

Jewish Women's Foundation celebrates anniversary at Granting Wishes Event

Staff report

The Jewish Women's Foundation (JWF) marked a momentous occasion on Friday, March 29, 2024, as they celebrated their 21st Anniversary at the Granting Wishes Event held at Temple Beth El of Boca Raton. With over 250 guests in attendance, including JWF Trustees, grant recipients and esteemed community leaders, the event showcased JWF's dedication to empowering women and fostering positive change.

The Jewish Women's Foundation is a program of the Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation (JJCF) at the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.

Under the leadership of JWF Chair Amy Rosenberg and Granting Wishes Co-Chairs Phyllis Feldman and Mara Reuben, the event highlighted the significant impact of the JWF over the past two decades. As JWF approaches the milestone of 100 Trustees, the celebration was a testament to the organization's growth and commitment to its mission.

This year, JWF proudly awarded \$175,200 in grants, bringing their total grant funding to an impressive \$1,950,000.

These funds will support initiatives that empower women and promote social change, reflecting the group's ongoing dedication



Jewish Women's Foundation members celebrate the organization's 21st anniversary. COURTESY OF JEFFREY THOLL PHOTOGRAPHY

to making a difference in the community.

"We are 90 women with 90 stories, 90 dreams, and 90 hearts filled with compassion. We are a movement that changes lives, one grant at a time, one act of kindness at a time – using our voice and our vote," said Mara Reuben, a founding Trustee and co-chair of the event.

The highlight of the afternoon was a captivating performance by Pamela Schuller, titled "What Makes Me Tic: Inclusion Through Comedy and Storytelling." As a mental health and disability advocate, as well as a professional stand-up comedian, Schuller shared her remarkable journey of overcoming challenges and find-

ing empowerment through humor and storytelling.

Schuller's heartfelt performance resonated deeply with the audience, shedding light on the importance of inclusion programs and the transformative impact of organizations like JWF. Her story served as a powerful reminder of the resilience

of the human spirit and the potential for positive change when individuals come together in support of a common cause.

The Granting Wishes Event was a celebration of empowerment, inspiration, and community, reflecting the values and mission of the Jewish Women's Foundation. As they look ahead

to the future, JWF remains committed to driving meaningful change and creating opportunities for women to thrive.

For more information about the Jewish Women's Foundation and their initiatives, please visit <https://jewishboca.org/jewish-womens-foundation/>.

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received honorable mention in its Palm Beach County premiere. The wacky comedy is an extravagant homage to Looney Tunes cartoons and silent film comedy with a crazed spirit of wickedness all its own.

Now in its sophomore year, the SASIFF is overseen by Artistic Director Barbara

Scharres, the former director of programming at the Gene Siskel Film Center at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. The SASIFF represents a major contribution to the cultural life of Palm Beach County.

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