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**JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER PITTSBURGH EARNS HIGHEST RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR**

For the second year in a row, Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh's sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned the organization a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator.

Commenting on the high rating, Jeffrey Finkelstein, President/CEO of Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh notes, "Federation lay leaders and staff take fiduciary and governance responsibilities very seriously. To have Charity Navigator recognize our efforts assures donors that we use funding wisely to enhance Jewish community in Pittsburgh and beyond. The four-star rating adds one more affirmation of our commitment to Jewish values."

Since 2002, Charity Navigator has used data-driven analysis to award its four-star rating to only the most fiscally responsible organizations. In 2011, Charity Navigator began evaluating organizations' accountability and transparency (A&T) as well. Evaluations now assess governance and ethical practices according to 17 A&T measures, and those evaluations compose 50 percent of a nonprofit's overall score. Charity Navigator ratings reveal which organizations minimize the chance of unethical activities and whether the nonprofits freely share information with donors and stakeholders.

"Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh's four-star rating puts it in a very select group of high-performing charities," according to Ken Berger, President and CEO, Charity Navigator.

Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh's rating and information about charitable giving are available at no cost at [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org).

Charity Navigator is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that accepts no advertising or donations from the organizations it evaluates. It assesses approximately 5,500 midsized-to-large charities — a group that, in the aggregate (not including houses of worship), receives roughly 50 percent of all private contributions made in the United States annually.

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The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, a member agency of The Jewish Federations of North America, raises and allocates funds to build community locally, in Israel and around the world. With the vision of a thriving, vibrant and engaged Jewish community, the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh aims to carry out its work in the context of cooperation and inclusiveness. For more information, visit [www.jfedpgh.org](http://www.jfedpgh.org).

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