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The Foundation For The Charlotte Jewish Community What It Is and What It Does

By Phil Warshawer

In January's *Charlotte Jewish News*, I was introduced to the community as the Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community's newly hired Director for Planned Giving. For the past 20 years I've admired Charlotte from afar. Although I'm still getting settled I've learned much about this new place I call home. Since my arrival in late October I've met many people over coffee, at board meetings, attending lectures, at lunches, or wonderful evenings such as the Federation's Main Event. I've learned a lot and have so much more to learn.

One of the things I have learned is that there is much confusion concerning my role in the community and the role of the organization I represent. "I saw your picture in the *Charlotte Jewish News*," has been a frequent response when meeting someone at a Newcomer Schmoose or at Friday or Saturday services. This is often followed by an immediately predictable, "What do you do?"

Simply put, my role is to help the entire Charlotte Jewish community raise funds to support its many worthy causes not only today but for generations to come. Of course, it is a bit more complicated than that and in future articles we will explore the specifics. So, over time, my first objec-



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tive is to help answer this question and familiarize you with the role of the Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community, my role as its Director for Planned Giving, and our role with the Charlotte Jewish agencies. This will not take place by reading this column, the next one, or even the one that follows. There will, however, come a time when it will all make sense. And, when it does, you will be able to differentiate between the Foundation For The Charlotte Jewish Community (FCJC) and Foundation of Shalom Park but more importantly understand the significant role that each plays in the present and future of the Charlotte's Jewish community.

We share this role with Charlotte Jewish Day School, Congregation Ohr Ha Torah, the Hebrew Cemetery, Jewish Family Services, the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, Sandra and

Leon Levine Jewish Community Center, Temple Beth El and Temple Israel. We're all partners working together to enhance the quality of Jewish life today and for future generations. You will also learn, as I have, that the acronym FCJC rolls off your tongue rather easier.

The Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community (FCJC) is a nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to furthering the quality of Jewish religion, life and culture in the greater Charlotte area. Its mission is to advance philanthropy through education and to raise permanent charitable resources to improve and strengthen the quality of Jewish life.

I look forward to working with our current donors, affiliate organizations, and future donors as we continue to learn from each other and fulfill our roles improving our Jewish community for future generations. ☆

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