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INSIDE FJC

New Staff: Abby Mayerhoff joins FJC as our new **Grants Administrator**. Abby is a May 2008 graduate of Muhlenberg College. She was an active participant in college leadership programs, participated in Limmud Leadership Training, and was editor-in-chief for Muhlenberg College's literary magazine.

FJC RECEIVES RECOGNITION

FJC earned its sixth consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, a premier charity evaluator, making FJC among the top 2% of evaluated charities.

FJC was also named in the Chronicle of Philanthropy's 2008 top 400 charities. The Philanthropy 400 had just 13 donor-advised funds that made the list.

FJC HAS NO EXPOSURE TO MADOFF SCANDAL

In fact, FJC has been approached to offer bridge loans to assist operating non profits that have been negatively affected by the Madoff financial scandal.

One group of concerned donors is seeking to raise funds to subsidize the interest on any such loans. FJC's participation in such a rescue effort remains subject to its existing lending and credit practices and policies.

Important Changes in 2009

2008 certainly was a turbulent year of change.

At FJC we stayed on top of the economic crisis through the expertise and dedication of our board of directors and staff.

As the steward of \$200 million of charitable assets, we kept our administrative expenses to a minimum while maintaining our high level of service.

In 2009 our commitment to excellence continues and we are instituting additional ways to improve our efficiency.

We will no longer mail quarterly statements except to those who specifically request us to do so by returning the enclosed card. We will notify you by e-mail (to the current e-mail address which we have on file) when your statement is available. This small step is not only consistent with being a "green" organization but it will save thousands of dollars in material, postage and staff time.

In other words, this change is:

FAST - statements are immediately available on the DonorWeb

SECURE – password-protected, the DonorWeb is a safe way to manage your account

SIMPLE – please contact us to see how easy it is to use the DonorWeb

GREEN – electronic statements use less paper and energy

Our online DonorWeb service gives immediate access to your account information and your quarterly statements.

Please also review our recently updated Summary of Procedures which can be found on our website.

We will continue our quarterly newsletter. We believe the newsletter is an important means of communication. However, performance of FJC funds can now be found on your statement and on the web.

We wish you all the best this year and we look forward to working with you in meeting your charitable goals in 2009 and into the next decade of the 21st century!

In each newsletter, FJC profiles current events, organizations or projects supported by FJC grants, Fiscal Sponsorship or the Agency Loan. FJC is not responsible for the content.



Tanenbaum - a secular, non-sectarian organization - works to reduce and prevent the violence perpetrated in the name of religion by supporting religious peacemakers who struggle in areas of armed conflict and by overcoming religious intolerance in workplaces and schools.

In just the past few years, Tanenbaum's anti-violence programs have increased dramatically into internationally recognized, groundbreaking initiatives for educators, employers, healthcare providers, and religious peacemakers.

Last year, for example, Tanenbaum's Religion and Diversity Education program brought students and teachers from the Jewish Primary Day School and Nativity Catholic Academy in Washington, D.C., together to learn from one another. Naomi Reem, JPDS' principal, called the program, "one of the best we've had...seeds of understanding and sensitivity to diversity of faith were planted in everyone."

On the Workplace Diversity front, Tanenbaum helped a major U.S. retailer acknowledge the National Day of Prayer through inclusiveness of all religions. Tanenbaum created options for the company so that it could create an observance that recognized all employees, regardless of belief system, and avoid a potentially inflammatory situation.

Meanwhile, Tanenbaum's Religious Diversity and Healthcare initiative is now a full-fledged program – and highly in demand. In January 2009 The Medical Manual for Religio-Cultural Competency will be published. The manual is a comprehensive resource to help practitioners provide better care for religiously diverse patients. Sponsored by EMBLEMHealth, The Medical Manual will reach over 80,000 providers in the New York City area alone. This timely project is backed by luminaries in the field including Drs. Harold Koenig and Herbert Benson, who describe the manual as "a terrific resource," and "impressive."

Tanenbaum's work in Religion and Conflict Resolution resulted in 2007's first awardees in Tanenbaum's new Women's Peace Initiative: Hind Kabawat from Syria; and Osnat Aram-Daphna and Najeeba Sirhan from the Galilee, Israel. Aram-Daphna and Sirhan have worked together for eight years and call their collaboration (a coexistence initiative between teachers and students from Jewish and Arab schools) "The Project." Tragically, Osnat lost her battle with cancer this summer, but her "sister by choice," Najeeba continues The Project – and Tanenbaum is helping to support it.

Tanenbaum just returned from advising the European Union on needed actions regarding religion and healthcare. And its Peacemaker Practitioner program is being brought to Jerusalem and Syria in January 2009!

As our world continues to shrink, bringing diverse people and cultures in closer contact – and often conflict – Tanenbaum is on the front line working for peace and overcoming religious hatred.