



LEGACY

SUMMER 2012 NEWSLETTER

JEWISH FOUNDATION PROVIDES 96 SCHOLARSHIPS TO YAVAPAI COLLEGE HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAMS

In what is described as the largest scholarship program in its history, Yavapai College announced the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Prescott (JCF) would provide 96 scholarships over the next five years for students in the nursing and radiologic technology programs. The Jewish Foundation Healthcare Scholarships will cover the full cost of tuition and fees for students selected for the scholarship program. The first recipients of the Jewish Foundation Healthcare Scholarships will begin their professional studies at Yavapai College in August of 2012 with the first graduates expected in May of 2014.



"The trained nurse has become one of the great blessings of humanity, taking a place beside the physician and the priest." - William Osler, M.D. Founding Professor of Johns Hopkins Hospital and the Father of Modern Medicine.

In providing scholarship support for healthcare students at Yavapai College, JCF has shown a commitment to partnering with local organizations to ensure that the highest quality healthcare workforce is available in our community for future generations."

When asked to comment on the new program, Christine Witbeck, Associate Dean of the Yavapai College Nursing School stated: "This new scholarship program is an incredible gift from the Jewish Community Foundation to our nursing program. These scholarships are truly a life changing opportunity which will allow the selected students to

The scholarship program is designed to address two issues: (1) the expected shortage of healthcare professionals in coming years and (2) the inability of rural communities to effectively compete with urban communities for these highly valued professionals. The Jewish Foundation Healthcare Scholarship program is designed as a community effort to identify, support, and train students who are committed to pursuing a healthcare career in our local community. As described by JCF president, David Hess, M.D.: "The program simultaneously supports education and healthcare, while ensuring a 'pipeline' of vital healthcare professionals for the local medical community."

Dr. Penny Wills, president of Yavapai College, stated: "This forward-looking gift from the Jewish Community Foundation comes at a time when college affordability and financial resources are significant barriers for many students and their families, especially when the family may have limited funds to help defray the costs of a college education.

focus on their studies and not worry about how to pay for their nursing school education."

Steve Walker, Executive Director of the Yavapai College Foundation, had this to say about the new program: "The Jewish Community Foundation has been a wonderful partner for Yavapai College for the past five years, and this new scholarship program is just another example of their commitment to support and improve our community. The size, scope, and vision of this gift is truly phenomenal. The College, our medical community, and those needing healthcare in the future will benefit greatly from this wonderful gift."

For further information about the Jewish Foundation Healthcare Scholarship Program, contact the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Prescott at (928) 717-0016 or the Yavapai College Foundation at (928) 776-2025.



“DEEDS OF GIVING ARE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE WORLD.”

THREE STORIES OF ESCAPE AND SURVIVAL

Nowhere during WWII did death visit more frequently than on the Children of the Holocaust. Of the approximately 1.6 million Jewish children living in the territories that the German armies would eventually occupy, it is estimated that only 100,000 would survive the Holocaust. During the Days of Remembrance program on April 15th at Yavapai College Performance Hall, three survivors of the Holocaust shared their eyewitness accounts of what it was like to be a child in Europe during WWII.

Before the war began, Abe Greenberg enjoyed the life of a young boy in the small village of Osmolice, outside of Lublin, Poland, - that is, until the Nazis arrived and demanded all Jews report for relocation to concentration camps. Abe described how his family gathered around the kitchen table and decided to defy the Nazis. Rather than comply with an order that would mean certain death, Abe and his family successfully hid from the Nazis for the next five years, until they were liberated by Russian troops in 1944.

Irene Danon was only 11 years old when the German Army marched into Belgrade, Yugoslavia in 1941 and her family began a three-year struggle to evade and escape the Nazis. Her family's long journey ended in 1944 when Irene and her parents were among 942 Jews chosen to travel to America through the efforts of President Roosevelt's War Board. Irene Danon stated: "During the Holocaust, we were tested in every possible way. We never lost faith."

Herman Schloss described the terror he experienced at the hands of his teacher and schoolmates in the small village of Sugenheim, Germany. When his parents were able to obtain only three visas for the United States, Herman and his older sister had to be left behind in Germany with their grandmother. However, fortune shined on the Schloss family when additional visas became available and they were reunited in America. Herman said: "I just wanted to kiss the ground when we finally landed in New York."

At the end of the program, the audience realized how human perseverance, faith, and just 'plain' luck made the difference between life and death for the three speakers.



Childhood survivors of the Holocaust, Abe Greenberg, Herman Schloss, and Irene Danon share their stories with the audience during Days of Remembrance.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In this issue of Legacy the Foundation proudly announces a historic gift to Yavapai College to provide scholarships for nursing and radiologic technology students in the Science and Health Division. Beginning with this month's start of classes, JCF will provide 96 scholarships over a five-year period to educate healthcare students who will go on to provide valuable services for our community for years to come.

With this issue, the Foundation announces the recipients of this year's Community Grants. With the continuation of difficult economic times, the Grants Committee once again has emphasized providing food for those less fortunate in our community. The Foundation is especially pleased to provide valuable support to the Hungry Kids programs for the Prescott and Dewey-Humboldt School Districts.

Finally, this issue provides an account of the successful Days of Remembrance observance at Yavapai College Performance Hall that featured three childhood survivors of the Holocaust. The event was made all the more special because the distinguished speakers are residents of Prescott

David S. Hess, M.D., President



TEN LOCAL CHARITIES AWARDED GRANTS JEWISH FOUNDATION DISTRIBUTES \$35,000



On the left, Foundation Grants Chairman, Saul Fein, presents Dr. Ron Barnes with a \$5,000 check for the Prescott Hungry Kids Project. On the far right, Foundation Trustee, Richard Brody, presents Carm Staker with a \$5,000 check for the Dewey-Humboldt Hungry Kids Project.

The continuing Great Recession of 2008 has been an unfortunate perfect storm for the community's charitable organizations and social agencies that provide a vital safety net for those in need. As requests for assistance have increased dramatically, funding for operations has dropped in a similar fashion, leaving our community's safety net fragile and frayed.

"Despite awarding a record amount in grants, the need in the community far exceeded the Foundation's capability to fund all the worthwhile requests it received," stated Saul Fein, chairman of the Foundation's grants committee. The organizations awarded Community Grants included:

Hunger Relief Collaboration – consisting of Common Ground, Church on the Street, Granite Creek Pot Luck Ministry, and CCJ Open Door, the organization is committed to feeding the hungry in greater Prescott. The Foundation's \$7,000 grant will be used to support the daily operation of the kitchens.

Prescott Area Woman's Shelter (PAWS) – serving more than 140 women yearly, PAWS provides shelter and support for homeless women in Prescott. PAWS was awarded a grant for \$5,000 to assist in the case management work of the shelter.

CASA for Kids, Inc – providing for the unmet needs of abused, neglected, and abandoned children in the care of the Court, CASA will use its grant of \$2,500 to supplement the clothing allowance for children in the Foster Care System.

Central Arizona Seniors' Association – the Foundation's grant of \$2,500 will support the organization's Prescott Valley Meals on Wheels program that provides daily meals to over 100 homebound clients and 40 dining room clients.

Adult Care Services – the Foundation's \$2,000 grant will support therapeutic programs in the arts and crafts at the Margaret T. Morris Center, a 57-bed residential/assisted living center for people with Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia.

Hungry Kids Program – Prescott and Humboldt Unified School Districts will provide much needed food for the weekend to more than 100 disadvantaged children in Prescott and 50 children in the Dewey-Humboldt area. These programs received \$10,000 in funding for their operations.

Boys and Girls Club of Central Arizona – the Foundation's \$2,000 grant will be used for the new "Keystone Community Initiative" that seeks to teach teenagers the virtues of compassion, tolerance, responsibility, and citizenship.

Reach Out and Read Arizona – supporting an initiative by the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Foundation's \$3,000 grant will help eight pediatric clinics throughout Yavapai County promote literacy to young children by providing age-appropriate books about healthy food choices and physical activity.

Prescott Center for the Arts – a grant of \$1,000 will support an original play contest for young playwrights. Theatrical experts will judge the contest and the best three plays will be produced and performed for the community.

"For over 5000 years the concept of charitable giving to one's community has been an integral part of Jewish tradition," said Foundation president David Hess. "The Jewish Foundation is proud and honored to support these fine local organizations and agencies that provide such vital services to the greater Prescott area."



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For three busy days in April, Foundation trustees, Michelle Falick and Christine Resnick, attended a series of events and seminars sponsored by the PJ Library organization of Massachusetts. Supported and funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the PJ Library program provides high quality children's books and CD's to Jewish families in over 100 American communities. Each year representatives from Jewish communities across America come together to exchange ideas on how best to improve and expand this wonderful Jewish out-reach program. Trustees Resnick and Falick returned with a variety of ideas on ways to improve the program for the quad-city area and will soon be implementing many of these new concepts. The Foundation is proud to offer the PJ Library program free to all Jewish families in the Greater Prescott area who have young children. For more information on this program please visit www.jcftp.org or call 717-0016.



From the left, Foundation Trustee Michelle Falick, Mary Ellen Loebel of Tucson, and Foundation Trustee Christine Resnick exchange ideas at the PJ Library Conference in Baltimore.

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