their philanthropic goals. During fiscal year 2016-17, the Foundation awarded and facilitated \$165 million in 6,700 grants to more than 1,700 Jewish and general organizations in San Diego, Israel and around the world. Since its inception over 50 years ago, the Foundation has granted over \$1.4 billion. Visit the Jewish Community Foundation at www.jcsandiego.org or call 858-279-2740.

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