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## Making College Possible for Young Pittsburghers

## Jewish Women's Foundation of Greater Pittsburgh Donates \$10,000 to The Pittsburgh Promise

Pittsburgh – In an effort to help make college possible and affordable for public school students, the Jewish Women's Foundation of Greater Pittsburgh (JWF) has donated \$10,000 to The Pittsburgh Promise, a joint venture of UPMC and the Pittsburgh Public Schools to help students and families plan, prepare, and pay for education beyond high school.

"The Jewish Women's Foundation is proud to support such an innovative, ground-breaking initiative as The Pittsburgh Promise," said Carolyn Hess Abraham, Co-Chair of the Foundation. "We understand the importance and value of a college education and believe all students should have that opportunity regardless of their religion, race, gender, or financial situation. The Pittsburgh Promise is making it possible."

The JWF, founded in 2000 by women in the Pittsburgh community, funds projects that create lasting social change in the lives of women and girls in the Jewish and general communities. For its 2007 grantmaking year, the Foundation distributed grants to the following agencies: Edward and Rose Berman Hillel Jewish University Center; the Weiner Na'amat Pittsburgh Center for Women's Health; the Girls, Math & Science Partnership, a program of the Carnegie Science Center in collaboration with Community Day; UCP in collaboration with Strong Women, Strong Girls; Gwen's Girls; and the Women's Center and Shelter.

"Our Foundation was established on the premise of 'changing the world, one woman at time'. We strive to make a real difference in the community where we live, work, and play," added Abby Grinberg, Co-Chair. "The Pittsburgh Promise is based on that same ideal and we hope other organizations will join us in supporting this importance cause, because investing in the future of Pittsburgh area students is critical to the future of the community we love."

## About the Jewish Women's Foundation of Greater Pittsburgh

The Jewish Women's Foundation of Greater Pittsburgh was founded in 2000 to effect lasting social change in the lives of women and girls in the Jewish and general communities. We offer trustees the opportunity to participate in the strategic direction and distribution of the JWF's grant making. Through our donors' collective input, experience and leadership, we fund innovative programs to address the unmet needs of women and girls in Pittsburgh, PA, Allegheny County, PA and Israel. The foundation carries out its mission by making strategic grants on a year basis.