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Jewish Foundation Creates Community *BreastCare* Fund

Provides Essential Screening Mammograms

During a ceremony held at Yavapai Regional Medical Center East Campus on October 4, 2011, the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Prescott and the Yavapai Regional Medical Center Foundation jointly announced the creation of the Community BreastCare Fund at YRMC. The purpose of the Fund is to provide financial assistance for screening mammograms for women without insurance coverage. In addition, the Fund will provide funds for printed materials concerning breast care health issues to be distributed throughout the community. The Community BreastCare Fund was created to compliment the newly opened state-of-the-art diagnostic BreastCare Center now open on the East Campus of YRMC and to fill a critical need for such a program in the tri-cities area.

Recent 2010 census data indicates that 49% of all women in the Greater Prescott community are over the age of 44, an age when mammograms are frequently recommended. According to the County Health Rankings report developed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Yavapai County has the highest rate of uninsured adults, 26%, of any county in Arizona. This means that one in four women in the breast cancer risk age group in the Quad-Cities area does not have insurance coverage for breast cancer screening. The early detection of breast cancer is the key to successful treatment for this cancer that affects one woman in eight. By establishing the *Community*



Dr. Seymour Rife, Foundation Trustee, announces the establishment of the Community BreastCare Fund at YRMC.

BreastCare Fund, the Jewish Community Foundation and the Yavapai Regional Medical Center Foundation have removed any cost barrier that might prevent a woman from seeking this important screening procedure.

At the announcement event, hospital CEO Tim Barnett said: "We are so pleased to partner with the Jewish Community Foundation to tend to the needs of women throughout our community. We hope that other philanthropic organizations and foundations will also contribute to this worthwhile 'gift' to the community."

Jewish Foundation trustee, Dr. Seymour Rife added: "In the Jewish tradition of helping those less fortunate than ourselves, the purpose of this fund will be to provide mammograms and breast diagnostics for uninsured women who have no capacity to pay for these services. It is our sincere desire to make these services accessible to the entire community, regardless of financial limitations. Also, it is our vision that the

creation of this Community BreastCare Fund will encourage other philanthropic organizations to contribute to this most worthwhile cause."

For more information about YRMC's BreastCare Center and its services, please contact Nancy Ledoyen, Patient Navigator, at 442-8900. To learn more about the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Prescott and its planned giving programs, call 928-717-0016 or visit online at www.jcfcgp.org. ★



“DEEDS OF GIVING ARE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE WORLD.”



EVERYDAY HEROES

OWNERS OF BODY AND SOLE - HAVE CARING HEARTS
A SMALL BUSINESS HELPING OTHERS

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Tikkun Olam is the Hebrew term meaning ‘to repair the world’ and to many Jews the term means to care for the welfare of the general society. The articles in this issue of Legacy demonstrate the Foundation’s commitment to this Hebrew tradition – supporting programs and initiatives that improve our community.

Working in conjunction with Yavapai Regional Medical Center, the Foundation has created the Community BreastCare Fund to insure that all women in the community have access to screening mammograms. Detecting this deadly disease early is the key to successful treatment and the newly created BreastCare Fund will make that possible for all women.

Collaborating with Yavapai County Attorney, Sheila Polk, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Foundation was instrumental in creating a teaching module for judges based on the Lessons of the Holocaust. This ethical leadership program is impacting judges across the nation - making our justice system more reflective of their ethical duty to our society and our democracy.

David S. Hess, M.D., President

Please know that your comments and feedback are welcome and can be sent by email to info@jcfgp.org.

As owners of the Body and Sole Salon in Prescott, Rhonda Babbit and Tammy Thein have a unique way of celebrating Christmas. Every year the two partners have chosen a different worthy local charity to be the recipient of their efforts to publicize the charity, raise funds, and collect needed items for the charity. Each year patrons of the salon open their wallets and hearts to the chosen charity, becoming “elves” to assist these two cheer givers.

This year, the Christmas tree in their reception area is decorated with the wish list items from the *Hungry Kids* charity, a local non-profit organization that provides weekend meals for local school children. The Christmas tree is decorated with cute little gift bags literally hand painted by local children and the bags are expected to be filled with cash, checks, and gift cards for this worthy charity.

Our Everyday Heroes are both single moms, Rhonda with two boys and two girls and Tammy with twin sons, who have worked together for the past 15 years, and successfully operated Body and Sole for the past nine years. Over the years these two dynamic women have supported a variety of charities at this time of year including, Stepping Stones, CASA, Open Door, and Pepper Tree Nursing Home. During the interview the two were reluctant to accept the praise or credit for their Christmas spirit, exemplifying the inherent humble nature of those who give to others for altruistic reasons.

When asked why she helps others, Rhonda stated: “So many people have far less than I do, it is only right to provide them with some comfort at this time of year. Also, I feel strongly that small business owners should give back to their community – it just the right thing to do.” The Jewish Community Foundation could not agree more with those statements, and salutes Rhonda and Tammy for their efforts on behalf of those less fortunate. Rhonda and Tammy represent the best of human nature and the power of what individuals can accomplish. In honoring them as Everyday Heroes, the Foundation is making a \$250 donation to the *Hungry Kids* program, and we hope many of our readers will also support this worthwhile effort. *Please drop by Body and Sole, located at 114 Brush Street in Prescott, and say hello to Rhonda and Tammy and leave something on their tree for others!* ★



From the left, Tammy Thein and Rhonda Babbit stand beside the Christmas tree at Body and Sole that will benefit the Hungry Kids program this holiday season.



FOUNDATION'S WASHINGTON, D.C. INITIATIVE

'RIPPLES' ACROSS THE UNITED STATES ■ ■ ■



Sheila Polk in the East Room of the United States Supreme Court during the 2006 Leadership Mission to Washington, D.C.

It has been five years since the Jewish Community Foundation sponsored a Leadership Mission to Washington, D.C. when twelve local law enforcement leaders traveled to visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and experience the Museum's program: *"Law Enforcement and Society: The Lessons of the Holocaust."* What began as an opportunity to share a unique program with the law enforcement leaders of Yavapai County has blossomed into a nation-wide program of Ethical Leadership training for the judiciary of our country.

Immediately following the 2006 trip, Sheila Polk, Yavapai County Attorney, recognized the uniqueness of the subject matter and, with the assistance of the Jewish Foundation and the Hecht Family Foundation, worked with the Holocaust Museum to develop a program specifically for prosecutors. In the summer of 2007, the new program was presented at the Arizona Prosecutors Annual Conference to more than 120 of the state's prosecutors. Not satisfied with limiting the program to prosecutors, Polk encouraged the Holocaust Museum to produce a program for judges. That initiative led to the development of a parallel course:

"How the Courts Failed Germany: Justice in the Nazi Era."

In the summer of 2008, this Judge's course was presented to more than 700 Arizona judges at their Annual Summer Conference in Tucson. The program next was presented at the Conference of Chief Justices in Santa Fe in August 2009, where the Chief Justices of the Supreme Court from each of the fifty United States and the six U. S. Territories gathered for their yearly educational seminar.

Since the Conference of Chief Justices in 2009, the Holocaust Museum has been overwhelmed with requests to present this program to state and federal judiciaries. **As of November of 2011, the program has been presented in fourteen states, at seven different judicial conferences, and more than 7,500 judges have experienced this thought provoking program.**

Sheila Polk recently summarized what has occurred when she stated: "In 2006, the Jewish Community Foundation initiated a significant ripple that has swelled into a

phenomenal wave of change in ethics training across the United States. The speed with which the ripple has gained strength has been remarkable, but I am not surprised. Ethics training based on the Lessons of the Holocaust is the most profound and thought-provoking training I have ever taken. The training strikes a chord with every student and the judges are no exception. This training shapes professionals within our justice system in a way that also serves to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive for generations to come. I especially love the fact that it is a relatively small group of people - the Jewish Community Foundation for the Greater Prescott area - that has had such a dramatic impact on our entire system of justice in the United States."

Although this nation-wide program began with one of the Foundation's Leadership Initiatives, none of this would have been possible if Sheila Polk had not recognized the importance of the *"Lessons of the Holocaust"*. Our community should be proud of this program and the impact it is having across the nation. ★



From the left, Margaret Marshall, Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court and President, Conference of Chief Justices in 2009, discusses program with Don and Susie Hecht, of the Hecht Family Foundation.



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VALLEY OF LIGHTS IN PRESCOTT VALLEY

UNVEILS NEW HANUKKAH MENORAH



Nighttime view of the new Jewish Hanukkah Menorah on display at the Valley of Lights in Prescott Valley.

When the 12th Annual Valley of Lights event in Prescott Valley opened on Thanksgiving eve, a Jewish Menorah was on display for the first time in the event's history. Symbolizing the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, the Menorah, stands thirteen feet tall, is ten feet wide, and displays nine candles that are each five feet tall. Hanukkah, which in Hebrew means 'dedication', commemorates the re-dedication of the holy Temple in Jerusalem following the Jewish victory over the Syrian-Greeks in 165 B.C.E. Sponsored by Temple B'rith Shalom and the Jewish Community Foundation, the Hanukkah Menorah will be displayed along with the other religious symbols in the mile long Valley of Lights.

In 2011 the Valley of Lights will exhibit 48 displays with more than a million lights. The drive-through holiday destination is expecting more than 80,000 cars this holiday season. **The Valley of Lights takes place at Fain Park where Fifth Street dead-ends from 6 to 10 P.M. from Thanksgiving until December 30th.★**

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