

2010-2011 Grant Awards

Achoti "My Sister"

\$35,000

"Strengthening and Enabling a Women's Campaign & Center for Fair Trade in Israel" continues to promote the project with aggressive goals, including: branding, obtaining a Fair-Trade Labeling Organization International 'tag', and creating a website to market and sell women's products.

Mahut Center

\$35,000

"Monitoring Harmful Employment Practices/Women, Livelihood and Decent Work" creates changes in the employment marketplace and promotes fair and just employment practices for women by exposing precarious, harmful and often discriminatory practices, including sexual harassment and age discrimination, and addressing said prevalent injustices with employers and policy-makers.

Project Keshet

\$50,000

"Building a Corps of Jewish Women Advocates in the Commonwealth of Independent States of the former Soviet Union" will provide media training for women who have completed advocacy training to ensure that women's issues are accurately reported. Activities will include crafting media messages, developing press releases, and communicating effectively with the press and government authorities.

The Ruth & Emanuel Rackman Center for the Advancement

\$40,000

"The Joseph Alexander Program for Legal Aid, Advocacy and Outreach in Family Law and Women's Rights" will continue to advocate for acceptance of parliamentary bills and appeals to the High Court of Justice, increase the number of participants in the law student training program and create legislative enforcement procedures and a reporting system.

Temple Beth Am

\$1,200

"Between Us Girls", A multi-generational program for mothers and daughters exploring the power of relationships. Designed for girls ages 9-14 and their moms. This 2 hour program is designed to open and foster conversations on healthy relationships. This program will feature the Mother/Daughter Team-Meredith and Sophie Jacobs who will be a part of the Annual JCC Book Festival. This program will be open to the entire community thru the JCC, JF&CS, Jewish Teen Initiative, etc. This is the first of 6 programs under the "Changing the Landscape of Relationships across the Generations" collaborative effort.

Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service

\$3,500

"Flowers Aren't Enough", A dramatic theatre presentation for the general community, dedicated to awareness of the impact of domestic violence, interfaith issues and community resources. Actress and playwright Naomi Ackerman will perform "*Flowers Aren't Enough*", a powerful monologue that tells the story of a young Jewish woman from an upper-middle-class family who finds herself in an abusive relationship. The program will also include an inter-faith clergy response to the content, a question and answer session and break-out sessions, facilitated by social workers, focused on a variety of topics including healthy relationships, dating abuse and financial abuse. This program will be marketed via JF&CS's KOLOT (VOICES) Coalition, which is actively involved in educating the community about domestic abuse and community resources. This is a one-time program that is part of a yearlong initiative to "Change the landscape of relationships".

National Council of Jewish Women

\$3,500

“Flowers Aren’t Enough – Seniors”, A dramatic performance geared toward risk issues facing older women. A performance by playwright Naomi Ackerman, presented at the Annual NCJW Community Symposium, will target women ages 55+, and will be geared toward helping senior women understand the unique safety risks faced by older adult women. This program will equip seniors with tools to better understand the signs and symptoms of abuse and local resources. Break-out sessions facilitated by social workers will focus on domestic abuse, caregiver abuse and creating safety nets within families and community. The venue for this program will be the Boynton JCC and they expect to have a target audience of 200-250 women for this program.

Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family & Children’s Service

\$1,200

“Interactive Teen Theater Workshop”, An interactive “Relationships Theatre Workshop” led by Naomi Ackerman, to provide teens with a foundation for relationship violence prevention, foster self-worthiness and respect of others. Teens will have the opportunity to interact with each other through role-play and improvisation. Moreover, the teens will brainstorm ways to take action and raise awareness to prevent abuse and unhealthy relationships. The venue for this program is the Boynton JCC and they intend to have between 45-50 teens in attendance.

Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family & Children’s Service

\$1,800

“Relationships and Decisions”, is a program that trains local Jewish high school teen leaders to educate other teens about healthy and unhealthy relationships. Once trained, these teens, under the guidance of the JF&CS Domestic Abuse Program Director, teach the curriculum to other Jewish teens in the community. The funds being requested are to update the current curriculum to address cyber bullying, use of social media and technology for stalking behaviors, and internet safety. Several of the teen trainers have volunteered to collaborate with the Program Director in revising the materials, which will further develop their sense of ownership of the program and reiterate their important role in social change.

Girl Future/Independent Girls

\$3,500

“Girl Power Day”, A 3-hour interactive, educational program for 9-14 year old girls and their mothers / caregivers, that empowers girls to boost self-respect and spread respect for all. With the help of Courtney Macavinta and her “Respect Rx” Program, a nationally recognized program that helps empower girls to spread respect, a 90 minute interactive workshop / rally will be conducted followed by break-out sessions to discuss the issues raised during the workshop. The expense of the program also includes programming for 6 follow-up sessions to be implemented after the initial event. Other agencies (such as the JCC, JF&CS, Meyer Academy and Youth Groups) will be providing facilitators and helping to cover the expense of any training necessary beyond what Ms. Macavinta provides. Girl Future intends to use this programming to help create Girl Future groups at local schools. Girl Power Day is Girl Future’s signature, annual face to face program, which is designed to address a different issue germane to girls’ healthy development and success. Their intended attendance is 125 girls and 50 mothers/guardians.

Jewish Community Center of the Greater Palm Beaches

\$3,500

“Woman’s Wellness-What it means to Be Female” is an educational issue awareness program that strives to tackle a broader issue by making women aware of how they can be comfortable in their own skin with so many responsibilities and expectations placed on them. The JCC will host a two-part seminar in partnership with JF&CS, Good Samaritan Medical Center, Sari Asher Center for Integrated Cancer Care in West Palm Beach and Sharsheret, to provide information for Jewish women contending with self esteem, health and image issues. The funds being requested are for Speaker Honorariums, travel, lodging, hospitality and marketing. In-kind

services include two of the speakers that will be part of the JCC Book Network and the JCC will also be sharing event marketing and promotion costs with the JF&CS. They intend to raise approximately \$800 in ticket sales.

Planned Parenthood of South Florida and Treasure Coast

\$3,500

“Planned Parenthood Young Activist Team”, This program aims to educate young Jewish women regarding the legislative process, mobilizing them in a grassroots, community-level approach to social changes and empowering them to be leaders today in our community. The grant would be utilized to provide stipends for 7 young Jewish women to travel with a larger group of women and Planned Parenthood to Tallahassee in March during the Legislative Session, to advocate for access to health care and sexual health education. The program will engage young women in advocacy efforts around the Prevention First Act (birth control access) and the Healthy Teens Act (comprehensive sex education) to demystify the legislative process and to develop their public speaking skills by empowering them to lead meetings with elected officials, speak with the media about issues, and make a presentation to the Jewish Women’s Foundation and other community members upon their return. The target populations for this program include Jewish women in high school, college and graduate school in the Palm Beach County area.

Women’s Foundation of Palm Beach County

\$2,500

“Girls Leadership Institute 2011”, An institute designed to help girls find their own voice and learn how to be leaders in their own lives and in their community. This third annual Institute, held in February, would provide an opportunity for 50 middle school girls and 50 high school girls to participate in a one-day interactive training focused on problem solving, presentation skills and leadership training. The intention is to partner with community organizations to provide ongoing leadership activities throughout the year. The Jewish Women’s Foundation aims to address social constraints faced by women leaders. This program will help grow a new generation of young Jewish leaders who will grow up in Palm Beach County ready to lead. The funding request is for the venue, meals, marketing and materials. Income will be generated through corporate donations and individual contributions. The JWF funds will be utilized to subsidize the expense for the Jewish participants of the program.