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Grants Support Jewish Senior Community

Five Greensboro organizations benefit from BJH Foundation for Senior Services

GREENSBORO, NC (2011) This year, BJH Foundation for Senior Services has awarded over \$152,000 in grants to 17 different programs aimed at improving the lives of Jewish seniors in North and South Carolina. Over the past five years, BJH Foundation for Senior Services has awarded more than \$723,000 to qualifying non-profit organizations.

Based on an overwhelming need from this year's applicants \$110,000 was allocated to 8 programs that focus on health and well-being including: respite care for caregivers, day care for Jewish seniors, congregational nurse or social worker programs, home and community services, guardianship care, and care management.

"This is our 5th grant cycle, and we are pleased to be able to continue funding numerous programs that serve Jewish seniors with varying needs. BJH Foundation recognized the health and well being programs need additional funding to employ qualified professionals such as certified nurses and licensed professionals." said Arthur Samet, President BJH Foundation for Senior Services.

2011 funding include these Greensboro programs:

Adult Center for Enrichment - "*Beit Avot Group Respite and Caregiver Lunch Club*", an interfaith group respite program providing caregivers the opportunity for a much needed break. It gives seniors a change in scenery while interacting with other people through activities like the "Caregiver Lunch Club". ACE offers support and education for people who are caring for loved ones with debilitating illnesses. Additionally, the program allows caregivers and seniors within the Jewish community to feel a greater connectedness to one another and to their faith community.

Beth David Synagogue – "Vatikim Program" provides affordable lunch and enrichment activities for Jewish seniors. Programming includes forums on issues affecting seniors and their quality of life, health screenings, flu clinics and other programs based on the needs and interests of seniors. These programs provide fellowship and relieve some of the loneliness and isolation often experienced by seniors living at home, in long-term care and in assisted living facilities.

This grant was designated as the "Al Herman Grant" which was established in memory of Al Herman, a lifetime board member of the BJH Foundation who passed away on March 18, 2008. BJH Foundation for Senior Services selects a recipient that honors Al's ideals, values and visions of supporting Jewish seniors through meals and fellowship.

Jewish Family Services of Greensboro Jewish Federation - "*Congregational Nurse Program*" provides counseling to clients and their caregivers, health screenings, educational programs and case management. The Congregational Nurse reaches out to seniors by promoting physical, emotional and spiritual health.

Temple Emanuel - "Friendship Circle" connects Jewish seniors including those who are homebound, in an assisted living or nursing care facility to the Temple and their Jewish heritage. The social, educational and outreach programs include meals with programs, food relief, collaboration with Adult Center for Enrichment and connecting with Russian Jewish seniors and seniors confined to their home.

Additional 2011 grant recipients from BJH Foundation for Senior Services include:

- **Asheville, NC** – Jewish Family Services of Western North Carolina, Jewish Community Center of Asheville
- **Charlotte, NC** – Jewish Family Services of Greater Charlotte and Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center, Sandra and Leon Levine Jewish Community Center, Temple Beth El
- **Greenville, NC** – Congregation Bayt Shalom
- **New Bern, NC** – Temple B'nai Sholem
- **Raleigh, NC** – Raleigh/Cary Jewish Federation, Temple Beth Or
- **Charleston, SC** – Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim
- **Columbia, SC** – Beth Shalom Synagogue
- **Greenville, SC** – Congregation Beth Israel
- **Hilton Head, SC** – Congregation Beth Yam

For more information about receiving grants, or how you can help, please visit www.bjhfoundation.org.

About BJH Foundation for Senior Services:

BJH Foundation for Senior Services, founded in 2006, provides grants to organizations that enhance the lives of Jewish seniors in North and South Carolina. Grants are awarded for activities, services and programs for the elderly in accordance with Jewish values and beliefs. For Information on donating to BJH Foundation for Senior Services call 336-854-8400 or please visit www.bjhfoundation.org. The next grant application deadline will be April 2012.

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