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Summer 2010

Maryland MOST™ program named for Sally (z"l) and Robert Goldberg

On Wednesday May 26, a dedication ceremony was held for The Sally and Robert Goldberg Maryland Meaningful Opportunities for Successful Transitions (MOST™) Program. Sally's and Robert's sons Gary and Jeff Goldberg and their daughter Jill Schwartzbach chose to name the program after their mother Sally, who passed away in 2001 and their father Robert.

At the dedication Jill spoke about the family's decision to name the MOST™ program after their visit to

meet the MOST™ participants and learn about the program. "If Mom were here today, she would say that this is perfect. She loved people and believed in education. She had a unique eye for the good in all of us. Her name and the MOST™ Program are a perfect match."

When the family made the decision to name the program, Robert Goldberg commented, "The Goldberg family feels fortunate to be able to honor Sally's memory through our support

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Sally and Robert Goldberg

27th Annual Gala

We are thrilled to announce that the 27th Annual Gala will feature stars from the television show *American Idol*. The spectacular event, chaired by Jami and Barry Taff and Randi and Mitchell Levy, will be held at The Music Center at Strathmore on Tuesday October 26, 2010. This year is sure to be another memorable, fun-filled and family friendly experience for everyone. Please plan to join us!

This year's S. Robert Cohen Award recipient is Judy Heumann. Judy currently serves as the Special Advisor for International Disability Rights for the U.S. Department of State. Previous positions include Director of the Department of Disability Services for the District of Columbia, Advisor on Disability for the World Bank, and as President Clinton's Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. In 1982 Judy cofounded the World Institute on Disability where she worked for 11 years.



Judy Heumann

We are proud to bestow this prestigious award upon an individual whose lifelong global advocacy has promoted the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as we celebrate its 20th anniversary.

Expanding in Northern Virginia

In accordance with our 2008 strategic plan, JFGH is expanding services in Northern Virginia!

For the past decade we have supported individuals in two homes in Reston: The Lawrence Alan Stempler/David S. Stone Home and The Marge and Chuck Levin Home.

With the wonderful generosity of Barbara Brown and Dr. Robert Berish, JFGH will be opening the Barbara Brown and Robert Berish Home in Fairfax County. Also in 2010, JFGH commenced providing In Home Support services in the individuals' own residences.

Later this year JFGH is launching the Virginia MOST™ program building upon the successes of the Sally and Robert Goldberg Maryland MOST™ Program.



Northern Va. resident John King, Jr. hosting David Gregory at the Lawrence Alan Stempler/ David S. Stone Home.

For more information on our Northern Virginia expansion contact Dr. Debby Fisher, Deputy Director at dfisher@jfg.org.



2nd Annual Janice W. Goldsten Awards Luncheon

On April 29th, we honored the memory of Janice W. Goldsten and the commitment and generosity that she continually showed JFGH.



Janice Goldsten did not have a child with a disability, yet she shared her unconditional love and kindness with JFGH and our residents. She and her husband Robert hosted the legendary Goldsten Swim Party for 24 years and in 1987 the Janice W. Goldsten home was opened in Potomac. Janice attended all of JFGH's annual galas and other events, served on the JFGH Advisory Committee and established two permanent endowments to ensure that our residents would always have a place to call home.

At the Awards Luncheon, underwritten by The Aaron and Cecile Goldman Family Foundation and chaired by Carol Bindeman, Betty Eichberg and Norma R. Lee, hundreds of guests were in attendance. Among them were Janice Goldsten's daughters Lisa Gill and Carolyn Kaplan, grandson Aaron Stopak and many other family members.

Audrey and Dr. Stanley Berlinsky were honored with the Janice W. Goldsten Award. In 2003, the Berlinskys along with Joyce and Robert Johnson named a home for

Audrey and Stanley's parents, Celia and Joseph Berlinsky and Jean and Harry Young and have since made the residents part of their extended family. Both have served on committees and on the Board of Directors of the JFGH Endowment and JFGH. In addition, Stanley has provided invaluable mentoring to the agency's leadership.

Alexander Greenbaum received the Young Leadership Award, which honors an individual who exemplifies dedication and a personal devotion to the needs of JFGH and the greater community. He was recognized for his initiatives in creating volunteer opportunities between JFGH's residents and the Kurlander Gay and Lesbian Outreach and Engagement (GLOE) program of the Washington DC JCC.

Jean and Ken Kaufman of OmniPrint were presented with the Corporate Partner Award for the generosity they have demonstrated over 20 years by printing materials for JFGH including the Gala programs and the Home Notes newsletters.

Ron Halber and Ron Glancz, Executive Director and President of The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington (JCRC) accepted the Community Partner Award for JCRC's advocacy and support of our residents and the mission and goals of JFGH.

A New Sense of Security

With tremendous gratitude and advocacy to the State of Maryland and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington, JFGH is fortunate to be the recipient of a bond bill from the State of Maryland sponsored by Maryland Senator Brian Frosh and Delegate Bill Frick. We are also the recipient of a grant from Montgomery County, which combined with the bond bill, will be used to retrofit the Joy W. and S. Robert Cohen Building into an emergency shelter for our residents in the case of power outages or other emergencies.

Additional funding from the bond bill and grant will be used for renovations and accessibility projects at several JFGH homes in Montgomery County.

JFGH members honored in the community



A member of the JFGH Juniors with Resident Perri

2010 MACS Volunteer award was presented to Susan Chidakel.

•JFGH CEO Vivian Bass was honored as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women in Maryland's Daily Record.

•In June, Vivian graduated from the LeadershipMontgomery Core Program.

•JFGH Board Member Aaron Kaufman was honored by the Maryland Association of Community Services (MACS) for his advocacy on behalf of individuals with disabilities. JFGH resident Perri Cutler was recognized by MACS for her volunteer commitment. A



(From left to right) Director of Development Lew Fontek, Deputy Director Deborah Fisher, CEO Vivian Bass and President Dennis Speisman

Janice W. Goldsten Awards Luncheon



Joyce and Robert Johnson with Audrey and Stanley Berlinsky



Stuart Kurlander with Alexander Greenbaum



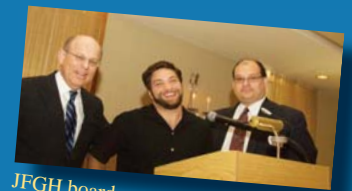
Luncheon chairs Betty Eichberg, Carol Bindeman and Norma R. Lee



The Honorable Stuart Bernstein, Michael Gildenhorn and Bruce Winston



Vice President of Development Ken Gilman (center), with Jean and Ken Kaufman



JFGH board member Aaron Kaufman (center) with Ron Glancz and Ron Halber

Out 'n About



Going to see Camelot at the Olney Theater.



Throwing out the first pitch at Big Train Baseball.



Painting with City Young Hero Participants

MOST™ Dedication and Transition Celebration



Out n' About

Thanks to designated funds such as the Anne L. and William S. Rich Cultural Enrichment, Gary and Annette Henkin Activities, Alan Silverberg Fun Day and the Barry M. Clayman Funds, the residents are staying active and out in the community. They have enjoyed many exciting adventures to parks, exhibits, sporting events and other locations including:

- Dancing at parties with "JFGH Juniors" and at community synagogues.
- Participating in Strides to Thrive on June 13 with many other families and friends from the community (Read more about the 2010 Strides to Thrive on page 4).
- Attending a Big Train baseball game (see photo at left) where many residents of the Mary and Charles Oshinsky Apartment Program, the Henry and Alice Greenwald CSLA Program and from the homes came to cheer the home team.
- Going to watch plays and concerts such as Camelot and The Georgetown Quintet at local theaters (Photo left).
- Going on a boat ride or swimming at a pool party hosted by Judith and Skip Monsein.
- Volunteering at animal shelters and other organizations around the community

Check out our bi-monthly e-newsletter for updates on the residents' activities. You can also visit the new Out n' About photo album on www.JFGH.org, to see photos of the residents' adventures.

Wishing everyone a healthy and sweet New Year.
From all of us at JFGH



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of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes and its MOST™ Program. Sally believed in people and saw the best in everyone lucky enough to know her. She would have loved the MOST™ Program, the important work it does and the values it promotes."

At the dedication ceremony there was also a celebration of the successful transitions of six participants from the MOST™ program. This is the second group of participants to transition since the program began in 2008.

After the ceremony and a Motzi blessing over the bread by Robert's and Sally's six grandchildren everyone was invited into the Anne R. and Ned R. Bord Activity Center for lunch.

Meaningful Opportunities for Successful Transitions (MOST™) is a one year individualized program of activities and training designed to facilitate successful transitions into the adult community for individuals with disabilities. The MOST™ program serves as a portal for individuals and their families through which they are introduced and integrated into a broad range of community resources. MOST™ focuses on facilitating outcomes for participants in three domains: Self-Sufficiency (including self-help, independent living, and safety skills), Community (including social skills, transportation, and recreation), Vocation (including employment, education, vocational training, and day habilitation.)

For more information about the MOST™ program visit www.ifgh.org/services/MOST.

A "home" within social media

At JFGH we never stop looking for ways to keep current. We have recently expanded our web presence by updating www.JFGH.org and creating a Fan page and a Cause page on Facebook. We have also created a profile on Photobucket so we can upload more of our videos to the web.

The web site is being updated more frequently and we are publishing an e-newsletter every other month. If you are not already receiving our newsletter you can sign up via our website. We want to keep you up-to-date on what our residents and MOST™ participants are doing and on other exciting things happening at JFGH. If you haven't been to the site recently, come visit and take a look around.

We want to hear from you too. Find us on Facebook!

SAVE THE DATE!

27th Annual Meeting, Tuesday, September 14th, 7 p.m..

Julia P. Bindeman Suburban Center (Washington Hebrew Congregation, Potomac, MD)

Election and installation of Officers and Directors.

Staff and volunteer awards.

Meeting Chairs: Jennifer Margolius Fisher and James Fisher

President: Dennis Speisman President Elect: Lisa Reiner Cohen

27th Annual Gala

Tuesday, October 26th, 5:45 p.m.

The Music Center at Strathmore, North Bethesda, MD

Chairs: Jami and Barry Taff and Randi and Mitchell Levy

S. Robert Cohen Award Recipient: Judy Heumann

Entertainment: Stars from American Idol



Making 'strides'

More than 400 walkers of all ages attended Strides to Thrive held on June 13th at the RIO Washingtonian Center in Gaithersburg to raise money for the Gary and Annette Henkin Activities Fund to further connect JFGH participants with recreational opportunities. The event was sponsored by Rosenthal Jaguar-Land Rover. It was chaired by Jackie Vinick and coordinated by a group of sibling volunteers.



Dennis Speisman, JFGH President

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