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Jewish Community Foundation Awards \$325,000 in Grants

West Hartford, CT – The Jewish Community Foundation has awarded \$325,000 in general community grants to two local nonprofits.

The largest grant award, \$200,000, went to the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford to support the core operations of 22 agencies. The grant will help sustain social services and health care, Jewish education, and a wide variety of recreational and cultural programs in Greater Hartford over the coming year. “In these times of economic uncertainty, the need for operating support is critical and it is gratifying that the Jewish Community Foundation is able to help address this emergency need,” says David H. Fierston, Chair of the Foundation. With this grant, Federation will be able to focus its efforts on creating new models for fundraising and community planning.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford also received a \$100,000 grant to plan, promote and organize, jointly with the Mandell Jewish Community Center, a series of programs celebrating Israel’s independence. The celebration will culminate with a community-wide festival on June 1, 2008. “As Israel begins its 60th year of statehood, the Foundation is delighted to be the main sponsor of Hartford’s celebration of Israel @ 60,” explained Thomas M. Divine, who chairs the Foundation’s Grants Committee.

A grant of \$30,000 was awarded to Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford to conduct a search for a new principal to succeed Dr. Carl Mandell, who has headed the school for the past 10 years. The school, founded in 1971, offers an integrated Judaic and secular education to nursery school through eighth-grade students.

The Jewish Community Foundation marks its 35th year of community grantmaking and partnerships with area organizations to address areas of mutual concern. Look for information on the Foundation’s new, transformative grantmaking initiatives in the months to come. To learn more, please visit the Foundation’s website at www.jcfhartford.org.

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The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford has awarded a \$100,000 grant to the Jewish Federation for a community-wide celebration of Israel’s 60th birthday, to be held this summer across the Greater Hartford area. This is just one of three grants recently announced by the Foundation, which totaled \$325,000.

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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Since 1972, the Jewish Community Foundation has partnered with individuals, families and community organizations to help them achieve their charitable goals and secure a vibrant Jewish future in Greater Hartford and around the world. The Foundation, which holds more than \$82 million in endowment funds for individuals, families, and organizations in Greater Hartford, awarded more than \$3.3 million in grants to more than 160 different charities this past year.