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**JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER PRESCOTT  
RECEIVES PHILANTHROPIC LEADERSHIP AWARD**

PRESCOTT - The Yavapai County Community Foundation (YCCF), an affiliate of the Arizona Community Foundation, named the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Prescott (JCFGP) as the recipient of its prestigious Philanthropic Leadership Award at the annual Joy of Giving Awards Dinner held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Prescott Resort. It was the first time a foundation had been named to receive the award and only the second time the award has been given in the past ten years. The JCFGP was selected for its innovative community outreach grants, its sponsorships of cultural and arts programs, and its visionary work in orchestrating Leadership Missions for community leaders of the Greater Prescott area. Accepting the award at the banquet, JCFGP president, David Hess said: "Our foundation is overwhelmed by this award; our programs are made possible by the dedicated efforts of our board of trustees and the generosity of our donors."

Over the past ten years more than twenty-five local Prescott charitable organizations have received grants from the JCFGP, including support for local food banks, youth organizations, elder care, and families in crisis. The JCFGP's innovative partnership with Yavapai College Performance Hall has made it possible for Prescott to enjoy the Moscow State Symphony State Orchestra and to bring violin-virtuoso Itzhak Perlman to Yavapai College in January 2008. As part of the expansion of medical services to the area, the Jewish Community Foundation provided the funding for the construction of the new surgical/open-heart waiting room at Yavapai Regional Medical Center in 2006.

In addition, the JCFGP was cited for its visionary work in sponsoring Leadership Missions for the area's community leaders. In May of 2006, through sponsorship by the JCFGP, Prescott civic and law enforcement officials traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's highly acclaimed program; "Law Enforcement and Society: the Lessons of the Holocaust". Upon returning from that trip, mission participant Sheila Polk, the County Attorney of Yavapai County, had a vision for a groundbreaking course in ethics, one specifically directed to Arizona's prosecutors. After a year-long cooperative process, requiring a number of cross-country trips for many key decision-makers, Polk's vision became reality in Tucson this past summer. The new course, "Prosecutors and Society: Lessons of the Holocaust", was presented to 120 prosecutors at the Arizona Prosecutors Annual Summer Conference in August of 2007.

The Jewish Community Foundation sponsored its second leadership mission in October 2007 when twenty-six community leaders traveled to Israel to explore the importance of democracy in the Middle East. That trip, funded by the JCFGP and co-hosted by the America Israel Friendship League (AIFL), is patterned after other AIFL tours that have taken forty-six Attorneys General, representing thirty states, to Israel since 1988. The Greater Prescott Leadership Mission to Israel was the first to occur in a pilot program developed by AIFL, in which leaders from small U.S. communities will experience what had, until now, been offered only to such entities as the National Association of Attorneys General, the National Council of Churches, noted journalists and renowned Middle Eastern scholars.

For more on the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Prescott, including partnership opportunities and charitable programs, contact David Hess at (928) 717-0016 or visit online at [www.jcftp.org](http://www.jcftp.org).