## **Transforming Jewish Communities Through Legacy Giving**

Maintaining the vibrancy and strength of Jewish communities across the country continues to be a concern – and now we have the answer. Endowments, once a luxury, are now an essential element of every Jewish organization's financial stability strategy. Legacy giving initiatives are addressing the need for endowments and transforming Jewish communities across the country.



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In just three years, through partnerships with Jewish community foundations and federations in 29 communities across the country, the LIFE & LEGACY<sup>TM</sup> program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation has assisted 289 Jewish organizations in locales, as small as Omaha and as large as Chicago.

These communities are actively engaged in integrating legacy giving into their philanthropic culture, fostering camaraderie and respect among Jewish organizations and providing generous and forward-thinking members with the opportunity to express their passion, purpose, and commitment to sustaining programs and services meaningful to them.

And now so are we! Sponsored by our Jewish Community Foundation of Central Pennsylvania, in October 2015 we launched LIFE & LEGACY<sup>TM</sup> in our region, and 14 of our local agencies and synagogues are actively participating. Working together collaboratively, we will continue to build those all-important endowments – financial resources that become the life line for our organizations through both good and challenging times.

Watch for more information from Jewish organizations dear to you, and please remember Jewish causes in your will and estate plans.



Please contact the Jewish Community Foundation of Central PA to discuss creating a permanent gift to support causes dear to your heart. (717) 236-9555 – Option # 1 Foundation@pajewishendowment.org



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