Jewish Federation Announces Officers and Board of Trustees for 2012-13

The Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte took place on Monday, May 14, in the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts at the Shalom Park. The business meeting included a special tribute to outgoing President, Sam Bernstein and the installation of incoming President, Alan Kronovet as well as the election of the 2012-2013 Board of Trustees.

Even as the Federation looked forward to new leadership, it looked back in appreciation for Sam's leadership and dedication over the past two years. As the torch is passed to Alan we look forward to continued growth. In Alan's speech he relayed the message, "in order to continue to be successful we must all work together as partners. Federation is committed to building these partnerships – here in Charlotte, in Israel and around the world – where Jews can express their Jewish identify in ways that are meaningful to them, whether religiously, socially, culturally, educationally or philanthropically."

The Executive Committee will include: Alan Kronovet, President; Holly Levinson, First Vice President; Stacy Gorelick, Vice President Financial Resource Development; Lisa Blau, Vice President Allocations and Planning; Brad Winer, Treasurer; Larry Schwartz, Secretary; Sam Bernstein, Immediate Past President. Board members for 2012-2013 are: Amy Augustine, Tracy Brown, Steve Cohen, Jill Dinerman, Elise Kosofsky, Nancy Kipnis, Harry Lerner, David S. Miller, Alec Natt, Rich Osborne, Brad Rabinowitz, Stacey Slomka, Jason Spiegler and Mark Weintraub. Constituent agency designees are: Jonathan Howard (Foundation of Shalom Park), George Cronson (Levine JCC) and Harry Sparks (JFS).

Another highlight of the evening was guest speaker Jerry Silverman, President and CEO of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Jerry brought us a message of hope and optimism for the future of our community. He underscored the real and positive effects that Federations have in contributing to the well-being of Jews around the world and made us feel pride in Israel and her accomplishments while stressing the continuing need to support programs that strengthen the Jewish people at home and abroad.

Overall the evening was a perfect reflection of what Federation is about; the most respect for those who've served us, the warmest wishes and welcome for those who've joined our mission – and a touching reminder of why it is we do what we do every day. ♥

