



WHAT IS THE **JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?**

At the Jewish Community Foundation Orange County, we seek to guarantee a Jewish tomorrow through the creation of a culture of legacy within our Jewish community and by empowering individuals to engage in effective, meaningful giving.

Since our founding in 1981, we have managed and invested the philanthropic dollars of individuals, families and nonprofit organizations to provide easy, effective and meaningful giving combined with solid financial practices. In the last five years alone, we have distributed \$41 million to more than 1,200 charitable organizations. Approaching our 40th year of service to Orange County's Jewish community, the Foundation has earned a reputation for integrity, transparency and exceptional service.

WHO WE ARE

INDEPENDENT NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

We are an entirely independent nonprofit. We are not affiliated financially or structurally to any other charitable institution. The Foundation serves as the mentor and funder for collaborative endowment-building initiatives for our local Jewish congregations and organizations.

SOLID FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT

We are co-fiduciaries with SEI, a publically-traded wealth management company. SEI holds and invests our funds, and the Foundation's Investment Committee works with SEI to oversee investment strategies and best practices in fund management. All nonprofit organizations with funds held at the Foundation are invited to our quarterly Investment Committee meetings in line with our policy of full transparency while respecting donor confidentiality.

BALANCED BUDGET WITH STRONG RESERVES

We run on a balanced budget, and we hold robust operating reserve funds and endowed funds. Our Audit Committee works closely with our staff and our outside auditors to ensure ongoing financial oversight. With a mission of guaranteeing a Jewish tomorrow, the Foundation looks to better philanthropy today and to ensure a vibrant future. Long-term sustainability is an overarching principle.

GRANTMAKERS

The Foundation has granted \$1.7 million to our local Jewish community since 1991 through our Grants Committee programs. Funded primarily through endowed gifts, we have helped to bring nearly 30,000 enriching Jewish experiences to people of all ages and varying religious denominations and affiliations in Orange County.

COMMUNITY-WIDE PROGRAMMING

As the objective and neutral center point for our Jewish community, we lead and fund the Create a Jewish Legacy, Endowment Book of Life and Recognized Charitable Advisor programs. These initiatives are community-wide, collaborative and serve to elevate our entire local Jewish community. The Create a Jewish Legacy initiative alone has resulted in over 700 new legacy commitments to endow Jewish Orange County nonprofits since 2013.

PLATINUM STATUS ON GUIDESTAR

We are honored to be ranked in the top 1% of nonprofits by Guidestar, the premier site for nonprofit accountability. The Foundation has earned the prestigious designation of the Platinum Seal of Transparency by providing metrics demonstrating our progress and results in addition to programmatic and financial transparency.



2019 BY THE NUMBERS

719 legacy commitments worth an estimated future value of **\$18.9M** with **\$7.4M** realized to date



CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY



\$14.7M deposited into funds within the Foundation during 2019

GIFTS/DEPOSITS

1796 donor advised grants sent to **627** nonprofits in 2019 valued at more than **\$11.7M**



DONOR REQUESTS/GRANTS



\$1.7M awarded to Jewish nonprofit programs in Orange County since inception of the programs

JCFOC GRANTS PROGRAMS

295 signatures and stories fill the Foundation's Endowment Book of Life



ENDOWMENT BOOK OF LIFE

7TH ANNUAL ENDOWMENT BOOK OF LIFE CELEBRATION AND SIGNING EVENT

The dynamic duo of YidLife Crisis performed at our 7th Annual Endowment Book of Life Celebration and Signing Event in October. About 200 of our Create a Jewish Legacy Society Members enjoyed this meaningful – and hilarious – experience.



To check out the JLife article written by Executive Director Wendy Arenson about YidLife Crisis see the November 2019 edition of the magazine or online at <http://jlifecoc.com/whats-a-yidlife-crisis/>.



27 community members signed the Endowment Book of Life at the celebration – bringing the total number of signers to 295.

AND THE WINNER IS...



Congratulations to the Create a Jewish Legacy Team from Temple Beth Tikvah of Fullerton, recipient of this year's Jewish Community Foundation Orange County Founders Legacy Award!