JEF Celebrates Foundational Donors, The Eddie Soll Family and Susan & Howard Green, as Campaign nears $4.85M Milestone

Anonymous donors continue 2-to-1 match as JEF works toward $5 million-goal



Metairie, LA (Nov. 9, 2026) — The Jewish Endowment Foundation of Louisiana (JEF) announced that it has **raised nearly $4.85 million toward its $5 million endowment match campaign goal** at a November 5 donor appreciation reception celebrating the individuals and families whose gifts are helping to secure the future of Louisiana's Jewish community.

The campaign, *Today, Tomorrow, Together: United for Our Future*, was launched in 2022 to establish permanent endowment funds for the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans and its four constituent agencies: the New Orleans Jewish Community Center, Jewish Community Day School, Jewish Family Service of Greater New Orleans, and Tulane Hillel.

Among the campaign's foundational supporters are **The Eddie Soll Family** and **Susan and Howard Green**, whose transformational lead gifts reflect a shared commitment to strengthening Jewish life for generations to come.

Longtime supporters of JEF and the New Orleans Jewish community, Eddie Soll and his late wife, Karen, built a legacy of philanthropy rooted in family and a shared commitment to giving back. Together with their three sons and their families – Michael and Stacey, Shea and Michelle, and Gregg and Ellen – they have demonstrated a deep belief in strengthening the community and making a lasting impact. The Soll family's support of the campaign reflects their confidence in endowed giving as a way to provide lasting financial support for Jewish organizations and help ensure a strong and vibrant future for generations to come.

Susan and Howard Green's philanthropy reflects a thoughtful balance between meeting the needs of today and planning for the future. Their commitment to Jewish education and the broader community demonstrates an understanding of how charitable giving can make an immediate difference while building a lasting foundation for generations to come. Through their support of the campaign and their belief in endowment giving, the Greens are also instrumental in making sure that the Jewish community can continue to thrive for years to come.

"Reaching this fundraising milestone is a remarkable achievement, and we are deeply grateful to all the donors whose generosity has brought us this far," said Bobby Garon, JEF executive director. **"The Soll and Green families' monumental gifts exemplify what it means to invest in our community's future. Endowed funds help ensure that our Jewish organizations can count on a lasting source of support long after each of us is gone."**

JEF is especially grateful to the three anonymous donors who provided the campaign's matching funds and have committed to continuing the match until the $5 million goal is reached. The two-to-one match remains in effect, giving new contributions an amplified impact as the campaign approaches its goal.

Unlike annual fundraising, an endowment is designed to provide ongoing support over time. By investing contributions and distributing a portion according to established spending policies, permanent endowment funds help Jewish organizations plan for the future, sustain essential services, and respond to evolving community needs.

The campaign continues to welcome contributions as JEF works toward the $5 million goal and beyond.

To learn more or make a contribution, contact Bobby Garon (bobby@jefno.org) at 504-524-4559.

About the Jewish Endowment Foundation of Louisiana
Since 1967, the Jewish Endowment Foundation of Louisiana has served as a repository of funds for planned giving, sustaining our Jewish community statewide by assisting in emergencies and encouraging new projects and initiatives. JEF has an outstanding reputation for responsible investing and is trusted to steward charitable funds for many of our Jewish organizations and the secular community.