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Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City Announces 2008 Core Agency Support Grant Awards

Kansas City, MO: The Board of Directors of the Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City is pleased to announce its 2008 Core Agency Support grant awards. The Foundation presented grant monies to forty-one 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.

"We are delighted to provide over \$357,700 in operational support to Kansas City area agencies," Foundation Board President Sheryl Davidow noted. "Core agency support dollars are fundamental to the effective operation of an organization. Our Foundation is pleased to offer funding for these expenses, such as rent, utilities, technological upgrades and strategic planning." The various grant awards range in value from \$2,557 to \$10,000.

This year, the Foundation has provided approximately \$1.87 million in grants, which includes over \$1.5 million in program and core agency support grants in the Kansas City Jewish community. A complete listing of 2008 grants awarded will be posted on the Jewish Heritage Foundation's 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 fourteen years, has dedicated itself to its mission "to promote health and well being in the Greater Kansas City area, with a priority to serve the Jewish community."

Officers of the Foundation board are: Sheryl T. Davidow, president; Steven A. Gershon, executive vice president; Stanley P. Weiner, vice president-investments; Susan Goldsmith, vice president-grants; Marilyn Berenbom, secretary; and, Michael Milens, treasurer.

Foundation board members include: Stanley J. Bushman, Robin Carr, Mary Davidson Cohen, Ed.D., Bernard P. Erdman, Sharon Greenwood, Tom Isenberg, Howard T Jacobson, Gina Kaiser, Rob Mandel, Sue McCord-Belzer, Rodney T. Minkin, Mark C. Myron, M.D., Carol Sader, Daniel L. Scharf, M.D., Jane Sosland, Ph.D., Ann Stern, Frank Sterneck, and Stanford A. Zeldin.

Foundation staff includes Ellen Kort, Executive Director; Cathy Boyer-Shesol, Senior Program Officer; and Marianne Mantel, Administrative Director.

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