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JEWISH HERITAGE FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$2.3 MILLION IN 2005

KANSAS CITY, MO: The Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City provided more than \$2.3 million in grant awards during 2005. The Foundation awarded over \$1.2 million in program and core agency support grants to Jewish agencies in the metropolitan area.

In addition to awards given to Jewish agencies, the Jewish Heritage Foundation awarded over \$1.1 million in program and core agency support grant awards to agencies serving the public in the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area, including Jackson, Clay, and Platte counties in Missouri, and Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas.

In response to the devastation resulting from Hurricane Katrina, the Jewish Heritage Foundation awarded \$10,000 to United Jewish Communities and \$10,000 to American Red Cross to disburse funds for victim relief, as well as \$5,000 to Mid America Assistance Coalition for local disbursement.

A complete listing of 2005 program and core agency support grant awards will be posted on the Jewish Heritage Foundation website, www.jhf-kc.org, at the end of the calendar year.

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.

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