

## 2012-2013 Grant Awards

*Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service*

\$6,000

### **“Relationships & Decisions”**

A program created through JWF funding that focuses on prevention of violence and dating abuse. This year the program will be expanded to train additional teen facilitators to educate other teens about preventing dating abuse and other unhealthy associations.

*Girl Future/Independent Girls, Inc.*

\$5,000

### **“You Can't Be What You Can't See: Reel (Role) Models for Real Life”**

A two-part film series for girls ages 9-17 and their moms/caregivers that will educate girls and moms about the pervasive problem of negative and limiting images of women in the media that is impacting girls' self-esteem and affecting the rates at which girls aspire to leadership. Trained Youth educators and mental health professionals will facilitate the breakout sessions.

*Jewish Community Center of the Greater Palm Beaches*

\$7,500

### **“Academy of Continuing Education (ACE) Women's Track”**

A dedicated track for senior Jewish women of the Center's lifelong learning center, focusing on women's issues as they enter new stages of their life. A women's track at both the Palm Beach Gardens and Boynton Beach locations would address issues concerning: traveling solo, women's health, fitness and wellness and aging issues.

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\$7,500

**Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!** Rosh Hodesh is a program to proactively address girls dropping out of Jewish programming after Bat Mitzvah and girls' self-esteem as they enter adolescence. Rosh Hodesh has been in existence nationally for nearly a decade and uses Jewish values and engaging activities to empower adolescent girls to build their self-esteem, leadership skills and Jewish identity. Girls in grades 6-12 gather monthly with a trained adult leader to discuss issues they care most about.

*Itaach Maaki Women Lawyers for Social Justice*

\$5,000

### **“Access to Justice: Employment Rights of Orthodox Women in the Education System”**

This program will work nationwide to raise awareness of employment laws amongst Haredi preschool assistants and secular kindergarten teachers in Israel, to encourage women's actions to improve their employment conditions, including collective action against employers and to advocate for structural change that will create greater oversight mechanisms on employment conditions of these workers, some of the most marginalized in the workforce. The project will encourage media and public appearances regarding the pattern of violations of women's rights in the education system and will update and distribute 1,000 rights manuals to preschool assistants, employers and policymakers.

*Eden Association*

\$20,000

### **“Cinderella Project-Professional Vocational Training for Women”**

Started in September 2011 as a pilot project with 14 women working as house cleaners in 70 affluent households in Negev councils surrounding the city of Beer-Sheba, the Cinderella Project aims to provide socio-economic mobility for participating women. While directly serving the participants, this program helps solve the cleaning agencies dominance in areas with chronic unemployment and poverty and provides vocational training to unskilled women with such poor employment histories that they cannot qualify for state vocational programs. Participating women will work four days a week in homes in Omer, Meitar, Lehavim and Beer-Sheba, and on the fifth day they will participate in a vocational training program of their choice to be funded by the project.

*Kolech-Religious Women's Forum*

\$20,000

**“Promoting Prenuptial Agreements in Israel as a Means of Preventing the Phenomena of *Agunot* and *Mesuravot Get*”**

This project aims to launch a national public relations and educational campaign to encourage Jewish couples to sign a prenuptial agreement prior to marriage, which attempts to prevent *Get* refusal. The public relations and educational campaign will consist of utilizing the media and internet as well as workshops within high schools and conferences for couples planning on marrying in Israel. A hotline will also be operated to respond to inquiries from the general public.

*Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service*

\$20,000

**“Relationships and Decisions: A Parent's Guide to Promoting Safe Relationships for their Daughters”**

The grant will allow the agency to expand the current Relationships and Decisions program to include a parallel parent training component. The agency will engage a group of identified Jewish women who are interested in teaching other parents about healthy relationships for their children. These women will collaborate with the professionals to develop a curriculum that can be taught to other parents. A component of the curriculum will teach parents how to access the internet, strategies to keep their children “web-protected”, and information about the myriad of other technologies often accessed by their children that can lead to harm.