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### **2006 New Year Resolutions for Your FJC Account**

FJC prides itself on the high level of service we provide to our account holders. We ask that you please take a moment to review the below listed items. This is a summary of some key points, related to your account, which will help us to meet, and hopefully exceed, all of your FJC service expectations.

- **Account Maintenance**

*Have you moved or changed jobs during 2005?* If so, please provide us with your updated contact information. This should include your new mailing address, home phone number, daytime phone number, and updated e-mail addresses, as applicable.

Please note that *FJC is moving forward with plans to provide a donor extranet*, which will allow you to access your account information and submit grant recommendations online. To gain access to the system we must have your e-mail address on file. Please contact FJC at your earliest convenience to confirm that we have your current, and/or preferred, e-mail address on file.

- **Grant Recommendations**

We strive to complete your grant recommendations within 10 business days from the time of receipt. Although distributions are generally completed within a week of receipt, please be sure that time-sensitive requests are clearly indicated at the time of submission. To help us expedite your grant recommendations, please remember:

- The *minimum amount* for grant recommendations from donor advised funds is *\$180*.
- To provide the full mailing address, and phone number when possible, for grantees.
- When submitting *grant recommendations via e-mail*, to be sure to include the *last 4 digits of your Social Security Number, or your four-digit PIN*, in the body of the e-mail to authenticate the request in place of your original signature. If you have not already established a PIN, please call or e-mail us and an FJC staff member will be glad to assist you.
- FJC grants cannot be used to pay pledges, tuition, or the non-deductible portions of memberships and tickets to events.* When recommending gifts to a school, please be sure to indicate if the gift is for general support or a particular fund, such as an Annual Fund, Scholarship Fund, Building Fund, etc. When recommending gifts associated with an event, please indicate if you will be attending the event.
- When asking us to notify third parties in conjunction with “in honor” or “in memory of” gifts, please indicate if you would like FJC to send a *copy of our transmittal letter, which includes the gift amount, or a separate notification letter, which does not include the gift amount*, to the third party.

- **Making Additional Contributions**

When making additional contributions to your account via check, please make the *check payable to FJC* and include the name and account number of your fund in the memo line or accompanying document. Checks made payable to an account maintained at FJC may not be accepted by our bank for deposit.

When making additional *contributions via wire or securities transfer*, please contact our office via fax or e-mail to *provide us with the details of the gift*. This will insure that your gift can be identified and applied to your account in a timely manner.

In preparation for the deployment of the donor extranet we will also be redesigning our website. For example, donors can now contribute to their FJC account via credit card on our website! For more information please visit [www.FJC.org/donate.html](http://www.FJC.org/donate.html). FJC wants to know what we can do to better serve you and meet your online needs. Please send comments or suggestions to [FJC@FJC.org](mailto:FJC@FJC.org).

We look forward to hearing from you! We hope that you will be as pleased as we are with all the exciting new features we will be introducing in 2006 as we seek to provide you with the greatest level of service available in the marketplace!

## **Generation Schools Network**

### ***A Cutting-Edge Educational Model***

Children achieve when skilled teachers educate a handful of students, not a roomful. The award-winning Generation Schools public school model creates this opportunity without increasing costs. It was developed specifically to serve urban communities where the conventional model has long been ineffective.

The highly adaptable Generation Schools model offers rigorous, standards-driven, small-group instruction continuously for every student every day. For instance, all literacy and math courses are taught by a team of certified teachers—including a master Lead Teacher. The staffing structure creates ratios of just six to nine students for each educator. The flexible, high-impact instructional model is designed to fully prepare students of all types to excel academically and to perform well on standardized assessments.

A commitment to ambitious academic success does not come at the expense of valuable youth development programs. Every student will participate daily in dynamic courses including athletics, sciences, art, music, languages, computer training and more.

“The model is both cutting-edge and practical...The thoughtful detail in the Generation Schools’ plan demonstrates an essential level of understanding about the complex nature of an urban school and its community.”

Timothy Knowles  
Executive Director, University of Chicago  
Center for Urban School Improvement

Each child will have a remarkable variety of prep-school-quality experiences. This comes at a time when conventional public schools have eliminated extra-curricular and enrichment courses, despite mounting research that these programs actually strengthen academic performance and motivate students.

The model also extends the school year by a month for students without increasing the work year for teachers. This, combined with an extended day, will provide all

students with the equivalent of 66 extra schools days each year. For the faculty, there will be substantial common planning time daily and over four weeks of paid staff development annually.

***Remarkably, the entire Generation School model operates at existing per pupil funding and meets the salary and benefits levels outlined in current teacher contracts.***

In 2004, the “break-the-mold” model was honored by the prestigious Echoing Green Foundation ([www.EchoingGreen.org](http://www.EchoingGreen.org)) as one of the world’s best emerging social innovations. In 2005, the New York-based Blue Ridge Foundation ([www.brfny.org](http://www.brfny.org)) selected Generation Schools to join its portfolio of start-up nonprofits and receive substantial funding and technical support.

To learn more about Generation Schools and their five-year pilot project, and to join their Founding Funders Campaign, contact Jonathan Spear at 718-935-1400 x240.

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## **FJC Donor Supports Local Soup Kitchen**

We love to hear about our donors’ philanthropic and volunteer accomplishments and to learn more about the impact of grants made from FJC accounts. It was recently brought to our attention that one of our donors, David Mandelbaum, has been assisting a soup kitchen organized through his local synagogue.

Every Sunday 150-200 guests are served a bowl of hearty soup and a sandwich at Judy's Kindness Diner, named in honor of Judy Mandelbaum. Food is prepared at Congregation Beth Sholom, on the East Side of Providence, RI, and served to Providence residents at Crossroads Rhode Island, the largest homeless services organization in the state. The soup kitchen is open to all without regard to race, sex, religion, ethnic background or age and staffed entirely by volunteers. Donations may be sent to Judy's Kindness Diner c/o Congregation Beth Sholom, 275 Camp Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906. For more information, please visit [www.judyskindnessdiner.org](http://www.judyskindnessdiner.org).