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## Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City Distributes over \$1.2 Million to Jewish Community

**KANSAS CITY, MO:** The Board of Directors of the Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City is pleased to announce its 2005 Program and Core Agency Support grant awards to local Jewish agencies. Additionally, the Foundation announces its 2005 program grants to sixty-seven metropolitan nonprofit organizations.

“We are delighted to provide approximately \$1.2 million in Program and Core grants to local Jewish nonprofits,” stated Jeanette Wishna, Foundation Board President. “Guided by our mission ‘to enhance the health and human services within the Greater Kansas City community, with a priority to serve the Jewish Community,’ the Foundation Board annually distributes funds and offers support for services and programs that might not otherwise be available to the Jewish community.”

2005 Program grants were given to the following Jewish organizations:

- **Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy:** \$50,000, financial assistance program for needy families
- **Jewish Community Center:** \$26,428 for continued funding for the Department of Adult Jewish Learning; \$27,900, Genesis Program, an outreach program for interfaith couples; \$261,000 for funding of the Heritage Center; and, \$5,000 Ma’asim Tovim Program
- **Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee (JCRB/AJC):** \$30,000 to fund program expansion in the interfaith community
- **Jewish Family and Children Services:** \$28,400, Jewish Chaplaincy program,
- **Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City:** \$136,791, Sasone Program for special needs children; \$150,000 Jewish Senior Network Client Subsidy Program; \$30,000 Jewish Community Simcha Box Program-Manna Food Assistance Fund; \$20,166 Young Professionals Program
- **Jewish Vocational Services:** \$40,000 Career Management Services Program
- **Kansas University Hillel Foundation:** \$18,250 to fund the Friday Night Shabbat Experiences program; \$15,300 to subsidize the Student Leadership Development Program
- **Midwest Center for Holocaust Education:** \$4,200 to fund a one-week live theater multi-media performance
- **Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City:** \$16,958 for continuation of Conversion to Judaism course and expansion of New Beginnings, a course for Jews-by-choice
- **Village Shalom:** \$200,000 for funding of the TAP program

Core Agency Support grants, which provide operational dollars, were given to the following Jewish organizations:

- **National Council of Jewish Women:** \$10,000 subsidize rental costs
- **Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City:** \$10,000 funding of a part-time administrator
- **Jewish Vocational Services:** \$9,344 to fund a computerized accounting system upgrade

- **Kansas University Hillel Foundation:** \$10,000 subsidize utility expenses and annual financial review
- **Midwest Center for Holocaust Education:** \$9,370 for funding of the 2005 fiscal year audit and renewal of Directors and Officers Liability insurance
- **Village Shalom:** \$10,000 to partially fund direct marketing expenses of the “Senior Health & Wellness Promotion Campaign”
- **B’nai B’rith Youth Organization:** \$10,000 rental expense and board training
- **Hadassah:** \$10,000 rent, computer, printer and software for the Resale Center
- **Jewish Community Center:** \$10,000 to help offset the increase in rent expenses
- **Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee:** \$10,000 for funding of administrative support

Program grants totaling \$723,307 were given to sixty-seven metropolitan nonprofit agencies. A complete listing of 2005 community program grants will be posted on the Jewish Heritage Foundation website, [www.jhf-kc.org](http://www.jhf-kc.org).

The Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City was created in 1994 with the sale of Menorah Hospital to Health Midwest, and throughout the past ten years has dedicated itself to improving the quality of life to the citizens of the greater Kansas City metropolitan area through its support of the area agencies who serve them.

Officers of the Foundation board are Jeanette Wishna, President, Daniel L. Scharf, M.D., Executive Vice President, Steven A. Gershon, Vice President - Investments, Sheryl T. Davidow, Vice President-Grants, Ann B. Stern, Secretary, and James M. Klein, Treasurer.

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