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LEGACY FJC DONOR ADVISED FUND SENDS FUNDS TO PERES CENTER FOR PEACE

Fund was established by the late Helen Rehr, DSW

NEW YORK - On December 8, 2014, FJC approved the first annual distribution (\$7,911) of funds provided from the donor advised fund of Ms. Helen Rehr (1919-2013) to the Saving Children project of the American Friends of the Peres Center for Peace. Ms. Rehr had recommended that upon her passing the balance in her donor advised fund be transferred to FJC's Board Advised Fund and the annual income thereon be used for social services, research or training projects to enhance the health and mental health care for vulnerable populations within the State of Israel and the City of New York.

The Peres Center for Peace is an Israeli organization promoting peacebuilding between Israel and its neighbors (particularly between Israelis and Palestinians) as well as between Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel. Programs are designed to empower the populations of this region to be actively engaged in peacebuilding in order to advance the creation of a real, effective and durable peace, and are implemented in three core fields: Medicine & Healthcare; Peace Education (through sport, the arts and technology); Business & Environment. **SAVING CHILDREN** is a humanitarian project that treats Palestinian infants and children in Israeli hospitals for complex medical procedures and diagnoses in cases where such services are unavailable in the Palestinian healthcare system. See more at: http://www.peres-center.org/saving_children#sthash.mpSro2ZM.dpuf

In her obituary in The New York Times (February 13, 2013) Helen Rehr's, DSW, work was described as visionary and revolutionized and standardized the field of social work. A true leader in her field, Dr. Rehr was one of the first to recognize the needs of the aging population for social work services, and she was the first to apply the principles of quality assurance and best practices to social work. She also introduced patient-screening and risk-identification procedures to the field. As a scholar and educator, Dr. Rehr received numerous awards, including the designation of two professorial chairs named in her honor: one at Columbia University and the other at Hunter College. She became Professor of Community Medicine Emerita at Mount Sinai in 1986 and remained a vital contributor to hospital and school social work programs until her death. See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/nytimes/obituary.aspx?n=helen-rehr&pid=163073184#sthash.vu8zjG8m.dpuf>

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