Helping to Build Community

The majority of MZHF’s grantmaking focuses on health-related programs and services to meet the needs of vulnerable and underserved members of our community. Making a capital grant is unusual. But during this year two major community organizations presented MZHF with compelling cases for support for their capital projects. The Board determined that in each case the project would have a significant and positive long-term impact on the health of the community. These grants, together with one approved the previous year to support the Institute on Aging’s capital campaign, have provided an historic opportunity for MZHF to invest in “building community”.

The Jewish Community Center of San Francisco ♦ Generations of San Franciscans have grown up attending activities at the JCC which has served the Bay Area for nearly 125 years. Currently more than 3,000 people annually participate in JCC-sponsored activities. A completely new facility is being built to house and complement their rich array of programs and services. Once completed, state-of-the-art health, learning, and cultural facilities will offer diverse programming to meet the needs of the Jewish community and the Bay Area at large. The gift from MZHF will support the new facility's Wellness Center.

UCSF at Mount Zion Violence Prevention Project Focuses on Children

The UCSF at Mount Zion Violence Prevention Project (MZVPP) was launched in 1995 with a grant from MZHF’s Pediatric Funds. The project is now in its third year of overseeing LINC – Living in a Nonviolent Community – a program that serves children and youth who have witnessed domestic violence. Utilizing the specialized talents of a diverse group of professionals, LINC provides these children and their families with counseling and case management support to prevent them from developing chronic health conditions. LINC also provides training in violence awareness and prevention to a broad audience of community professionals who work with children. According to Meg McNamara, M.D., MZVPP Program Director, "LINC addresses a significant gap in services available in San Francisco, particularly for adolescents who have no alternatives.”

LINC was initiated with a three-year grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) along with matching funds from local foundations. The program is an excellent example of an effective community collaboration, bringing together a number of youth-oriented programs to prevent and reduce the impact of domestic violence on children and families. Since its inception, LINC’s intensive counseling programs have helped hundreds of families. The project’s education and training programs annually reach more than 1,000 middle and high school students and more than 600 community professionals. LINC will be featured this fall as a model program at the Annual Meeting 2002 of the RWJF’s Local Initiative Funding Partners Program.

Back Lunches

The Healing Garden at the Mount Zion Campus Center of Excellence in Women’s Health offers an ideal setting for concerts each week during the spring and fall seasons. Conceived by Jeffrey Pearl, M.D., Associate Dean of Medicine at Mount Zion, and funded by Mount Zion Health Fund through a grant to Art for Recovery, these rejuvenating hour-long performances by string quartets will provide the Mount Zion Campus staff and patients with the opportunity to slow down and savor some classical music with their lunch.
A ribbon-cutting will take place on September 21, formally opening the Women’s Health Center at UCSF at Mount Zion. The Center, housed in the former Pavilion building, will offer primary health care to women of all ages. The newly renovated building was made even more inviting as the result of a major gift from the Robert H.F. and Barbara H. Smith Fund of MZHF.

Under the leadership of Dr. Nancy Milliken, the Center of Excellence in Women’s Health at UCSF at Mount Zion is one of 14 in the U.S. designated by the federal Department of Health and Human Services. A key component of the overall women’s health program is the UCSF Mount Zion Women’s Health Clinical Research Center (WHCRC). Directed by Deborah Grady, M.D., M.P.H., and located near the patient care facility, the Center conducts cutting-edge research on health issues for women and trains young investigators. A woman’s life expectancy has increased from 48.3 years in 1900 to 79.4 years in 1997. The goal of the WHCRC is to help make those years healthy and productive ones by increasing our understanding of the unique ways in which women develop, experience, live with and recover from disease.

The WHCRC builds on the research success of UCSF; the institution’s commitment to women’s health, and the availability of an extensive array of ongoing research projects in women’s health. To recruit and support talented young investigators in this field, the Center and MZHF teamed up to offer a new fellowship program and to provide start-up funding for research projects. The Mount Zion Health Fund Fellowship Program in Women’s Health enrolls two fellows annually. This highly competitive national selection process favors innovative projects designed to improve prognostic and diagnostic accuracy, treatment, quality of life and cost-effectiveness. Currently funded topics include innovative approaches to prenatal screening for Down’s syndrome, breast cancer risk assessment, the role of hormones other than estrogen in menopause, and identifying modifiable risk factors for developing dementia.

We are pleased to announce that information about Mount Zion Health Fund is now available at a newly established website: www.mzhf.org

Please visit and learn more about MZHF’s funding priorities, guidelines for applying for a grant, listings of grants recently approved, and other helpful information.

As our nation continues its difficult dialogue and struggle with issues around immigration, MZHF is pleased to note the accomplishments of one of its grantees that works in this arena. The goal of the International Institute of San Francisco is to enable immigrants, refugees, and their families to become effective, responsible participants in community life. MZHF made two consecutive grants to support their Refugee Health Education and Interpretation Program (RHEIP) which, in collaboration with Newcomers Health Program of the San Francisco Department of Public Health, specifically promotes the health and well-being of Russian-speaking and Bosnian-speaking patients at San Francisco General Hospital’s Refugee Medical Clinic. The program is designed to increase patients’ access to care, information and resources and to decrease language and cultural barriers.

With MZHF grant funds, RHEIP was able to provide interpretation services for more than 1,000 Russian-speaking patient visits and more than 250 Bosnian-speaking patient visits, along with health education services to approximately 500 individuals. In addition, staff developed and translated preventive health education materials into brochures that will be useful with these populations for years to come. This type of health outreach to newcomers echoes the history and traditions of Mount Zion Hospital, and MZHF is proud to be a benefactor through its funding.
HEALTH "TOUCHDOWN" AT S.F. HIGH SCHOOLS

With more than one thousand San Francisco children playing high school football each year, it is dismaying to find that none of the schools they attend has ready access to a team physician or athletic trainer.

Dr. Marc Safran, an orthopaedic surgeon, aspired to change this and worked to develop an outreach program to provide care for student-athletes at the local public schools. Funding from MZHF has enabled the UCSF at Mount Zion Sports Medicine Service to offer on-site preventive care, injury evaluation and follow-up care. Specifically, the program provides: an athletic trainer to each of eight high schools throughout the academic year; a team physician (resident, fellow and/or attending staff) to cover sports events; a free Saturday morning High School Injury Clinic; and pre-participation physical exam screening. Initiated at mid-season last year, 120 treatments/evaluations were completed at just one high school.

For the upcoming season the program will be fully operational and, in addition to football, available to students playing sports such as soccer, basketball, wrestling and lacrosse. It is anticipated that 400-500 student-athletes will receive services during the school year. The program, modeled after others around the country, has received accolades from students, parents, teachers and administrators alike.

Asking Questions & Finding Answers:
Wide Variety of Projects at Mount Zion Campus
Receive Seed Funding

Physicians and health professionals with inquiring minds rarely have the time and resources to investigate all the avenues that might lead to better health for their patients. However, with the help of designated funds from MZHF, many health practitioners at the Mount Zion Campus are receiving the opportunity to explore some of their ideas more fully. Over two dozen projects on a wide range of topics have been initiated, and promising new projects continue to be reviewed. The seed funding provided to advance these investigations will pay dividends in the future – increasing medical knowledge which ultimately leads to improved patient care. Here is just a sampling of the projects currently underway:

- Supporting an outreach and prostate screening program to increase awareness in the African-American community.
- Expanding the work of the Dance Injury/Prevention Clinic to provide accessible, affordable and specialized health care for professional dancers, with the goals of preventing injuries and developing protocols for dance injury treatment and prevention.
- Examining the link between obesity and type 2 diabetes by measuring a new fat-derived protein.
- Developing an innovative clinical program that maximizes coordination among primary care, ob-gyn, psychiatry and clinical pharmacists to treat women with depression.
- Installation of a Real Time Telepathology Microscopic System which enables the electronic transmission of images to other sites for second opinions on diagnostically challenging sections. The images can be stored for reference and study, including various types of quantitative analysis.

New Fund Established
In Memory of Community Leader

Mount Zion Health Fund is honored to be the trustee of the Dan Geller Memorial Research Fund. Established by his family this past June, the fund will support cancer research at UCSF at Mount Zion. Dan Geller was a committed supporter of many Jewish organizations in San Francisco, as well as a key original investor who helped keep the San Francisco Giants in town.
Fund Committed To Healthy Kids

One of the Mount Zion Health Fund priorities is a focus on vulnerable populations, which of course includes children. We are indebted to the Zena Gross Greenstrand Memorial Fund for its ongoing support of the Pediatric Incentive and Reward Campaign. This project originated in the UCSF at Mount Zion Department of Pediatrics several years ago. It is designed to ensure that families bring in their babies for regular well-child check-ups, and thus receive immunizations on the correct schedule. A recent addition to the program is professionally-printed patient information handouts, which will be given to all families who bring their children in for well child visits during the first year. According to Dr. Jane Anderson, who directs the pediatric program at UCSF at Mount Zion, "Our patients don't always hear the advice we give. To have vital information in writing on nutrition, development, and safety allows families to take it home with them, and lets the doctors focus on families' individual concerns during visits."

THREE NEW DIRECTORS FOR MZHF BOARD

The MZHF Board of Directors elected three new members at its annual meeting in June 2002. Joining the Board for a three-year term are Harvey Brody, D.D.S, Alan Rothenberg, and Joan Trauner, Ph.D.

Dr. Brody is a professor emeritus, UCSF School of Dentistry. He currently directs a UCSF program to assist disadvantaged students gain access to the health professions. He formerly served Mount Zion as the director of the dental residency program, the Chief of Dentistry, and the Associate Director of Medical Education. Dr. Brody is on the Board of Directors of several Bay Area organizations.

Alan Rothenberg is President of Huret, Rothenberg & Co., a merchant banking company in San Francisco. A former president of the Jewish Community Federation, he presently serves on the boards of the United Jewish Communities, the American Joint Distribution Committee, the San Francisco-Haifa Sister City Committee, Mercy Housing of California, and Kenyon College.

Dr. Trauner is an independent health care consultant specializing in health care data management and actuarial services. She is currently a member of the Blue Shield Advisory Board and the Board of Directors at the Marin Community Clinic. She recently completed a study on the cost of individual and small group health insurance for the California HealthCare Foundation.

We are also pleased to welcome Amy Zellerbach, the new Board Chair for the Institute on Aging, who replaces Joan Levison.

Retiring from the Board in June were Susan Morris, Bruce Wintroub, M.D., and James Mailhot, M.D. We are grateful for the gifts of time and wisdom from each of them during their many years of service.

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<td>To develop multidisciplinary care and clinical research programs for IBD patients</td>
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<td>To establish an outpatient rehabilitation program onsite as well as at Rhoda Goldman Plaza</td>
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<td>Women’s Health at Mount Zion</td>
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<td>To develop an information alliance that will maximize education and public service programs on the Mount Zion campus</td>
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<td>To bring information on incontinence to retirement communities</td>
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<td>To develop a website and educational materials for the Comprehensive Fibroid Center</td>
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<td>To measure a protein that may provide a critical link between obesity and Type 2 diabetes</td>
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<td>To establish four clinical cancer research fellowships</td>
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<td>Osher Center for Integrative Medicine</td>
<td>To evaluate the effect of yoga on chronic low back pain</td>
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<td>To evaluate the effects of massage therapy and exercise training on patients on hemodialysis</td>
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Research Funds
- Frederick J. Hellman Fund
- General Research Fund
- Gilda H. and Irving L. Mayer Fund
- Gladys Bass Fund for Biomedical Research
- Harold Brunn Institute Endowment Fund
- Herbert L. Cook Memorial Fund
- Loraine M. Newman Research Fund
- Lucie Stern Trust Fund
- Pearl B. Jacobs Trust Fund
- Rhoda Goldman Cancer Research Fund

Advised Funds
- Art For Recovery Fund
- Cutaneous Oncology Fund
- Cherin Diabetes Education Fund
- Dan Geller Memorial Research Fund
- Department of Medicine Fund
- Diabetes Research Fund
- Dr. Alan B. Glassberg Cancer Fund
- Dr. Alan Rosenberg Fund
- Dr. E. H. Rosenbaum Cancer Research Fund
- Dr. Harris M. Fishborn Fund
- Dr. Harvey Salans Patient Care Fund
- Dr. Herman H. Uhley Research Fund
- Dr. Jay Gershon Cancer Research Fund
- Dr. Lawrence Margolis Radiation Oncology Fund
- Dr. Leonard D. Rosenman Fund
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- Dr. Weinstein Education and Long-Term Care Fund
- Gerson R. Biskind Pathology Research Lab Fund
- Gospe, Herzog, Weil, and Domush Fund
- Harold Dobbs Cancer Research Fund
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- Judith Swig Parker Memorial Fund
- Julian Davis Lectureship Fund
- Julian J. and Adele H. Meyer Fund

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Patient Care Funds
- Alice and Sidney Schwartz Patient Fund
- Berthold and Belle Guggenheim Fund
- Blanche B. Goldman Newborn Prenatal Care Fund
- Cardiovascular Patient and Family Care Fund
- Children’s Caring Fund
- Claire Zellerbach Sarony Memorial Tumor Institute Fund
- Clinic Funds
- Dorothy and Edwyn Garfield Fund
- Dr. Jacob Abouav Cardiac Fund
- Edgar M. Kahn Memorial Fund
- Gustav and Rose Schmelzer Outpatient Clinic Fund
- Harriet Ornstein Memorial Fund
- Harry and Betty Curzon Endowment Fund
- Irene B. Dernham Fund
- Irma H. Reyma Memorial Fund
- Julian Meyer Cardiovascular Fund
- Rhoda Goldman Cancer Care Fund
- Willette Raphael Cancer Education Fund
- Zena Gross Greenstrand Memorial Fund

Education Funds
- Alice and Samuel Lilenthal Memorial Fund
- Blumberg Loan Fund
- Dr. Allan Tenerniski Fellowship Fund
- Dr. Julius Rosenstirn Scholarship Fund
- Jacob Smith Surgical Lab Fund
- Louis and Amelia Bloch Memorial Fund
- Mabel E. Brush Endowment Fund
- Medical Staff Library Fund
- Milton Meyer Teaching Fund
- Patricia Brown Memorial Fund
- Rhoda and Richard Goldman Fund
- Schwartz Education and Travel Fund

Community

Jewish Community Center of San Francisco
- To support the development of the wellness center in their new facility (seven-year grant) $750,000

Jewish Home
- To support their capital campaign (seven-year grant) 750,000
- For core operating support 100,000
- For an assessment of city-wide adolescent health services 35,000
- For assistance following September 11 25,000

Bay Area Jewish Healing Center
- Smoking Cessation and Tobacco Education Fund

Huckleberry Youth Programs
- MZHF Unrestricted Fund

Jewish Community Federation–Emergency Relief Fund

Board Discretionary
- Julius R. Krevans Fund
- Kerner Cancer Research and Education Fund
- Kidney Dialysis Fund
- Marlene Spitz Cancer Fund
- May and Ben Shane Fund
- Melanoma Center Fund
- Milton Pearl Fund
- Munsella and Goody Gensler Memorial Fund
- Richard F. and Maria B. Ury Endowment Fund
- Robert H. F. and Barbara H. Smith Fund
- Ruth and Ben Colloff Tumor Research Fund
- Stephen and Lillian Stuart Fund

In fiscal year 2001-02, MZHF distributed grants totaling approximately $5.6 million. Of this total, $3 million came from advised funds, $1.1 million from research funds, $864,000 from patient care funds, $526,000 from unrestricted funds, and $90,000 from education funds.

The Summary of Grants includes awards approved by the Directors of Mount Zion Health Fund during Fiscal Year 2001-02 from Board discretionary and other funds, as well as selected significant awards from donor-advised funds.