



The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.

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**The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Fellows Program
Announces Graduation for 2011 Class of Nonprofit Leaders**

Year-Long Leadership Program Offers Professional Development and Mentorship

BALTIMORE (September 22, 2011) -- The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Fellows Program, a leadership development program for select executive directors of community-based nonprofit agencies serving disadvantaged individuals, today celebrated the graduation of the 2011 class of Fellows.

The group of 15 Fellows from nonprofit organizations across Maryland has taken part in a year-long professional development program designed to enhance leadership skills and promote collaboration among the region's nonprofits. Each year, applications are accepted and reviewed through a competitive selection process. The volume of applicants increased significantly this year and there were almost twice as many applicants as there were available positions. These are the members of the 2011 class:

- Randall T. Acosta, Boys and Girls Clubs of Harford County
- Elizabeth Briscoe, Action in Maturity, Inc.
- Sandra Brown, Mid Shore Pro Bono
- John Dumas, Service Coordination, Inc.
- Michael Dyer, Epilepsy Association of the Eastern Shore
- Misty Fae, Conflict Resolution Center of Baltimore County
- David A. Greenberg, The League for People with Disabilities
- Gayle E. Headen, Union Baptist – Harvey Johnson Head Start
- Amy John, Baltimore Educational Scholarship Trust
- Latavia D. Little, Treatment Resources for Youth, Inc.
- Claudia Nagle, Diakonia, Inc.
- Elissa Malter Schwartz, Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse
- Jessica Smith-Harper, Village of Hope, Inc.
- Kathleen Westcoat, Baltimore HealthCare Access, Inc.
- Madeline Yates, Maryland Campus Compact

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"We congratulate all of this year's graduates for successfully completing their year-long journey of leadership discovery and development," said Donn Weinberg, Chairman of the Board of the Weinberg Foundation. "Beyond their personal achievement, we celebrate what their accomplishment will mean to all of the disadvantaged Maryland residents they, and their agencies, serve."

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Fellows Program provides executive directors of community-based nonprofit agencies with hands-on, practical, interactive sessions. These sessions focus on key elements of nonprofit management: exploration of issues important to agency leaders; the chance to meet and form long-term relationships with peers, and opportunities to identify and connect to a rich network of other helpful resources.

The Weinberg Foundation is currently reviewing the outcomes of the previous eight years of the program. This will assist the Foundation's leadership in determining how to move the program forward. As a result, the Weinberg Foundation is not recruiting a new Weinberg Fellows Class at this time.

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About The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, one of the largest private charitable foundations in the United States, provides approximately \$100 million in annual grants to nonprofits that provide direct services to economically disadvantaged people, primarily in the U.S. and Israel. Grants are focused on meeting basic needs and enhancing an individual's ability to meet those needs with emphasis on older adults, the Jewish community, and our hometown communities of Maryland, northeastern Pennsylvania, and Hawaii. The trustees, some of whom also serve as executive officers of the Foundation, are Alvin Awaya, Judge Ellen M. Heller, Robert T. Kelly, Jr., Barry I. Schloss, and Chairman of the Board Donn Weinberg. Rachel Monroe serves as the Weinberg Foundation's President. For more information please go to www.hjweinbergfoundation.org.