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An Institute Grows to Advance Elie Wiesel's Teaching Legacy

FJC celebrates the initial cohort of the Witness Fellowship, which convenes and supports leaders with high potential to influence society through moral education and activism. The fellowship is the flagship program the Witness Institute, which provides educational tools to inspire thousands of people to follow the teachings of the great writer, thinker, and educator Elie Wiesel. Initially a fiscally sponsored program of FJC, the organization is poised to spin off into a new, more ambitious phase under the leadership of Rabbi Dr. Ariel Burger, a longtime student of Mr. Wiesel's.

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White Paper & Upcoming FJC Webinar: The Cultural Heritage Finance Alliance (CHiFA)

The Cultural Heritage Finance Alliance (CHiFA) was founded in 2019 to promote heritage-led regeneration through innovative financing solutions. Its goal is to position historically and culturally significant built environments as anchors of environmental, social and economic development. Their white paper, *[Impact and Identity, Investing in Heritage for Sustainable Development](#)*, presents studies of six examples from across the world where heritage investment has restored vibrancy to historic urban centers that had been in economic and cultural decline. Save the Date for FJC's webinar about CHiFA's white paper on Wednesday, April 21 at noon.

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FJC Donor Expands Opportunity at Queens College

A diverse group of seven Queens College students are the first to receive financial support from the Phi Epsilon Pi Endowed Fund, founded by a group of Queens College alumni including FJC donor Robert Jacobs. While the demographics at Queens College are different from when Jacobs and his classmates graduated in 1970, Jacobs and his fraternity brothers would rather focus on their similarities. "They're just like we were," he says. "They're strivers." As one thankful student writes, the scholarship "... is a nod at what I have been working toward, and an affirmation that the sacrifices my family has made for me to get an education, have been worth it."

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FJC Borrower S:US Offers Hope to Homeless Families

FJC celebrates the opening of Echo Family Residence, a temporary housing residence for homeless families, which opened in the Bronx in November, 2020 and is operated by the nonprofit Services for the UnderServed (S:US). The project was made possible in part by an \$868,000 loan from FJC's Agency Loan Fund. With a dedicated staff and safe and clean temporary apartments, families at Echo Family Residence can transition into permanent housing with dignity, a peace of mind, community support and hope for the future.

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In Memoriam: Timothy O'Brien

FJC mourns the loss of our friend and colleague Timothy M. O'Brien, who passed away this week after a courageous struggle with cancer. Tim was the hardworking, humble and heroic Finance Director of our sister agency F.Y. Eye and acted as FJC's interim Chief Financial Officer during a leadership transition. We will deeply miss Tim, who was analytical about finance and incredibly intuitive and kind about people. We extend our thoughts and deep sympathy to his husband Patrick Sleem, his three cats and the rest of his family.

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