



Mazel Tov & Congratulations



Charlotte Lesbian and Gay Fund Completes a \$100,000 Matching Gift from Sandy Berlin

Local businessman Sandy Berlin believes that Charlotte will prosper if it can welcome and support all its citizens, including those that are lesbian and gay. In May, the Charlotte Lesbian and

Gay Fund celebrated meeting the terms of his \$100,000 Challenge Gift by raising \$100,000, an effort that led to the significant growth of an endowment that will ultimately provide financial support to the LGBT organizations and initiatives in Charlotte. Sandy says, "The Charlotte Lesbian and Gay Fund has demonstrated that it can raise and administer funds for LGBT community, but it needed seed funds in its endowment before people would make the decision to include it in their estate plans." Lynn Kennelly was in the audience at the Fund's Happening luncheon last year when Sandy made the announcement. She followed up by including the fund in her estate plans. When she passed away in the fall from breast cancer, she left over \$50,000 to the Fund's endowment.

Sandy has been instrumental in establishing the Charlotte Lesbian and Gay Fund. Long a supporter of nonprofit organizations serving the LGBT community, Sandy worked with others in the early part of the decade to explore how to build a stronger financial footing for LGBT organizations and initiatives. He knew from his experience with his family fund at Foundation For The Carolinas, that estate planning and bequests could create a stronger foundation

for the LGBT community.

Sandy understood the importance of such an endowment for Charlotte. He said, "Too many people have left our community for larger cities where their lives were better supported, cities like Atlanta, New York, and DC. I want Charlotte to be a city where people will stay, that will openly support all its citizens."

Sandy was the first donor to the Fund when it was established in 2006. Addressing the historic underfunding of non-profit organizations that support the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community, the Fund aspired to provide unrestricted operating support to LGBT organizations and to encourage community building with funds for special projects that built bridges between the LGBT and non-LGBT communities. Since its inception, the Fund has provided over \$300,000 in Operating and Community Connection Grants to local non-profit organizations. People giving \$1,000 or more annually serve on its Grantmaking Committee to participate in allocating funds to nonprofits.

Building bridges at the Fund is more than just funding projects. The annual luncheon, The Happening, has had speakers including Rick Anicetti, CEO of

Food Lion, and in 2010, Mayor Anthony Foxx.


"I wanted to encourage the Charlotte community to contribute to the Charlotte Lesbian and Gay Fund and was fortunate to have been left funds from my parents for charity that could serve as seed for a challenge gift" said Berlin. "I believe the overall success of our community is dependent on promoting understanding and inclusion. The Charlotte Lesbian and Gay Fund moves us toward this goal by funding organizations and programs which support lesbian and gay individuals and their families in the Charlotte area," he added. The Berlin family has long been an active participant in Charlotte Jewish life and we continue to benefit from their legacy.

The Charlotte Lesbian and Gay Fund is a Collective Giving and Endowment Initiative of Foundation For The Carolinas. The Fund is administered by a volunteer advisory board and 100% of donations go toward grants.

For more information on the Fund, please contact Victoria G. Doughty, Foundation For The Carolinas, 704-973-4527. You may make a donation to the Fund online at www.fftc.org by clicking on the Donate Now button. You may also contact Tom Warshauer at 704-258-9267 or twarshauer@carolina.rr.com if you would like to discuss becoming a stakeholder or other donation options. ✨


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Under the Chupah Minchew-Allen

When Jennifer Rebecca Minchew and Joshua Bradley Allen re-met at a Temple Beth El Next D'Or event Jenny co-chaired in 2008, they didn't remember each other from their TBE confirmation class a decade earlier. But this time, they clicked.



Mr. & Mrs. Josh Allen

On the first day of spring, March 20, the two were married beneath an ivory twisted branch chuppah entwined with fragrant blossoms and twinkling lights.

Rabbi Judith Schindler of Temple Beth El officiated at the evening ceremony in Charlotte's Marriott South Park Hotel.

Jenny's maid of honor was Jena Coen and bridesmaids were Summer Minchew of Washington, DC, sister-in-law of the bride, and Elizabeth Hance. All wore yellow taffeta, tea-length dresses with trailing sashes and carried bouquets of peach, yellow and dusty rose Peruvian lilies. Isabella Thompson, the bride's four-year-old niece, acted as Ring Girl.

Tyler Harrington of New Orleans, Louisiana served as Josh's Best Man. Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Matt Minchew of Washington, D.C. and Chuck Kleven.

The new Mrs. Allen is a 2002 graduate of Providence High School and a 2006 graduate of UNC Charlotte, where she earned a B.A. in English. She is a Recruitment Specialist with Carolinas Healthcare System in Charlotte. Josh, a 2002 graduate of South Mecklenburg High School, holds a B.S. in Political Science from Western Carolina University and will complete his Masters of Public Administration in Emergency Management from UNCC this fall. He works for EnviroSafe Consulting as a Planning and Design Specialist. ✨

Federation's Super Hero Sunday

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win a \$1,000 gift card package. Every multiple of \$100 will enable the donor additional chances to win. (Those who donate between \$36 and \$99 will be entered into a raffle to win a \$250 in gift card package.)

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