



The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.

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The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Fellows Program Accepts The New 2009 Class of Nonprofit Leaders

Year-Long Leadership Program Offers Professional Development and Mentorship

BALTIMORE (January 21, 2009)-- The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Fellows Program, a leadership development program for select executive directors of community-based non-profit agencies serving disadvantaged individuals, announces the 2009 class of fellows. The group of 19 fellows from nonprofit organizations across Maryland will embark on a year-long professional development program designed to enhance leadership skills and promote collaboration among the region's nonprofits. The Weinberg Fellows program includes four retreats during 2009 culminating in a graduation in October.

Each year, applications are accepted and reviewed through a competitive selection process. The 2009 Weinberg Fellows include executive directors from agencies that serve disadvantaged Maryland. Members of the 2009 class include:

- Joann Blewett, Harford Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
- Thomas Bonderenko, Moveable Feast, Inc
- Falayrium Trone (F.T.) Burden, Empire Homes of Maryland, Inc
- Judith S. Friedman, Learning Inc.
- Margaret J. Glennon, Leadership Through Athletics, Inc.
- Erin Hodge-Williams, Higher Achievement Baltimore
- Barbara Avetta Hughes, DRU/Mondawmin Healthy Families, Inc.
- Shavaugn Jackson, Diversified Housing Development, Inc
- Barbara Reed Martin, Heartly House, Inc
- Amy Menzer, Dundalk Renaissance Corporation
- Kathleen O'Brien, Walden/Sierra
- Mitchell Posner, Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation
- Douglas Propheter, Career Transition Center, Inc
- Randi Pupkin, Art with a Heart, Inc
- Abe Schuchman, Housing Unlimited, Inc.
- Lisa Maria Shelton, Sandi's Learning Center, Incorporated
- Margaret E Sipes, Downtown Baltimore Child Care
- Jason A. Sullivan, Fells Point Main Street
- H. Linda Trope, Edward A. Myerberg Senior Center
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The program will include a series of four off-site retreats facilitated by UB faculty including **Ann Cotten**, director of the Schaefer Center; **Lenneal Henderson**, professor in the School of Public Affairs and senior research associate with the Schaefer Center; and **Joseph McNeely**, a research associate with the Schaefer Center and nationally recognized expert in nonprofit leadership.

“We are very excited to begin working with this class of Weinberg Fellows,” Cotten said. “This is a terrific opportunity to make a difference in Maryland by enhancing the skills of the fellows, supporting their professional development, and facilitating collaborative partnerships among the fellows.”

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Fellows Program was created by the Weinberg Foundation in Hawaii in 1992 as a leadership development program for executive directors of community-based, nonprofit agencies serving disadvantaged individuals. Introduced in Baltimore in 2002, the program has flourished by providing hands-on interactive sessions focused on improving key management and leadership skills, exploring important issues and challenges, and providing opportunities to network with other agency leaders. Just over 130 Weinberg Fellows have completed the program in Baltimore.

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation is the 22nd largest private foundation in the United States, with approximately \$2 billion in assets. It annually distributes approximately \$100 million to a wide range of charitable organizations. The foundation is dedicated to assisting the poor through operating and capital grants to direct service organizations primarily located in Baltimore, Hawaii, Northeastern Pennsylvania, New York, Israel, and the former Soviet Union. Grants are focused on meeting basic human needs and self-sufficiency. Within that focus, emphasis is placed on the elderly and on the Jewish community. Annual grants to Maryland recipients generally have averaged approximately 25 percent of the total amount awarded. The trustees of the foundation are **Shale D. Stiller, Alvin Awaya, Donn Weinberg, Barry Schloss** and **Robert T. Kelly, Jr.** More information on the foundation can be found at www.hjweinbergfoundation.org.

The Schaefer Center for Public Policy is an applied research unit within UB's [Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts](#). The center's mission is to bring the university's academic expertise to bear in solving problems faced by government and nonprofit organizations. The center offers the following services: strategic planning, performance measurement, program evaluation and analysis, opinion research, management consulting and management training. It is through the Schaefer Center that the University of Baltimore and the Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts meet a central component of the University's mission of applied research and public service to the Baltimore metropolitan area and to the state of Maryland. To learn more about the Schaefer Center, visit their Web site at <http://scpp.ubalt.edu>.

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