



The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.

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# WEINBERG FOUNDATION CELEBRATES \$102 MILLION IN GRANTS DISTRIBUTED IN PAST YEAR

## Nearly 1,000 Expected to Attend Annual Community Gathering November 12

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BALTIMORE (November 12, 2014) – The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, one of the largest private foundations in the United States, today welcomes community, civic, and business leaders to its Annual Community Gathering. The multi-media program will celebrate the Foundation’s mission, partnerships, and accomplishments of the past year:

- **Wednesday, November 12, 2014**
- **4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** (4:30 p.m. reception begins, 5:00 p.m. program begins, 5:50 p.m. program concludes)
- **Beth El Congregation, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, Pikesville, MD 21208**

John Wood, founder of Room to Read, will be the featured speaker. Room to Read works with communities and local governments in ten countries, spanning two continents, to promote literacy and gender equality.

During the past year, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation distributed more than \$102 million in grants to nonprofits serving low-income and vulnerable individuals and families. Every year, as much as 40 percent of all Weinberg Foundation funding remains within Maryland benefitting, in particular, the greater Baltimore metropolitan area.

“The Annual Community Gathering celebrates more than the Weinberg Foundation’s mission and work,” said Rachel Garbow Monroe, Weinberg Foundation President and Chief Executive Officer. “This event recognizes all of the Foundation’s many partners and grantees who have engaged with us in powerful ways to make our communities better and stronger. Most importantly, this day honors the legacy of caring established by Harry and Jeanette Weinberg.”

Since 1980, the Foundation has distributed grants totaling \$1.8 billion. Foundation grants are allocated through six program areas and are focused on meeting basic needs such as shelter, nutrition, health, and socialization and on enhancing an individual’s ability to meet those needs. Additionally, the Foundation’s grantmaking emphasizes serving older adults and the Jewish community.

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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 low-income and vulnerable individuals and families, 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 Donn Weinberg, Barry I. Schloss, Robert T. Kelly, Jr., Alvin Awaya, and Chair Ellen M. Heller. Rachel Garbow Monroe serves as the Weinberg Foundation’s President and Chief Executive Officer. For more information please go to [www.hjweinbergfoundation.org](http://www.hjweinbergfoundation.org).*