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National Gift Planning Expert Leads Local Workshop

West Hartford, CT – National gift planning expert Kathryn Miree, J.D., addressed a crowd of more than 50 Hartford area Jewish professionals and community leaders at a bequest planning workshop on January 24. The workshop was part of the community-wide *Leave a Jewish Legacy* initiative launched by the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford.

Miree is past President of the National Committee on Planned Giving and President of Kathryn Miree and Associates, Inc., a Birmingham, Alabama–based consulting firm that helps nonprofit organizations and their lay leaders develop effective planned giving and endowment programs. She coached workshop attendees on how to make the case for endowments, how to identify and cultivate donors, and how to ask donors for legacy gifts. With careful planning, Miree emphasizes, charitable giving can be a deeply meaningful experience for donors.

Miree’s training session comes at a critical time for the Hartford Jewish community. More than 20 local Jewish agencies, schools and synagogues are participating in *Leave a Jewish Legacy*, a three-year project to capitalize on the enormous intergenerational transfer of wealth that experts predict for America in the next 50 years. “The time is right to tap into the power of legacy giving,” said Doreen Fundiller-Zweig, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Foundation. “We all want to leave a mark on the world. Legacy gifts, whether through a will, IRA, or other vehicle, give each of us the chance to have a profound impact on future generations.”

For more information about the *Leave a Jewish Legacy* initiative, please call Deborah Rothstein, J.D., Director of Development, or Doreen Fundiller-Zweig, J.D., L.L.M., Executive Director, at 860.523.7460, or visit our website at www.jcfhartford.org.

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More than 50 local Jewish leaders learned bequest planning skills from national gift planning expert Kathryn Miree at a Jewish Community Foundation workshop on January 24, 2007. Foreground: Rabbi Jeffrey Glickman and President Steven Sternberg of Temple Beth Hillel in South Windsor.

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National gift planning expert Kathryn Miree taught Hartford area Jewish leaders how to identify and cultivate donors and ask for legacy gifts as part of the Jewish Community Foundation's *Leave a Jewish Legacy* initiative.

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Since 1972, the Jewish Community Foundation has partnered with individuals, families and community organizations to help them achieve their philanthropic goals and to provide long-term support for the Greater Hartford Jewish community. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the Jewish Community Foundation distributed more than \$2 million in grants to more than 120 charities.