

2005 Grants

Trustees of the Jewish Women's Foundation awarded \$76,250 to 9 programs in the Detroit metropolitan area and in Israel. This includes the first year of two multi-year commitments; a 3 year grant to PACT Netanya, for a total of \$30,000 over 3 years and a 2 year special allocation to support a study of the status of Jewish Women as a part of a planned 2 year Jewish Demographic Study of the Detroit area. Special 2-Year Allocation will go to the following:

- **An Allocation of \$7,500 (the first part of a \$15,000 2-year Special Allocation) will go to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit** for an analysis of the status of Jewish women in the Detroit area Jewish community as part of a planned Jewish Demographic Study to be conducted by Federation's Planning and Allocations Department.

The 2005 Grant Awards are:

- **\$10,000 to the David B. Hermelin ORT Resource Center** for its **"Back to Work Program for Orthodox Women"**, a second year of support for a project to provide at-risk women with marketable job skills, an opportunity for economic self-sufficiency and the enhancement of self-esteem as they enter the job market, many for the first time.
- **\$8,000 to the Dorothy and Peter Brown Jewish Community Adult Day Care Program, JVS**, for its **"Caring Partners Project"**, support for a series of 8 training and informational sessions for women who are care givers for loved-ones with dementia and other debilitating disorders.
- **\$10,000 to The Friendship House** for **"Women Helping Women"**, a second year of support for a project that pairs women recovering from addiction with other women who have experienced similar struggles. The project includes family members of recovering addicts, as well, and builds coping mechanisms and healthier mind-sets, and organizes safe events for those not yet ready for pairing.
- **\$9,000 to the Jewish Ensemble Theatre (JET)** for a 2005-2006 **"Mean Girls Tour"**, support for a program that will ensure subsidized performances of the play "Mean

Girls” at Jewish synagogue and day schools, followed by its discussion curriculum. “Mean Girls” was commissioned by JET and paid for by a 2004 Jewish Women’s Foundation Grant, and has played at scores of area schools over the past year, to great acclaim.

- **\$10,000 to Jewish Family Service for “Out of the Shadows: Illuminating the Issues of Domestic Violence in the Jewish Community”,** support for a community event for the professional and lay communities on the issues of coercive and violent domestic abuse to rekindle awareness of a significant problem within the Jewish community. The event will feature Rabbi Abraham Twerski, MD, author of *Shame Borne in Silence*.
- **\$5,000 to Jewish Family Service for “Hannah’s Sisters”,** support for a new program and conference addressing the issues of infertility and peri-natal loss as they impact women, their partners and their support systems. The focus will be on how to help women by helping the affected couple to increase their mutual sensitivity.
- **\$3,000 to the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit Section “Teen Dating Abuse Project”,** support for the training of volunteer facilitators to take the NCJW Teen Dating Abuse video and curriculum to the freshman classes of area Synagogue and day schools. The video and curriculum deal with issues of control and violence in teen dating relationships, and the facilitators will work with students to develop insights, coping skills and the ability to exit abusive relationships.
- **\$13,750 to PACT-Netanya, in Israel, for its “Well Baby Clinics for Ethiopian-Israeli Mothers and Children”,** the first year of a 3-year grant to support the training and salaries of Ethiopian-Israeli home health liaisons. The home health liaisons work with pregnant women and new mothers in the Ethiopian Olim community, to help them raise healthy, well stimulated babies and toddlers, ready to enter school on a par with their veteran Israeli counterparts.