

2008 Grants

- **\$5,000 to Central Station Detroit, "CSD Meets the Arts"**, to provide classes in and other exposure to art, dance, music and culinary arts for Orthodox girls at CSD, an after-school drop-in center.
- **\$5,000 to Friendship Circle, "Ballet / Dance Program"**, to provide a ballet program for girls with Autism. This program builds upon the current dance program for girls with cerebral palsy initiated by Friendship Circle last year.
- **\$20,000 to Hebrew Free Loan, "Building My Tomorrow"**, a 2nd year grant to supplement the capital fund created in 2007 with JWF funding for loans to women leaving abusive relationships. This year's grant would be open to female borrowers who are not necessarily victims of abuse and provide an ongoing stream of loan capital to Jewish women experiencing financial difficulty.
- **\$9,900 to JARC, "Empowerment Project for Women with Developmental Disabilities"**, for workshops to improve the safety and assertiveness skills of women with developmental disabilities by teaching them how to identify and avoid fiscal, physical, sexual and other forms of exploitation.
- **\$13,180 to Jewish Apartments and Services, "Women-in-Touch"**, to provide classes to enhance the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of seniors at JAS facilities.
- **\$20,000 to Jewish Family Service of Metropolitan Detroit (JFS), "Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse (JCADA)"**, for a 3rd year of JWF funding to sustain and train its professional, community-wide coalition, and in turn, other community professionals, to identify and respond effectively to domestic abuse. JCADA will also develop a coordinated community response to domestic abuse.
- **\$20,000 to JFS, "Legal Assistance Fund for Jewish Women"**, to establish a fund to pay the filing fees and court costs of pro-bono lawyers participating in a JFS program on behalf of low income Jewish women assisted by JFS who have nowhere else to turn.

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- **\$15,000 to JFS “Mentor Connections: Mentors for Girls”**, a second year of JWF funding to increase the number of Jewish female mentor/mentee matches; to develop and offer gender-specific trainings and events; and to make Mentors for Girls a permanent program within Mentor Connections.
- **\$18,200 to JFS “Heart to Heart ” (previously: “Women Helping Women”)**, to provide escorted transportation to facilitate the visiting of home-bound elderly women with more able-bodied elderly women who do not drive. These women-to-women matches will be part of JFS’ Friendly Visitor Program.
- **\$13,018 to Jewish Home and Aging Services, “Women Aging Artfully”**, to provide stimulating educational and cultural workshops taught by prominent, professional local artists, writers, musicians, and performers. The program will be offered to residents of Hechtman and the Brown Center Memory Care Pavilion, as well as seniors living in their own homes who attend the Brown Adult Day Care center.
- **\$13,828 to Jewish Vocational Services, “Memory Club”**, to expand Memory Club activities to serve twice as many women and augment services for those already served. The Memory Club teaches participants practical techniques to sharpen memory skills, and enables them to maintain an independent life and forestall more debilitating memory problems.
- **\$12,150 to Temple B’Nai Israel, “Growing Jewish Families”**, to develop a stronger Jewish community in Northern Michigan by offering Jewish programming for “tots”, teens and women with the goal of enabling Jewish families in the broader Petoskey area to raise their children Jewishly, enjoy Jewish learning and experience life cycle and social activities in a Jewish context.

In addition, JWF Trustees approved a one-time Special Allocation of \$20,000 to Jewish Apartments and Services for a part-time social worker who will assist those affected by the Hechtman II fire, including residents, their families and Hechtman staff.

2008 ISRAEL AND DIASPORA GRANT AWARDS

The Jewish Women's Foundation has awarded the following grants to Israeli organizations. Implementation schedules vary from 1 to 3 years.

- **\$15,000 over 2 years to ORR SHALOM Children's Homes for "Life Skills for Future Independence"**, will support workshops for girls approaching "graduation" from ORR SHALOM special homes for girls ages 12 to 18 who have been removed from their biological families by the courts due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. Girls "age out" of the state supported foster care system at age 18, and must be prepared for independent living, the army and /r national service. Most often, they have no family or homes upon which to rely after leaving their ORR SHALOM families. The 2 years of workshops will help the girls learn how to secure and retain jobs, manage simple budgets, learn responsible sexual behavior and avoid sexual exploitation, understand basic nutrition, meal planning and healthy living, learn basic cooking, and more.
- **\$25,000 over 3 years to JAFI for "Women Promote Health in the Central Galilee – TrainingCommunity Women's Health Advocates,"** will bring the program to our Partnership 2000 Region and will be administered through the community center in Nazareth Illit. The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) has run this project with great success in a number of regions throughout Israel. Staff, and then women in the community, will be recruited and trained to run women's health and wellness education and information projects throughout the area over a 3-year period. Health fares, workshops, parlor meetings, lectures and health care visits for women will promote breast cancer awareness and prevention, family planning, family and women's nutrition, health lifestyle habits, domestic abuse awareness and prevention, advocacy for better women's health care policies.
- **\$5,000 to Isha L'Isha to "Raising Public Awareness and Changing Perceptions about Women Exploited in the Sex Industry in Israel"**, support its work in combating the trafficking of women in the Israeli sex industry. The project is an advocacy project aimed at government officials, policy makers, police, social service professionals and the public. This grant is a statement of support for a very large, multi-year project and for the important work done on behalf of exploited women by Isha L'Isha.