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**The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation Announces  
Top 20 Grants for 2007**

***Over \$48 Million Awarded to 20 Nonprofits***

***To Assist the Poor, Older Adults, and Other Vulnerable Populations In U.S. and Overseas***

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BALTIMORE (May 21, 2007) – From Baltimore to Hawaii, from Israel to Eastern Europe, thousands of poor and vulnerable people will live in greater dignity and security in 2007, thanks to the generosity of The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc. The Foundation – one of the nation’s largest, with over \$2 billion in assets and annual distributions of approximately \$100 million - today revealed its top 20 grants, totaling more than \$48 million. Grants were awarded for programs to assist the poor and vulnerable operated by successful nonprofit organizations.

In announcing the grants, Shale D. Stiller, President of The Weinberg Foundation board of directors, explained, “Throughout his life, Harry Weinberg put a strong emphasis on two primary philanthropic goals: relieving the burdens of poverty and building and sustaining Jewish communities in North America, in Israel, and around the world. Our mission is to fulfill Mr. Weinberg’s vision of social justice for Jews and the broader community alike. I believe he would have been delighted with the funding decisions his trustees have made.”

Commenting on this year’s list of 20 top grant recipients, Director and Vice President Donn Weinberg remarked, “As these funding decisions show, we believe that care for older adults and disadvantaged individuals are areas where there is both great need and great potential for generosity. The non-profits that do the work day in and day out deserve this kind of support and The Weinberg Foundation Trustees are proud we are able to support these critically important efforts.”

For the first time, The Weinberg Foundation has begun to issue formal Requests for Proposals (RFP), inviting nonprofit organizations to apply for grants dealing with specific subject matters. This past year also included the first international challenge grant the Foundation ever issued. The challenge grant was a collaboration with Jewish Funders Network to fund programs for poor older adults worldwide. While originally the Foundation offered \$2 million in challenge funds, the Trustees ultimately approved almost \$3 million in funds due to an overwhelming and positive response.

Director and Treasurer Barry Schloss continued “We believe that this year’s grant decisions will have an especially great impact because of efforts The Weinberg Foundation has recently initiated to seek out nonprofits with the greatest potential to do effective work that dovetails with our mission.”

Director Robert T. Kelly, Jr. added “We are interested in finding good organizations, in helping good organizations to become great organizations, and in playing a major role in developing excellence in philanthropic leadership. The Weinberg Foundation is doing much more than just looking at grant applications. We are proactively seeking out the best service providers and encouraging them to submit applications.”

Shale Stiller concluded "Today, unlike in years past, anyone can go to The Weinberg Foundation website and find clear and consistent guidelines for submitting a Letter of Inquiry and then, if that first step is approved, a full grant application. Our program committee works hard to apply fair and consistent criteria for approval and strict accountability and oversight during the administration phase of each grant."

## **Top 20 Organizations by Total Grant Amount**

*Fiscal Year Ending 2007 (3/1/06 - 2/28/07)*

- 1 The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc.**  
Total Amount: \$13,691,000  
Geographic Location: International  
Eight grants: to help the Argentine Jewish community rebuild after the economic collapse in 2000 - 2001; to subsidize operating funds to small and intermediate Jewish Community Centers (JCCs) in the Former Soviet Union (FSU); to support Jewish Renewal efforts in the FSU; to provide scholarships for disadvantaged students in Turkey; to support emergency aid, early childhood services and community projects for Jewish children and families in the FSU; to support the JCC in India; to support the Bayiti Old Age Home programs and services for disadvantaged individuals in India.
- 2 United Jewish Communities, Inc.**  
Total Amount: \$8,000,000  
Geographic Location: New York, Israel and the Former Soviet Union  
Three grants: to support humanitarian and social services to victims of the July 2006 war in Israel and Lebanon and to support Operation Promise through two grants – one to support programs and services for Ethiopians within Ethiopia and Israel, and the other to support programs and services for the disadvantaged elderly in the FSU.
- 3 CHAI: Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc.**  
*(An agency of The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore)*  
Total Amount: \$4,330,000  
Geographic Location: Baltimore, Maryland  
Three grants: to support construction of Weinberg Village III (a HUD 202 project) in Owings Mills which will provide 100 units of affordable housing for low-income elders; to support construction of Weinberg Village III (a HUD 202 project) in Owings Mills which will provide 100 units of affordable housing for low-income elders; and to support the Senior Home Repair Program's goal to increase by 10% per year the number of seniors assisted and the amount of assistance.
- 4 THE ASSOCIATED: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore**  
Total Amount: \$3,010,000  
Geographic Location: Baltimore, Maryland  
Two grants: to support the 2006 annual community campaign and to support the Morton B. Plant Memorial Fund.
- 5 ESHEL, The Association for the Planning & Development of Services for the Aged in Israel**  
Total Amount: \$2,097,000  
Geographic Location: Israel  
14 grants in support of: the expansion of the Beseva Tova program (the President's Initiative for the Elderly Poor, which helps older adults to live independently by providing minor home repairs as well as subsidies for dental treatment, hearing aids, eyeglass, etc. to seven additional cities in Israel; the Supportive Community programs) in 20 locations; the renovation of Beith Dina home for the aged in Haifa; the integration of volunteers in 20 Supportive Communities; the Kiryat Bialyk physical fitness and employment center; the expansion and renovation of Mevasseret Zion day care center for the elderly; the Stay Well programs in three locations; mentoring initiatives for the elderly; a pilot health promotion program targeted specifically to help the aging female population of Jerusalem; the renovation of B'nai Dan, a rehabilitation day care center for older adults; the renovation and expansion of the Kiryat Gat day care center for the elderly immigrant

population; employment for needy older adults; to support the expansion of Beit David day care center for older adults; and needs assessments of day care centers.

**6 Koret Israel Economic Development Funds, Inc.**

Total Amount: \$1,600,000

Geographic Location: Israel

To support the Koret Israel Economic Development Fund Microenterprise Initiative efforts by helping financially disadvantaged individuals start and expand new businesses.

**7 Castle Medical Center**

Total Amount: \$1,500,000

Geographic Location: Kailua, Hawaii

To provide capital funds for a new expansion and renovation project to serve Waimanalo, Hauula, Laie, and Kahuku, four of the most needy communities in Hawaii.

**8 The Global Food Banking Network**

Total Amount: \$1,500,000

Geographic Location: Based in Chicago, Illinois (International Program)

To assist in bringing together national networks to form new networks where the direct service infrastructure is non-existent or meager, and also to deliver economies of scale and reach to food banking organizations across multiple countries.

**9 United Hebrew Geriatric Center**

Total Amount: \$1,500,000

Geographic Location: New Rochelle, New York

To construct a new state-of-the-art residential nursing, rehabilitation, and treatment facility for area seniors to replace the existing old facility.

**10 Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition**

Total Amount: \$1,250,000

Geographic Location: Baltimore, Maryland

To support the purchase and renovation of a building that will be a permanent home to Moveable Feast (an organization that provides meals, weekly groceries, and nutritional counseling to homebound people living with HIV/AIDS) as well as provide other benefits to the surrounding community.

**11 Amigour Asset Management, Ltd.**

Total Amount: \$1,183,000

Geographic Location: Tel Aviv, Israel

To support the expansion of a sheltered housing building for elderly in central Holon, to include 70 living units.

**12 Hazon Yeshaya Institutions Jerusalem**

Total Amount: \$1,055,000

Geographic Location: Jerusalem, Israel

Two grants: to support Hazon Yeshaya's construction of a new building in Jerusalem and to support the Grantee's food assistance program, free dental clinic, child day care program, and vocational assistance program.

**13 Baltimore Community Foundation, Inc.**

Total Amount: \$1,050,000

Geographic Location: Baltimore, Maryland

Two grants: to support the operating funds to sustain the organization's momentum to make crucial infrastructure improvements and to support small, resident-led projects that stimulate an increase in neighbors' involvement in their communities.

**14 Sacta-Rashi Foundation**

Total Amount: \$1,045,000

Geographic Location: Israel

To support the construction of the Adanim Youth Village at Beit Kama for teenagers with mental illnesses.

**15 Center for Jewish Education**

Total Amount: \$1,000,000

Geographic Location: Baltimore, Maryland

To provide scholarships for local Jewish Day schools through a new multi-year challenge grant.

**16 Congregation of the Sisters, Servants, of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Total Amount: \$1,000,000

Geographic Location: Scranton, Pennsylvania

To support the construction of a medical clinic, a chapel and a retirement residence for 120 elderly nuns in Scranton.

**17 Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc.**

Total Amount: \$1,000,000

Geographic Location: Baltimore, Maryland

Two grants: to support poor persons who want to live, or are living, in targeted Baltimore City neighborhoods and to increase the value of their homes (their most valuable asset) by making loan funds available to purchase and/or rehab those homes; and to enhance the quality of life of disadvantaged individuals living in targeted Baltimore City neighborhoods with special programs and projects, with 100% of the money directly to 10 local communities.

**18 Kuakini Foundation**

Total Amount: \$1,000,000

Geographic Location: Honolulu, Hawaii

To provide capital funds for an emergency services facility serving the Kalihi Palama, Liliha, and downtown areas in Honolulu.

**19 Year Up, Inc.**

Total Amount: \$900,000

Geographic Location: Boston, Massachusetts headquarters (multi-city grant)

To support operating costs for Year Up, a one-year, intensive training program that provides urban young adults, 18-years-old to 24-years-old, with a unique combination of technical and professional skills, college credits, an educational stipend and corporate apprenticeship, enabling them to move on to full-time employment and higher education. The grant is to assist the programs in Providence, New York City and Washington, DC to become sustainable by 2009.

**20 Yad Sarah Organization**

Total Amount: \$800,000

Geographic Location: Jerusalem, Israel

To support the expansion and renovation of the headquarters building for the largest volunteer-based organization in Israel to accommodate growth in their programs and services designed to make life easier for sick, disabled, and older people and their families, including the lending of medical and rehabilitative equipment, a day care and rehabilitation center, van service for people in wheelchairs, and legal aid for the elderly.

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The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation annually distributes approximately \$100 million to a wide range of charitable organizations. The Foundation is dedicated to assisting the poor through operating and capital grants to direct service organizations primarily located in Baltimore, Hawaii, Northeastern Pennsylvania, New York, Israel, and the Former Soviet Union. Grants are focused on meeting basic needs such as shelter, health and socialization, nutrition, and on enhancing an individual's ability to meet those needs. Within that focus, emphasis is placed on older adults and on the Jewish community. The trustees, some of whom also serve as executive officers of the Foundation, are Alvin Awaya, Robert T. Kelly, Jr., Barry Schloss, Donn Weinberg, and President Shale D. Stiller. For more information go to The Foundation's web site at [www.hjweinbergfoundation.org](http://www.hjweinbergfoundation.org).