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Our focus continues to be on enriching Jewish life, caring for the vulnerable, and building a Jewish community. And while every dollar and every donor always counts...your gift will be felt more than ever in the next few weeks as we approach our campaign goal.

If you have not already made your gift to the 2016 Annual Campaign, we are asking you to do so today. Make your investment in the future of our Charlotte

Jewish community. We cannot get there without YOU. Pledge today at www.jewishcharlotte.org. ✪



Jason Spiegler, Julie Sheffer and Justin Steinschreiber

CAMPAIGN 2016: AT A GLANCE

Goal: \$3,700,000

1428 Donors

87.8% Complete

\$3,255,154 Raised

as of 5-16-16

OUR COMMUNITY IS COUNTING ON YOU!

Charlotte's Business Community Supports the Levine JCC Capital Campaign

Lessons from Honi and the Carob Tree are alive and well in the current LJCC capital campaign: JBuild. Just as this beautiful Talmudic tale teaches us to consider future generations...so does our commitment to provide and "plant" for future generations.

The campaign is building a foundation for our community's future and the results have been remarkable so far: \$750,000 investment in Camp Mindy, more than \$150,000 in improvements to



the fitness complex; including a new sport court in the Pavilion, a new floor in the David Silverman Fitness center and JForce room, and a renovated second floor dance studio.

The generous donations from LJCC members, Shalom Park supporters, and community mem-

bers are having a staggering impact. Thanks to everyone that has participated in the campaign since its launch in 2014, our dreams of an updated facility for current and future JCC families are being realized.

The campaign has also received significant support from our Charlotte business community and the LJCC is thrilled to announce the support of Bank of America at the Grand Benefactor level (\$100,000 – \$249,000) and the Wells Fargo Foundation at the Grand Patron level (\$40,000 - \$59,000). As both of these gifts were received prior to the conclusion of 2015, they will be doubled through the generous match provided by the Levine Sklut families. Bank of America and the Wells Fargo Foundation, pillars in

our business community, share our deep commitment to the role that the Levine JCC serves in our community, they believe in our mission, and their philanthropic leadership is a sign of their commitment to see our impact on Charlotte strengthened.

Roni Fishkin, Campaign Chair and Past President of the LJCC, was elated when Bank of America and the Wells Fargo Foundation committed to the campaign, and she noted, "My children grew up at the LJCC ... and many of their friends today are still the ones they made in Hoopsters, micro soccer, or just hanging out at the pool. I want that same opportunity for the next generation. I feel strongly about this campaign because just as past generations created a place to shape my J story, ... I want to ensure there are future stories to be told. These stories will be possible due to the generosity of our LJCC members, Shalom Park supporters, and the support of our Charlotte institutions like Bank of America and the Wells Fargo Foundation."

Although close, the Campaign goal has yet to be reached, and there is still time for the entire community to participate. The impact of your pledges will be evident as we update the locker rooms, expand our fitness areas, and re-



Rachel and Jenny, workout buddies: "If not for the J...we would not have become life-long friends."

design our aquatics complex. These exciting facility enhancements will begin this summer. These changes will enhance everyone's experience and give new generations the opportunity to meet, to gather and to form lasting relationships. While we know the physical changes are needed on our 30-year-old campus – the campaign is much less about what we are building than *why* we are building it.

The current J members benefit every day from the visionary leadership of a group of families decades ago. They dreamed of something special happening in Shalom Park and it is our obligation to continue that dream. We must make sure that young families continue to see the LJCC as their home away from home, that more than 350 special Olympians continue to be served through our Camp SOAR program, that more than 6,500 public school students continue to be educated about the Holocaust through our Butterfly

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Rachel, "If not for the J...my dad and I wouldn't play basketball together."

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