

New Arrivals Establish Roots in Charlotte Jewish Community – Faylinda and Marshall Lindner

By Phil Warshauer, Executive Director, Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community

I've often been asked how you can identify people who are most likely to leave a legacy to support

our Jewish community. The easy answer is you can't. One misconception is that only people who have deep roots with generation after generation of community involvement would think to leave a legacy gift. While that may be true for some there are many people in our community that become involved and committed to our Charlotte Jewish community the moment they arrive. That commitment involves volunteering, annual financial support and the establishment of additional gifts for when they are gone.

Marshall and Faylinda Lindner have lived in Charlotte for almost half a decade but have done so in their own quiet way. They have established themselves as dedicated volunteers and have blessed many with their friendship. In a

short time they have contributed to our Jewish community and will continue to do so for years to come. Their legacy gift assures this.

They are two of our newest members of the Book of Life Society. Please take the time to

read their story and consider how you too can make a difference to support the future of our Jewish community. ☆

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Making an Entry into the Book of Life

By Marshall and Faylinda Lindner

We arrived in Charlotte in 2005 and are deeply grateful to the Charlotte Jewish Community for welcoming us so warmly with open arms and open hearts. Although we lived a somewhat "nomadic" life for 22 years while Marshall served in the U.S. Air Force, we had established roots in Dallas, TX. We lived there for 20 years before moving to Charlotte. While it is never easy to move to a new location, it is even more challenging when you are in your late sixties, but that's exactly what we did. We were understandably apprehensive about moving, but after six weeks we knew we had made the right decision. From the

moment of our arrival we have been blessed with wonderful friends, spiritual and educational support second to none, and a vast array of activities and stimulating programs conducted by our Jewish community.

We both developed strong social consciences at an early age. We were active volunteers during the Civil Rights era, participating whenever and wherever we were needed. As the years passed we became volunteers for a broad array of nonprofit agencies. This work came to us naturally as part of the fabric of our lives and as part of the Jewish community to which we belonged.

Our backgrounds were very different. Originally from Pittsburgh, Marshall grew up in poverty, the son of an immigrant laborer who was an invalid at age 39 and died at the age of 46. He remembered his father's plea: "If ever you get to college and become successful, never forget where you came from – and never

forget to help others." A daughter of a successful dentist in Pittsburgh, Faylinda was also taught to reach out to help others of less fortunate means. We have both tried to live our lives believing that we have a role in "Tikkun Olam," repairing the world.

Although we were not born and raised in this Jewish community, it has welcomed us as one of its own. We consider it an honor and a privilege to be here and to be able to help maintain a strong, vibrant Jewish community in Charlotte. We have been as active as possible and can think of no better way to say "thank you" than to leave a legacy of caring for our fellow Jews by leaving a gift which will continue to give long after we are gone. ☆



Coblentz Family Joins Distinctive Member Circle

The Levine JCC welcomes Craig and Erica Coblentz and their family to the Levine JCC Distinctive Member Circle at the Benefactor Level. Craig, a Charlotte native, and Erica relocated to the area to be closer to family in December 2004. Then expecting their first child, they never imagined that in the span of four short years, they would have a bustling household with three boys, Max, 4, and the twins, Sam and Ben, age 2.

This active, young family recently found that with all of their involvement at the J, an "upgrade" from Family Membership to Benefactor Level just made sense. "Max has enjoyed a variety of activities offered at the Levine JCC," says Erica, "including tennis, soccer, swimming, basketball, art and the new Tumblin4Kids program." All of these programs include a complimentary transfer

from his preschool. Erica goes on to say, "And the twins eat up the special attention from Craig during Coach Dan's Daddy and Me sports class offered Sunday mornings."

Always on the go, Craig and Erica make time to work out in the David Silverman Fitness Center and with personal trainers onsite at the J on a regular basis. Erica, who has always enjoyed social tennis, has improved her game with lessons and clinics led by Levine JCC tennis pros. She plans to get involved with tennis ladders this year. So the Levine JCC Distinctive Member Circle has appeal for its many discounted and free programs for families, towel service, personalized lockers, and numerous other benefits.

But the Distinctive Member Circle is also a philanthropic program that helps families in the

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