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JEWISH COUNCIL FOR YOUTH SERVICES **AWARDED JIM JOSEPH FOUNDATION GRANT**

CHICAGO (October 24, 2017) – The Jewish Council for Youth Services (JCYS) has been selected by the Jim Joseph Foundation (JFF) to receive up to \$300,000 over the next three years to support expanded Board leadership development for emerging community leaders seeking hands-on service training and experience.

JCYS is one of 11 initiatives – and one of the only two initiatives based out of Chicago – receiving grants to provide leadership development for Jewish community leaders. In addition to the work that will be funded through the grant dollars, JCYS and its fellow grant recipients will participate in two gatherings of the initiative directors; additionally, JFF will conduct a cross-portfolio research study to understand common outcomes, themes, and strategies in developing Jewish leaders.

“Leadership development in the Jewish community has been a high priority for JCYS for more than a hundred years,” said Dan Brenner, JCYS Board president. “We are incredibly grateful to the Jim Joseph Foundation for recognizing our work to date and giving us the capacity to expand these efforts.”

Based in San Francisco, the Jim Joseph Foundation invests in promising Jewish education grant initiatives and organizations that seek to inspire young people to discover the joy of living vibrant Jewish lives. In April, the foundation announced for the first time a Request for Proposals in two grant making areas: 1) Cohort-Based Educator Professional Development Programs in Jewish Education and 2) Leadership Development for Current and Future Leaders in Jewish Education. A \$23.7 million cumulative investment will be made in 21 out of the 154 organizations that submitted Letters of Inquiry.

“We look forward to using what we learn from our partnership with the Jim Joseph Foundation to improve our already strong leadership development program as we strive to develop the next generation of Jewish civic leaders” said Brenner.

Founded in 1907 as “Young Men’s Associated Jewish Charities,” JCYS is now one of Chicago’s oldest and most experienced non-profits. A leader in early childhood education and leadership development, this is the first grant JCYS has applied for and received from the Jim Joseph Foundation.

For more information on JCYS, visit: www.jcys.org

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Jewish Council for Youth Services (JCYS) offers educational, recreational and leadership experiences throughout the year at our family centers, multiple summer camps and specialty programs to families of all religions and backgrounds. Programs are designed to nurture each child's individual spirit, imagination, confidence and talents.