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Michael Elfenbaum Joins Jewish Community Foundation as Grant Programs Officer

West Hartford, CT – The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford has named Michael Elfenbaum, J.D., its new Grant Programs Officer.

Elfenbaum, who received his undergraduate degree from Indiana University and his *juris doctor* from The Ohio State University, brings years of expertise in both the nonprofit and corporate worlds. He served as Campaign Associate, Director of Planning and Allocations, Director of Planning and Operations, and interim Executive Director at the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati and as Chief Operating Officer at the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.

As Grant Programs Officer, Elfenbaum will manage the Foundation's grantmaking from unrestricted, field of interest, donor advised and designated funds. He will work closely with local agencies to enhance participation in the Foundation's community grantmaking program and will also oversee the Foundation's growing scholarship program. "The Hartford Jewish community has a unique set of strengths and challenges," says Elfenbaum. "I am excited to contribute to its growth through grantmaking at the Foundation."

For more information about the Jewish Community Foundation's grantmaking program, please call 860.523.7460 or visit our website at www.jcfhartford.org.

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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.