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Foundation Celebrates 35th Anniversary with Gala Reception

West Hartford, CT – More than 170 donors and community leaders attended a gala celebration of the Jewish Community Foundation's 35th anniversary at Tumble Brook Country Club on Wednesday, May 30. Cyral Sheldon, director of the Teen Leadership and Tzedakah Institute, and Lara Solinsky, a student participant, discussed how this innovative program gives teens a hands-on opportunity to participate in grantmaking and learn from local Jewish philanthropists. Special tribute was also paid to outgoing Foundation Trustees Donald Silpe and Henry Zachs.

The Jewish Community Foundation was established in 1972 with a \$50,000 grant from Federation as the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford. Today, the Foundation holds \$85 million in assets and administers more than 900 funds on behalf of local agencies, synagogues, and donor advisors. The Foundation awarded more than \$2.6 million in grants and scholarships during the 2006 fiscal year.

To learn more about the Foundation or about Jewish philanthropy in Greater Hartford, please call 860.523.7460 or visit www.jcfhartford.org.

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More than 160 donors and community leaders gathered at Tumble Brook Country Club on May 30 to celebrate the Jewish Community Foundation's 35th anniversary.

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Lara Solinsky shared her experiences as a participant in the Teen Leadership and Tzedakah Institute, an innovative program to teach young people about philanthropy.

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The crowd responded warmly to Lara Solinsky's first-person account of the Teen Leadership and Tzedakah Institute.

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Cyral Sheldon and Lara Solinsky of the Teen Leadership and Tzedakah Institute were featured speakers at the Jewish Community Foundation's 35th anniversary celebration.

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