

DJCF presents over \$80,000 in scholarships

By Deb Silverthorn

Community sharing, community caring was the key at the May 12 Scholarship Reception of the Dallas Jewish Community Foundation (DJCF). Schultz Rosenberg Campus' Pollman Hall served as the backdrop for the awarding of \$81,330. Ruben Arellano, 2007 and 2008 scholarship recipient; Don Schaffer, Chairperson of the Foundation Board of Trustees; and Carol Aaron, board chair of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas, addressed the event's almost 200 attendees. "I'm proud of our program," said David Agronin, DJCF executive director. "Through our very generous donors we're able to provide tangible gifts that no doubt change lives. The Foundation's program allows the Jewish community the opportunity to help across the spectrum of our own and the Greater Dallas community." Since 1991, over \$1.1 million has been given to more than 350 students.



(Front row, l-r) Dana Braff, Gabriella Lewin, Sapir Vangruber, Miriam Tannenbaum, Elina Shtreyzman, Jonathan Coffield, Simcha McIntosh, Eric Rosenbaum, Andrew Hefter, Rachel Zbolon, Michael Rose; (second row) Steven Moglovkin, Daniel Bonner, Shahed Shakouri, Alexandr Movshits, Itai Matityahu, Evan Walgama, Ruben Arellano, Harrison Aikin, Joshua Katz

Scholarships were awarded to Harrison Aikin, Zachary Albert, Nace Allen, Ruben Arellano, Samantha Block, Daniel Bonner, Dana Braff, Jonathan Coffield, Brett Goodman, Shaina Goodman, Andrew Hefter,

Jordan Herskowitz, Aaron Jacobs, Joshua Katz, Laurel Klein, Julie Leventhal, Gabriella Lewin, Itai Matityahu, Simcha McIntosh, Steven Moglovkin, Alexandr Movshits, Tina Newman, Genevieve Peschke, Yoseif Meir Rich, Michael Rose, Eric Rosenbaum, Shahed Shakouri, Elina Shtreyzman, Benjamin Tabaria, Miriam Tannenbaum, Sheena Tart-Zelvin, Sapir Vangruber, Evan Walgama, Rachel Zbolon and Yael Zbolon.

Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors, university underclassmen and graduate students from throughout the Dallas community with requirements varying as to financial need, academic merit and participation in community service. While some are for specified as directed to Jewish students, others are open to all members of the greater Dallas community and there is no "typical" winner.

Arellano, a 2008 El Centro College graduate who received the Edith and Herbert Stehberg Grant to pursue his hopes of becoming a professor and author at Southern Methodist University, graduated from Skyline High School in 1994, served in the U.S. Army, and worked as an electrician while deciding how to move on. With a heart for community service, he's worked for the National Association of Chicano/Chicana Studies, the Texas Campaign for the Environment, Greenpeace, Dallas Peace Center, North Texas Coalition for a Just Peace and the Rainforest Action Network.

Miriam Tannenbaum, a teacher at Akiba Academy and mother of four, is this year's JFGD Jewish Communal Service Studies Scholarship Fund recipient. "Ten years ago I planned to pursue my master's degree but I met my husband, got married and the course of my life changed. I wouldn't trade anything but this year I'm able to go back and I'll spend the next three summers, while my children are in camp, getting my master's in Jewish education. This is a great help!"

Scholarships offered are from the Aaron Family Scholarship Fund, the Barbara Levy Calick Scholarship Fund, the Frank Gilford Scholarship Fund, the Joe Goldstein Memorial Scholarship Fund in Fashion and Retailing, the Annette Golman Jayson and Frances Goodman Golman Scholarship Fund, the Joe H. Golman Leadership and Community Service Scholarship Fund, the Debbie and Ron Greene College Scholarship Fund, the Donald J. Grossfeld Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Bill Jayson Jewish Studies Scholarship Fund, the JFGD Jewish Communal Service Studies Scholarship Fund, the Sam and Ann Kesner Texas A&M Scholarship Fund, the Stacey and Donald Kivowitz Foundation Scholar Awards, the Nina J. Kutchuk Scholarship Fund, the Ben and Dorothy Lewis Scholarship Fund, the Julie G. Lowenberg Scholarship Fund, the Frances Olsan Scholarship Fund, the One at a Time Scholarship Fund, the Arnold and Ruth W. Pian Scholarship Fund, the Hedy and Fred Reisberg Scholarship Fund in Honor of their Children and Grandchildren, the Saffran Family Scholarship Fund, the Martin Samuelsohn Scholarship Fund for Jewish Students Attending Southern Methodist University School of Law, the Fannie Schaenen Scholarship Fund, the Mickey and Ruth Schimmel Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Celia Roosth Schoenbrun Scholarship Fund, the Edith and Herbert Stehberg Grant Fund and the UBS Corporate Endowment Scholarship Fund.

"We loved our niece dearly and wanted to do something in her memory," said Sy Saffran, who with his wife, Roberta, supports the Saffran Family Scholarship Fund. Saffran's niece Linnea was bound for Brandeis University when she was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Linnea's parents, the late Bernard and Ella were both lifelong academics at Swarthmore and Temple University. "We wanted the next generation to appreciate academia, and we

want to ease the financial stress." Daniel Bonner, a senior at Yavneh Academy, was awarded the Saffran Scholarship.

This year, Brad Roth and his wife, Sharon, started the One at a Time Scholarship Fund. When asked what he wanted as a gift for his 40th birthday, reflecting on the gifts of his life, for Brad there was only one answer. "I saw a documentary where a child was asked what he wanted for a holiday gift and his answer was 'a bathroom.' With a goal of giving 50, \$5,000 scholarships in 10 years, we want to help change the world by helping children, 'one at a time.'" Joshua Katz, a senior at J.J. Pearce High School — coincidentally the alma mater of Brad Roth — is that first child.

"These scholarships offer invaluable assistance," said Eric Axel, a 1998 recipient. A former Yavneh Academy of Dallas student, and graduate of the University of Maryland, Axel is deputy national grassroots director for the Jewish Republican Coalition. "It can be the difference between a part-time and full time schedule or the chance to take a summer internship rather than working. For the local 'community cavalry' to step in is amazing."

"There's nothing more satisfying than to be part of handing out these awards — the recipients are so appreciative," said Michael Waldman, who, with Ruthy Rosenberg, co-chaired the 2008 Foundation Scholarship Committee. "The impact is evident."

"We have nominees from single families, those who've overcome hardships and those who are changing the world every day," said Foundation Senior Development Officer Marna Edenson. "It's very hard to narrow the field because so many of the applications we receive are obvious leaders of the future."

For information on creating a scholarship or filling out an application, call 214-615-9351.

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