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## *Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City Announces 2004 Program Grant Awards*

**KANSAS CITY, MO:** The Board of Directors of the Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City has unanimously approved the 2004 program grant funding recommendations presented by the organization's Grants Committee.

Seventy-two area non-profit agencies have been granted over \$1.5 million in program funding. The recipients received grant awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$200,000 to continue the funding of current programs, as well as for development and implementation of new programs targeted to serving those in need within our metropolitan area.

In keeping with its mission – “. . . to enhance the health and human services within the Greater Kansas City community, with a priority to serve the Jewish Community. . .” – the Foundation awarded over \$800,000 in grant money to support programming at ten area agencies that provide services to the local Jewish community. Among them:

**The Central Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE)** received funding to continue their educational component for children with “special needs”.

**Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy** received a grant to support the Talmid Program, an after school tutoring program, in addition to a grant to fund the school nurse and health education programs provided by the Academy.

**The Jewish Community Center** received four awards, including continued funding for the senior programs and services of the Heritage Center; enhancement of the Ma'asim Tovim community service program for 7th and 8th graders; funding for Genesis, an outreach program for interfaith couples and families; and funding for continuing Adult Education.

**Jewish Family and Children Services** received two grants, funding for the Community Support Network.

**The Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City** also received two grants, which will benefit both the young and old with funding to support Program Enhancement for Young Professionals, in addition to, funding for the Jewish Senior Network subsidy.

**Jewish Vocational Service** received continued funding for the Career Management Services Program.

**Kansas University Hillel Foundation** was awarded a grant to fund the KU Hillel Friday Night Shabbat experience.

**Midwest Center for Holocaust Education (MCHE)** received funding to broaden the scope of the teacher enrichment program and services.

**The Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City** received funding for continuation and expansion of the Community Judaism Conversion course.

In addition to those grants listed above, the Jewish Heritage Foundation awarded grant monies to 62 agencies serving the general public in the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area, including Jackson, Clay, and Platte counties in Missouri, as well as Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas.

A complete listing of 2004 grants awarded will be posted on the Jewish Heritage Foundation website, [www.jhf-kc.org](http://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.

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.

Past Presidents of the Foundation are: Donald H. Tranin, Bernard P. Erdman, Rodney T. Minkin, and Joseph L. Hiersteiner.

In addition to the officers and past presidents, members of the Board of Directors include: Barbara M. Atlas, Marilyn Berenbom, Thomas M. Bloch, Stanley J. Bushman, Bunni Copaken, Gustave Eisemann, M.D., SuEllen Fried, Susan L. Goldsmith, Sharon Greenwood, Tom Isenberg, Howard T Jacobson, Gary Leifer, M.D., Jay Robinow, M.D., Linda Sims, and Stanford A. Zeldin.

Foundation staff is made up of: Steve Israelite, Executive Director; Beth A. Gottstein, Senior Program Officer; and Marianne Mantel, Administrative Director.

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