



# LEGACY

## WINTER 2018 NEWSLETTER

### 2017 RECIPIENTS OF JEWISH FOUNDATION HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

At a reception in the Community Room on August 27th, Yavapai College announced the recipients of the Community Healthcare Scholarships for 2017. Excitement and gratitude were the catch phrases of the day, as the group of twelve students expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to pursue their chosen healthcare careers. Coming from all walks of life and past experiences, the twelve scholars expressed one common theme – their desire to help others in our community. Ten of the students are enrolled in the Sciences and Health School of Nursing and two students are enrolled in the Allied Health School of Radiologic Technology.

Announced in 2016, the Community Healthcare Scholarship Program is the largest scholarship program at Yavapai College. The scholarship program is designed as a community effort to identify, support, and train students who are committed to pursuing a healthcare career in the local community. The local organizations

that provide the funding for the scholarship program are: **Harold James Family Trust, Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Prescott, Margaret T. Morris Foundation, Prescott Radiologists, LLP, Yavapai College Foundation, and Yavapai Regional Medical Center.**

Dr. David Hess, president of the Jewish Foundation said: “This healthcare scholarship program simultaneously supports education and healthcare while ensuring a pipeline of vital healthcare professionals for the local medical community.”

Speaking to the audience of approximately seventy-five people, that also included many of the 2016 scholarship recipients, were Diane Drexler, Chief Nursing Officer of Yavapai Regional Medical Center, Dr. Penny Wills, President of Yavapai College, and Dr. David Hess, President of the Jewish Community Foundation. Each provided words of admiration and encouragement to the scholarship recipients, noting the students were embarking on a demanding but rewarding profession of service to others.

At the conclusion of the event, Dr. Matthew Dicker, a partner in Prescott Radiologist, LLP, and Dr. Hess, a retired cardiologist, presented each of the nursing scholarship recipients with a stethoscope engraved with the student’s name and each of the radiologic technology students with a set of engraved X-ray markers. These gifts will accompany these energetic and committed individuals throughout their journey as healthcare professionals.



*Community Healthcare Scholars for 2017 are:*

*Front row: Morgan Thornburg, Cossette Dark, Nicole Goldberger, Kolbie Tafoya, Teri Sanchez, Samantha Pendley. Back row: Charmaine McEvoy, Leah Barron, Timber McLain, Shannon Garrels, Jena Garner, Christy Delaney.*



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

## HANUKKAH MENORAHS ADORN COMMUNITY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

This holiday season residents of our community found Hanukkah Menorahs in Prescott and Prescott Valley. The first Hanukkah Menorah was publically displayed in November of 2011 with the unveiling of an outdoor Menorah at the 12th Annual ‘Valley of Lights’ in Prescott Valley. Jointly sponsored by Temple B’rith Shalom and the Jewish Foundation, this outdoor Menorah stands thirteen feet tall, is ten feet wide, and displays nine candles that are each five-foot tall. This holiday season marked the outdoor Menorah’s seventh appearance in the ‘Valley of Lights’ festival.

Since 2012, Hanukkah Menorahs have also adorned the East and West Campuses of Yavapai Regional Medical Center. And for the fourth time since 2014, Rabbi Elie Filler of the Chabad of Prescott held a Menorah lighting ceremony on the Courthouse Square in Prescott. This year Prescott Mayor, Greg Mengarelli, attended and spoke at the public outdoor Menorah lighting.

Hanukkah is the 2,000-year-old story of the miracle of the sacred oil that occurred in ancient Israel. The story began when a Jewish priest and his five sons rebelled against the Syrian tyrant, Antiochus IV, who had outlawed the Jewish religion and defiled the Temple in Jerusalem. Although vastly outnumbered by Antiochus’ soldiers, the tiny army of Jewish rebels, called the Maccabees, defeated the Syrians and regained control of Jerusalem and the Temple.

Once the Temple had been cleansed and the new altar readied for services, the Maccabees discovered that only one vial of sacred olive oil had survived the defilement by the Syrians. Although the vial contained only enough oil to light the altar Menorah for one day, the sacred oil miraculously burned for eight days – enough time to prepare a fresh supply of olive oil for the Temple.

An eight-day festival was declared by the Jewish leaders to commemorate this ‘miracle of the oil’. Each year at Hanukkah, Jews celebrate by lighting the candles on a unique nine-branched Menorah – lighting one candle on each night of the holiday, progressing until all eight are lit on the final night. The ninth, or raised candle, is called the *shamash* and is used to light the other candles.

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

*For the past thirteen years the Legacy newsletter has described the Foundation’s multitude of programs. The common thread of those programs has been a desire to improve the life we all enjoy in our community.*

*The Community Healthcare Scholars Program began as one donor’s vision and has now grown into a community-wide program of support for healthcare students at Yavapai College. By 2021 the scholarship program will have provided full tuition and fee scholarships to 115 students.*

*The Foundation’s call for grant applications, announced on the opposite page, begins our annual process of awarding funds to local organizations that provide much needed assistance to those in need in our community.*

*The Foundation’s success is due to the generosity of its donors, the efforts of its volunteers, the wisdom of its Board, and the support of its community partners – to each I want to say thank you. Together we aspire to improve our community.*

David S. Hess, M.D.



*Hanukkah Menorah display in the lobby of Yavapai Regional Medical Center East Campus in Prescott Valley.*



## FOUNDATION CALL FOR GRANT APPLICANTS LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY



*On the left in 2014, Michelle Falick, Chair of the JCF Grants Committee, presents Sue Rutherford, Executive Director of Arizona Crisis Team, with a check for new computers.*

**F**or over 5000 years the concept of charitable giving has been an integral part of Jewish life and belief. For more than 240 years, the desire to improve the common good and help one's neighbor has been the fabric of American democracy. With this dual heritage in mind, for the past nineteen years the Jewish Foundation has supported local charitable organizations that provide necessary services to the community's needy, underprivileged, or homeless as well as supporting education and the arts.

Each year the Foundation provides funding to community organizations through its grants application process. In 2017, the Foundation awarded more than \$140,000 to various local organizations, schools, and charities. For 2018, The Jewish Foundation expects that figure to exceed \$150,000. Grant applications for 2018 are accepted from February 12th until April 27th with the recipients being named in late May of 2018.

**To assist those interested in applying for a grant, the general guidelines of importance to the Grants Committee include:**

- Organizations requesting funding must be an IRS recognized direct 501(c) (3) charitable organization.

- The organization and program requesting funds must provide its benefits and services to the quad-city area of Yavapai County.
- Grants for new or substantially improved programs are given priority over those seeking support for established programs.
- Programs that promote community partnerships and benefit a broad spectrum of the community will be given priority.
- There must be a demonstrated need for and clear benefits of the program.
- There must be a demonstrated source of continued funding if the program is to be continued beyond the grant period.
- Grants typically range from \$1,000 to \$15,000

If your organization is interested in applying for a grant, more details can be found at [www.jcftp.org](http://www.jcftp.org) or by contacting the Foundation at 771-3737.



*From the left in 2013, Phyllis Robinson, JCF Trustee, presents Pam McLaren, Executive Director of the Heritage Zoo, with a check for \$3,500 to improve the raptor enclosures.*



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## PJ LIBRARY PROVIDES FREE JEWISH BOOKS FOR KIDS IN THE GREATER PRESCOTT AREA

**H**ave you ever wanted a better way to create treasured Jewish memories with your children or grandchildren? Have you wanted a way to introduce them to the richness and depth of our Jewish heritage? This year will mark the tenth year that PJ Library has been doing just that in our community! And it's free!

The Jewish Foundation has partnered with the nationally recognized *PJ Library*, to provide free, high quality children's books and CD's to Jewish families in the greater Prescott area. For children ages 6 months to seven years enrolled in the program, PJ Library will mail a monthly gift of a Jewish book or CD as well as a reading guide to enhance the family's experience. And the best part is: the program is free to all Jewish families in the quad-city area that enroll their children.

To obtain more information or to enroll your child in this wonderful program, visit the Foundation's web site at [www.jcftp.org](http://www.jcftp.org) or call 771-3737.



*A mother and her daughter read the PJ Library book, **The Littlest Pair**, the story of Noah's Ark.*

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