

JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ORANGE COUNTY CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF GIVING



2021



The Foundations now has 7 employees. Create a Jewish Legacy has 4 cohorts comprised of 16 community organizations as partners with over 62 professionals and lay leaders engaged in leadership to promote the Legacy program in their communities. More than 760 OC community members have signed commitments to create legacy gifts for local Jewish nonprofits. These are the organizations that have partnered with us to build endowments and joined in our mission to guarantee a Jewish tomorrow.

2017

Since starting the annual JCFOC General Grants Program in 1991, the Foundation has increased its support to the community with the addition of a new grants program, the newly established Weissman Arts Grants Program, with 19 committee members.

2013

The inaugural signing of the "Endowment Book of Life" and the official launch of the Create a Jewish Legacy program. The program, joined by 9 local organizations in the first cohort, is designed to promote legacy giving within the community. The Foundation had 4 staff members. Pictured above right in 2014 are Steven Fainburg, Foundation President Gideon Bernstein, Executive Director Wendy Arenson and Foundation founders Allan Fainburg z"l and Arnold Feuerstein z"l.



2001

The Foundation's first website went live. Pictured left in 2003 is longtime Foundation staff member Myrna Shields and then President Henry Schrimmer.



2003

The Foundation moved its office to the newly constructed Samueli Jewish Campus at the Merage JCC. Pictured left are former Foundation Presidents Irv Burg, Henry Schrimmer, Linda Schulein and Michael Gordon at a donor appreciation event held at the office in 2005.



1992

The Foundation had 2 full-time employees and acquired a computer, software and a printer to replace the typewriter. Pictured left is the Foundation President Ralph Stern and Blossom Siegel in 1996.



1991

The Foundation moved its office to Orange County's first Jewish Campus (pictured left), a remodeled warehouse on the corner of Redhill & Baker Street in Costa Mesa. The campus was a generous donation from the Fainburg and Feuerstein families for use by Jewish community agencies.



Pictured above in 1990 are former Foundation Presidents Michael Meyer and Ida Kofsky.

1981

The Jewish Community Foundation Orange County was established as an independent nonprofit corporation. With the motto "We guarantee a Jewish tomorrow," the founders envisioned establishing endowment funds large enough to support the operating expenses of Orange County Jewish organizations.

1983

The Foundation opened its first official office space in Garden Grove. The Foundation had no staff and was completely operated by volunteers.

1988

The Foundation's first newsletter was produced and distributed to the community. Pictured right in 1989 are two of the Foundation's founders, Sandy Fainburg and Ruth Feuerstein z"l.



2020 BY THE NUMBERS

764 legacy commitments
worth an estimated future value
of **\$20.1 M** with **\$11.3 M**
realized to date



**CREATE A
JEWISH LEGACY**



\$22.2 M deposited into
funds within the Foundation
during 2020

GIFTS/DEPOSITS

2076 donor advised
grants sent to **651**
nonprofits in 2020 valued
at more than **\$9.6 M**



**DONOR
REQUESTS/GRANTS**



\$2.2 M 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

* No new signatures in 2020
due to COVID-19



**ENDOWMENT
BOOK OF LIFE**

FOUNDATION FLASHBACK

A SNAPSHOT OF THE FOUNDATION THROUGH THE YEARS



STRENGTHENING OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR COMMUNITY

The Foundation's Recognized Charitable Advisor (RCA) program is in full swing in 2021. Designed to advance charitable planning and further strengthen our partnership with Orange County's professional advisor community, the program consists of three workshops conducted over Zoom. Our cohort of local financial, investment and legal professionals advance their knowledge of charitable giving for clients with engaging training with high-level philanthropy professionals.

- SESSION ONE: The Philanthropic Landscape
- SESSION TWO: Listen & Learn
- SESSION THREE: Inspire & Engage

While the 2021 cohort of RCA is full for this year, reach out to us at wendy@jcfo.org to learn how to join 2022's network of RCA professionals.