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Leading Philanthropic Consultant Addresses Foundation Donors On Giving With Impact

West Hartford, CT – On November 14, 30 people gathered at Tumble Brook Country Club to hear H. Peter Karoff, chairman and founder of The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI) and author of *The World We Want: New Dimensions in Philanthropy and Social Change*. Karoff described major philanthropic trends and giving strategies but—in large part—stressed the power of human connection and self-awareness in making better communities.

“People want to do something but they don’t know how to go about doing it. I think that’s one of the tremendous possibilities we have in the philanthropic sector: to help people learn that. How do you help people learn how to go about the process of making change?” Karoff asked. To begin, he recommends, help people first find in themselves the values and passions that interest them the most, and then help them to explore those interests. One of his suggestions is to start “learning circles” where donors and funders come together to explore issues and learn from one another.

The Karoff program is part of a series of educational sessions sponsored by the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford through its Jewish Philanthropy Resource Center, a centralized resource and consulting service for Jewish funders in the Greater Hartford area.

“Educational evenings like these help us achieve our mission,” said Doreen Fundiller-Zweig, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Foundation. “Bringing in national speakers to address contemporary trends in philanthropy helps donors articulate and refine their charitable goals and consider the impact of their grantmaking.”

The Jewish Community Foundation works closely with individuals and families in exploring, sharpening and focusing their charitable objectives. The goal is to guide donors through a deliberate process of creating a vision for their philanthropy.

Be sure to watch for news about upcoming seminars and symposiums that can help you enhance the scope and effectiveness of your philanthropy.

For more information about the Jewish Philanthropic Resource Center, please call Doreen Fundiller-Zweig at 860.523.7460.

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H. Peter Karoff, leading philanthropic thinker and author of *The World We Want: New Dimensions in Philanthropy and Social Change*, shared his insights on the philanthropic process with Jewish Community Foundation donors at Tumble Brook Country Club on November 14.