



The Jewish Fund Teen Board is a collaborative philanthropy group providing Jewish teens from the Metro Detroit area the opportunity to learn about grantmaking and philanthropy.

In 2017-2018, our 4th year of programming, two cohorts of teens participated in the grantmaking process. Year 1 consisted of 28 teens experiencing grantmaking for the first time. Year 2 board members had chosen to continue their Teen Board experience by deepening their knowledge and skills through a second year of participation. Over 50 Teen Board members, representing 13 high schools and 14 congregations, granted a total of \$100,000. This report is about who they are, what they did and how they did it.

2017-2018

The Jewish Fund Teen Board Mission Statements

Year 1 Cohort

We are the 2017-2018 Teen Board, our mission is to address community needs through our grantmaking. Through partnerships with Metro Detroit nonprofit organizations we will fund projects with the following priorities:

1. To support those in our community experiencing economic instability by funding organizations that offer resources, training and educational projects designed to assist individuals in reaching self-sufficiency.
2. To support projects focused on improving the living conditions and engagement of older adults in our community.

Year 2 Cohort

As the Jewish Fund Teen Board, we are a group of teens that strive to address community needs in Metro Detroit affecting youth and families. Our mission is to support programs which assist individuals affected by abuse, both domestic violence and substance related, through education and by providing resources for victims and their families.

**Note: Under our focus area of substance abuse, the Teen Board has interest in proposals addressing the opioid epidemic, as well as other substances.*

The Teen Board Experience: Voices of Our Members

Philanthropy & Leadership:

By: Kate Gordon, Jonah Stone (Year 2)

Being involved in Teen Board has allowed us to gain a new perspective on social issues in our community. While we were aware of these issues, we have now learned how to have an impact on these issues in our community and beyond. Teen Board has impacted our engagement in community leadership through giving us an opportunity to make a difference. Teen board gives young adults the power to become a community leader and to be more socially aware.



How Our Jewish Values Guide Our Choices

By: Sam Arnold, Adin Kleinfeldt, Evan Krasnick, Lilley Kroll, Mara Sabin, Adam Silberg, Eliana Silverman, Jack Wander (Year 1)

As a foundation based off of Jewish values, it is important to incorporate Judaism into the decisions that we make. Some of the primary values we focused on were Tikkun Olam, giving tzedakah, and strengthening the Jewish community.



By providing grants to a variety of causes we were able to have a widespread impact on our community. By discussing the intersection between Jewish and philanthropic values, we were able to choose focus areas which we felt would have significant impact in both areas. Through the Teen Board we had the privilege to learn about our responsibility as Jews to improve the world.

Jewish Identity

By: Hugh Camiener, Evie Segal (Year 2)

The Jewish Fund Teen board has brought us together with so many amazing (and Jewish) people in the community. The grant making process opened up our eyes to some of the struggles that occur in the Jewish community, which we may not be aware of. The opportunities that have been given to us as board members has made us more aware of the problems in the community as a whole and that we, as Jews, need to help each other out.

The Impact of Site Visits

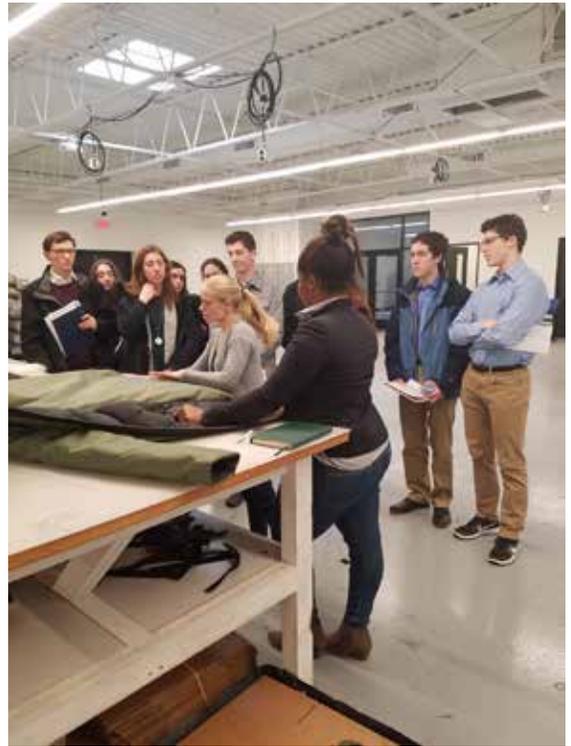
By: Maddie Feinstein, Jessica Goldberg, Sloane Krugel, Anna Warshay (Year 1)

Site visits are one of the most impactful experiences of the Teen Board because they provide an opportunity to see firsthand the importance of an organization. We were looked at and respected as mature board members, something which many other teens do not experience. By connecting in person with the leaders of an organization, we were provided with insight into the importance of their work in a way that cannot be seen on paper.

Consensus

By: Chase Colton, Bree Gross, Emily Kaufman, Elan Krakoff, Atara Kresch, Aviv Wolf (Year 1)

Working as a group plays a key role in The Jewish Fund Teen Board. Through teamwork we are able to forge a bond and ensure that we can create a meaningful contribution to the community. In addition, having consensus from a group of diverse Jewish teens allows us to have voices across the Jewish Community represented on our board.



Year 1 Grantmaking

Focus Area 1: Economic Hardship

By: Jeremy Berger, Benny Fellows, Leah Segal, Benny Shaevsky, Jordan Shefman

As a board we chose the topic of economic hardship because we have seen people struggle in and around our community and felt there was a need to address this. We wanted to set ourselves apart from past Teen Board cohorts by choosing a problem that is often overlooked, not only in the Jewish community, but in the community as a whole. While the majority of The Jewish Fund Teen Board lives in the suburbs of Detroit, we felt it was important to make a difference in the city itself, where the problems seemed more apparent. As teens in a position to make a difference, we felt this would give us the greatest impact on our community.

The Teen Board is proud to fund an innovative organization committed to making significant community impact in this area:

- Connect Detroit/DLIVE: \$19,000 to support DLIVE, a hospital-based violence intervention initiative that exists to holistically work with youth/young adults who have sustained acute intentional violent trauma.



Focus Area 2: Older Adults

By: Elijah Appelman, Nia Kepes, Jacob Schlusel

This focus area was chosen largely due to our personal connections with older adults in our community. We have noticed that services for this population, as well as quality of life, could be seen as lacking. Some of our initial concerns were regarding older adults being the targets of scams and manipulations. Our focus then moved to the everyday life issues of overall care and health concerns in the older adult community. We knew that by committing funding to this topic we could help a large section of our community and have lasting impacts.



The Teen Board made two grants to organizations working to address this issue:

- Alzheimer's Association: \$11,000 to support The Jewish Community Outreach Program which provides the Jewish Community with dedicated and tailored access to support and education regarding Alzheimer's disease and dementia.
- Jewish Senior Life: \$20,000 to support the Prentis Wellness Center in providing a safe and senior-friendly equipped fitness and wellness center for JSL residents at the Prentis Apartments.

Year 2 Grantmaking

Focus Area 1: Substance Abuse

By: Charlie Gertner, Ryan Silberg, Jordyn Taylor

Substance abuse is a pressing topic for all populations in the community and recently the opioid epidemic has grown. Last year substance abuse was one of our top choices for focus areas and this year we decided to pursue solutions for the problem. On social media, at school and the news, we have learned how prevalent the issue of drugs are in society and this year we knew we wanted to help combat the epidemic. All populations from teens to adults and their families are affected. Our grants this year aimed to educate and prevent substance abuse from growing in the community.

The Teen Board made two grants to organizations working to address this issue:

- Oakland Family Service: \$2,992 to support Recognizing the Signs of Substance Use in Adolescents, a staff training program to increase the ability to recognize warning signs of alcohol and drug use.
- Mariners Inn: \$10,000 to support the SHE-Strong, Healthy, Empowered program to help young women develop skills and empower them to make healthy choices.

Focus Area 2: Domestic Violence

By: Jared Katzen, Ellie Rothstein, Claire Schwartz

We see domestic violence as an issue in our community that can be taken lightly, but in reality is very serious. As teens who are just beginning to experience adult relationships, we found domestic violence as something necessary to learn more about. Today in the media, we constantly see stories about people in positions of power being somehow involved in cases of domestic abuse. This issue can be easily overlooked because of the status of the abusers,



but we think the conversation needs to be had regardless of wealth or power. The Teen Board hopes to broaden and continue the conversation about this significant problem.

The Teen Board is proud to support three grants to organizations working to address this issue:

- Haven, Inc.: \$15,000 to support Building a Future without Violence, which provides youth with increased awareness of the prevalence of domestic and sexual violence, while developing skills for healthy relationships and learning skills to intervene in a culture that allows for violence to occur.
- Jewish Family Service: \$13,660 to support Rodef Shalom, which will empower community members through training to positively and safely intervene in situations with dynamics of power and control.
- Starfish Family Services: \$10,000 to support the Trauma Smart® program which provides trauma informed training to teachers and parents.



2017-2018 Teen Board Members

YEAR 1

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