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2018 RECIPIENTS OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED



Healthcare Scholars for 2018 are, from left to right, Front row: Alejandra Betancourt, Roberta McLain, Tayler Rezzonico, Melanie Tortorello, Angela Mazon, Hannah Haywood, Jovan Alaniz. Back row: Madison Martell, Jordan Lewis, Ryder Collins, Joel Marsh, Elizabeth Blake.

At a reception in the Community Room on August 29th, Yavapai College announced the recipients of the Community Healthcare Scholarships for 2018. 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 2012 by the Jewish Foundation, the Community Healthcare Scholarship Program is the largest scholarship program in the history of Yavapai College. To date, the scholarship program has awarded 100 students full tuition and fee scholarships for the

two-year healthcare program. 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.**

Speaking to the audience of approximately sixty people, including many of the 2017 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.



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

CHRISTINE RESNICK BECOMES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

On August 5, 2018, Jewish Foundation president, David Hess, M.D., announced the appointment of Christine Resnick as the new Executive Director of the Jewish Community Foundation. Hess stated: “Christine was the obvious choice for our organization. Christine is a long-term resident of Prescott, has served on the Board of Trustees for seven years, and has served for several years on the Grants Committee. I have the utmost confidence that Christine will serve admirably as our first Executive Director.”

Christine is a first-generation immigrant from the Philippines who, at the age of two, moved to Seattle with her parents. Christine and her two brothers grew up in the Seattle area, where her mom and dad found employment with the Boeing Company. Christine attended Western Washington University where she earned a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting. Next, she became a licensed CPA and then spent ten years working in finance including positions as a Senior Accountant at the Seattle Times and a controller for a software development company.

Christine and her husband, Dr. Bill Resnick, have lived in Prescott for the past sixteen years and have two teenaged children. Christine is known by many in the community for her volunteer efforts on behalf of our schools, where she has served on the Board at Primavera School, the Boosters at BASIS, PTO Treasurer at Granite Mountain School, and PTSA Hospitality Chair at Mile High Middle School. In addition, Christine’s volunteer efforts have assisted countless Special Ed students and most recently she has helped students at Mile High Middle School obtain credits for classes those students had previously failed.

When asked about the appointment of Resnick to the position of Executive Director, JCF Chairman Emeritus, Harold Greenberg, said: “Christine is a story of the American dream. She came here as a child, applied herself, and has become a respected professional known for her generosity and her passion for the youth in our community. For the past seven years I have observed Christine as she has taken a leadership role in many of the Jewish Foundation’s ongoing programs and initiatives. She possesses a unique set of skills that will serve the Foundation well as we expand our programs and grants in the community.”



Christine Resnick has assumed the position of Executive Director of the Jewish Foundation.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

This issue of the Legacy newsletter outlines the Foundation’s busy agenda these past few months. 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.

The Foundation’s continued growth and the diversity of its programming has necessitated the need for an executive director. As described on this page, the Foundation is excited to announce Christine Resnick has assumed that position. On the opposite page, you will find a heartwarming story of a candlelight vigil held at the Courthouse Square to show community support for the City of Pittsburgh and its Jewish 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.”

David S. Hess, M.D.



CANDLELIGHT VIGIL AT COURTHOUSE *PRESCOTT STANDS WITH PITTSBURGH*



A large crowd gathers prior to the Candlelight Vigil (Courtesy of Marchetti Photo).

On Saturday, November 3, 2018, the Jewish Foundation and the City of Prescott sponsored a community candlelight vigil at the Courthouse Square to demonstrate support for the City of Pittsburgh and specifically the Pittsburgh Jewish community. A crowd, estimated to be more than 1,000 people, attended the vigil to express their sympathy with the Pittsburgh Jewish community and to show their solidarity against anti-Semitism.

Retired Lutheran minister, Daniel Storvick, began the vigil quoting the lament in the Book of Habakkuk saying: 'How long, Lord must I call for help, but you do not listen?' Pastor Storvick's words captured what many were feeling—how could the senseless killings in Pittsburgh happen in a just world? The vigil did not answer that haunting lament, but rather provided a common place to share one's feelings and sadness with others.

Mayor Greg Mengarelli and Mayor Harvey Skoog read a joint declaration that stated: "The City of Prescott and the Town of Prescott Valley strongly condemn the heinous shooting that occurred at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh on October 27, 2018. We send our deepest sympathies to the victims and families of those who were

needlessly murdered in this anti-Semitic attack." The declaration went on to say: "It is paramount that every city and town in America stand steadfast to ensure the poison of anti-Semitism has no place in American society."

Sheila Polk, Yavapai County Attorney, began her remarks with: "Your presence here tonight is a visible choice of good over evil." And she ended her comments with: "May God give all of us the strength and the courage, to be the force, through our words and our actions, against bigotry and hatred, and anti-Semitism."

Jewish Foundation president, Dr. David Hess, concluded the vigil by informing the crowd that after the wounded Pittsburgh gunman was taken to a Pittsburgh trauma hospital, the first nurses and doctors to render care to the anti-Semitic killer were Jews. Hess went on to say: "There is no sharper contrast between Good and Evil than how these Jews treated this anti-Semitic killer. The noble behavior of these Jewish doctors and nurses, under the worst of circumstances, sets an example we should all imitate. Perhaps if we do, Good will finally defeat Evil."



A couple with heads bowed during prayer at the Candlelight Vigil (Courtesy of Marchetti Photo).



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LEGACY NEWSLETTER REPLACEMENT COMING IN 2019

The Jewish Community Foundation published its first edition of the Legacy Newsletter in 2006 in order to keep the community apprised of its programs, initiatives, and grants. After thirteen successful years, in 2019, the Legacy Newsletter will be replaced by a combination of digital media and frequent postcard mailers. When asked about the reason for the change, Foundation president, David Hess stated: "Our need to announce programs and news on a more frequent basis outstripped the publication schedule of the Legacy Newsletter. Our society is now driven by instant access to information, digital media, and the need to communicate in brief, concise methods—thus our decision to replace the quarterly Legacy Newsletter. In the future, the Foundation will utilize its website, Facebook, digital news outlets, and postcard mailers to get our news to the community. We hope people will follow, like, and share us on Facebook, where we will be posting information on our current programs, initiatives and grants."

YAVAPI COLLEGE ANNOUNCES FALL SEMESTER COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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Presenting to the audience of approximately seventy five people, that also included many of the 2011 scholarship recipients, were Dana Drucker, Chief Nursing Officer of Flagstaff Regional Medical Center; Dr. Henry Wilks, President of Yavapai College; and Dr. David Hess, President of the Jewish Community Foundation. Each provided words of appreciation and encouragement to the scholarship recipients, noting the students were embarking on a rewarding but demanding prospect of service to others.

At the conclusion of the event, Dr. Matthew Olson, a professor at Prescott Community College, I.P. and Dr. Henry, a retired cardiologist, presented each of the nursing scholarship recipients with a certificate engraved with the student's name and each of the healthcare technology students with a set of engraved stethoscopes. These gifts will accompany their energetic and committed dedication throughout their journey as healthcare professionals.

Presented at Reception: (clockwise from left) Dana Drucker, Chief Nursing Officer, Flagstaff Regional Medical Center; Dr. Henry Wilks, President of Yavapai College; Dr. David Hess, President of the Jewish Community Foundation; and Dr. Matthew Olson, Professor at Prescott Community College.

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