

2006 Grants

The Jewish Women's Foundation of Metropolitan Detroit (JWF) is pleased to announce the grants awarded by its Board of Trustees in its 6th Grant Cycle. To date, the JWF has committed more than \$400,000 to support projects that benefit Jewish women and girls in our community. This year, grants totaling \$101,334 were awarded to the following 2006 JWF Grantees:

- **\$7,500 (second year of support totaling \$15,000) for the Jewish Population Study** conducted by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. This allocation completes the JWF's support for the population study's report relating to the status of Jewish women in the Detroit area Jewish Community.
- **\$9,250 (second year of a three year commitment totaling \$30,000) to PACT-Netanya in Israel**, for its "Well Baby Clinics for Ethiopian-Israeli Mothers and Children" the second 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 Olimcommunity, to help them raise healthy, well stimulated babies and toddlers, ready to enter school on a par with their veteran Israeli counterparts.
- **\$5,400 to The Fresh Air Society for "Free To Be Who I Am"**, a Tamarack Camp program for girls entering the 9th grade in their schools, designed to address self-esteem and self-image issues that they face as they become young women through creative and "cool" camp experiences in an all girl setting that will encourage discussion of "coming of age" issues.
- **\$10,000 to The Friendship Circle for "Welcome Back"**, to provide Jewish women who are inmates in Michigan prisons and jails with opportunities for advocacy, friendship, support, professional guidance in prison and support for their reintegration into the community, helping them to find housing, jobs, treatment and friendship.
- **\$9,900 to JARC for "Learning to Lead"**, a program for JARC's female residents with developmental disabilities designed to help them build the skills and knowledge that

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will enable them to participate in the community as members of committees and on boards.

- **\$9,034 to JVS for “Senior Service Corps”**, for the expansion of a program that provides opportunities for senior Jewish women in the Senior Service Corps who come together at JVS to do projects that support area non-profit organizations. The Senior Service Corps offers often isolated senior women an opportunity to engage in meaningful, fulfilling service projects, to socialize with peers and to receive necessary social services.
- **\$5,000 to the Jewish Academy of Metropolitan Detroit for “Rosh Hodesh: It’s a Girl Thing”**, a syndicated Jewish values based program that uses informal Jewish education to enrich the lives of Jewish teenage girls through learning, discussion and creative projects. The program is designed to strengthen self-esteem and self-confidence, foster friendships and build Jewish identity.
- **\$9,600 to the Jewish Gay Network of Michigan for “Twice Blessed: Being Lesbian and Jewish”**, for a year long, bi-monthly series of educational and support programs about issues such as coming out, family dynamics, relationships, Jewish community connections, personal health and well being, and reconciling being Jewish and gay, that will reach out to lesbians, mothers of lesbians, children of lesbians, family members and those in the straight community who wish to support the lesbian community.
- **\$10,000 to Jewish Women International for “Building a Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Abuse in the Detroit Jewish Community”**, with Jewish Family Services and other Detroit area Jewish community organizations, JWI will engage community leaders, educators, rabbis, funders and social service professionals through meetings and workshops to begin to understand and treat domestic abuse and to begin to shape a coalition that will systematically change the way the community prevents, addresses and responds to abuse. JWI will conduct a needs-assessment study in the Detroit area to collect the perceptions, experiences, understanding and awareness of abuse in the community.

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- **\$9,000 to KADIMA for “KADIMA’s Women’s Project”**, a program for Jewish women with mental illness who are immobilized emotionally and unable to develop as adults. The project will employ a trained professional to help the participants gain understanding and more control of themselves, their bodies, their sexuality and their relationships. It will prepare them for employment in either independent or sheltered work places, and will empower them to assert and protect themselves.
- **\$10,000 to National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit Section**, for “Advocacy in Action: Empowering Young Jewish Women”, a 4-part series that will educate, train and empower young Jewish women between the ages of 18 and 30 to become advocates, learn effective lobbying skills and how to speak to power about issues of importance to them. Trainers will include experienced lobbyists, including NCJW’s National Advocate and the Greater Detroit Section’s lobbyist in the state capital, and a local NCJW Board Member with extensive advocacy experience. The program will culminate in a lobbying day in Lansing.
- **\$6,650 to the Prentis Memorial Library at Temple Beth El for “Am Echad / Safer Echad: A Community Book Club for Girls ages 11-13 and Their Female Valuable Persons”**, a community-wide initiative encouraging Jewish organizations to develop book clubs for girls and their female role models, kindling a lifelong love for reading and learning. A long list of participating synagogues and educational organizations are building book clubs and will come together for an initial book assignment meeting and ice cream social. The book clubs will all begin by reading the same book, and will come back together for an evening with the author. The book clubs will select books on their own or from a provided list for subsequent assignments.
- **\$15,000 Israel Emergency Allocation**, in addition to the 2006 Grants listed above, the Trustees awarded a \$15,000 special emergency allocation to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee for a Trauma Response Program for Primary School Teachers and Children in the Central Galilee, Haifa and Northern Israel. This allocation was matched and awarded jointly with the Jewish Women’s Foundation of New York, for a total joint allocation of \$30,000.