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**OJCF NEWS**



**OJCYF MAKES FINAL GRANT ALLOCATIONS**

**Portland, OR, June 7, 2011** – The Oregon Jewish Community Foundation is pleased to announce that its Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation (OJCYF) awarded a total of \$29,000 at their May allocation meeting. These funds were raised by the youth at their annual benefit dinner, Compassion in Action, in April.

This year, 28 students comprising two groups participated in the program that gives teens hands-on experience in researching nonprofit organizations, assessing their needs, and making tough choices as to which should receive funding through grants. Twenty-two students in Group A followed the traditional curriculum of conducting site visits and allocating funds while the six veteran Group B students who have been in the program for several years mentored group A and took on internships at various non-profit organizations.

Fifteen Jewish and eight secular organizations through the Portland Metro Area answered OJCYF’s spring request for proposals, applying for over \$66,000 in funding. This year, the areas of most concern for the students were Jewish children’s camp scholarships for special needs children, teen homelessness and emergency aid. The list of awards is as follows:

**JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS**

<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Amount</b>
B'nai B'rith Summer Camp	Kehila Scholarship Fund: Serving Special Needs Campers	\$3,000
Cedar Sinai Park	Elders' Family Learning Initiative	\$1,433
Congregation Neveh Shalom	The Mothers Circle	\$1,000
Jewish Family & Child Service	Safety Net Services	\$3,000
Greater Portland Hillel	Advanced Student Leadership Training	\$500
Jewish Federation of Greater Portland	PJ Library	\$1,500
Jewish Student Union	Jewish Student Union Clubs	\$250
Jewish Theatre Collaborative	Stages of Connection - Capacity Expansion	\$250
Mittleman Jewish Community Center	Warm Water Therapy Pool Program	\$1,600
Moishe House	Moise House Portland	\$800
Oregon Area Jewish Committee	All of Us Together Are a Family-Intergroup Seder	\$800
Oregon Holocaust Resource Center	Audio equipment for speaker presentations	\$1,317
Oregon Jewish Museum	Building for Education - Field Trip Scholarships	\$800
Portland Jewish Academy	Artist in Residency: Celebrating PJA's 50th Ann.	\$250
PSU Schnitzer Program in Judaic Studies	Lorry I. Lokey Israel Travel & Research Fund	\$1,500
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>\$18,000</b>

**SECULAR ORGANIZATIONS**

<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Community Transitional School	Summer School for Homeless Children	\$5,000
Community Warehouse	Beds for Kids Project	\$800
The Dougy Center	Child Sponsorship	\$1,500
Friends of Trees	Youth Tree Corps - Riparian Restoration Projects	\$850
Human Solutions	Lincoln Woods Youth Soccer Team	\$100
Neighborhood House	Emergency Food Box Program	\$1,800
Ronald McDonald House	Fund a Family's One-Week Stay	\$700
Sisters of the Community (SOC)	Nonprofit Youth Leadership Project	\$250
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>\$11,000</b>

Earlier in the year, the students in Group A allocated an additional \$6,000 to 38 Jewish and eight Secular organizations based on their site visit experiences.

Since its inception in 2003, the OJCYF has had a profound impact in the community, allocating nearly \$216,000 to over 75 Jewish and secular organizations in Oregon and SW Washington.

“OJCYF has taught me the great responsibility that money brings. The money that we raise has the potential to do truly amazing things, but only if we allocate it thoughtfully and conscientiously. I hope to carry this principle with me throughout future allocations and hopefully, throughout a lifetime of tzedakah” says OJCYF board member, Leah Haykin.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2011-2012 year. The deadline for applications is August 31, 2011. OJCYF is open to all high school age students. The program’s adult advisor is OJCF Executive Director, Julie Diamond. Jonathan Emanuel, who served as an adult advisor this year with Diamond, is leaving Portland for a position as a synagogue education director in California. “It has been a pleasure working closely with Jonathan this past year and we all wish him great success in his new position. He will be missed,” said Diamond. For more information about the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation or to obtain an application, please contact Julie Diamond at (503) 248-9323 or visit [www.ojcf.org](http://www.ojcf.org).

### **About OJCYF**

The mission of the Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation is to secure the future of Jewish philanthropy and to develop a strong generation of future Jewish leaders. By involving Jewish teenagers of the greater Portland Area in the fundraising, allocation, and distribution of money to both Jewish and secular non-profit organizations, OJCYF teaches its youth of the satisfaction of philanthropy while instilling in them a sense of responsibility in community.

### **About OJCF**

The Oregon Jewish Community Foundation is dedicated to creating, promoting, and facilitating a culture of giving, and serves as a permanent repository of funds available to safeguard the quality of Jewish communal life in Oregon and Southwest Washington. The Foundation invests its assets to foster strong support of the community’s current needs while also providing resources for future generations.

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