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OREGON JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS UNRESTRICTED GRANTS

Portland, OR – The Oregon Jewish Community Foundation is pleased to announce that our Distribution Committee and Board of Trustees have awarded a total of \$7,658 from OJCF's Unrestricted Fund to four Jewish Organizations. The Distribution Committee received ten proposals for consideration with the total dollar amount requested nearly six-times the amount available for distribution. The following programs received funding:

- \$3,000 to Jewish Family and Child Services' Day School/Family Program Coordination of JFCS Counseling Program
- \$2,500 to Mittleman Jewish Community Center for Security for the MJCC and Portland Jewish Academy
- \$1,658 for Hillel's "Shabbat on Wheels" program
- \$500 for Temple Emek Shalom's Preschool Playground Project

OJCF's Distribution Committee gives priority to projects addressing needs in the areas of **Jewish art and culture, community development, education, health, social welfare** and/or any other special events that:

- Represent an innovative, start-up effort
- Are capital in nature, i.e. construction, renovation, equipment
- Promote collaboration among qualified organizations without duplicating services
- Serve a broad segment of the community
- Are located in Oregon or the SW Washington area

The challenge that OJCF faces is how to grow the organization's unrestricted fund so that the needs of its Member Agencies and the community's may be met. Resources in the General Unrestricted Fund ensure the survival of the local Jewish community. Donors can leave a legacy to the community's Unrestricted Fund by naming OJCF through a variety of giving vehicles. Donors can leave a legacy in testamentary fashion (after death) through the use of a bequest or in inter-vivo fashion (while living). These planned gifts can support a specific Jewish and/or secular charity. OJCF also assists Jewish organizations in securing permanent endowments through consultation and marketing activities.

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