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JCC special needs programming receives \$27,000

The JCC of the Greater Palm Beaches and the law offices of Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, PLLC (LLL&S) are delighted to announce that because of the generosity of the community, the recent reception for the JCC's Special Needs Department raised \$27,000. One hundred percent of the donations will go directly to support special

needs programming at the JCC. The event was chaired by LLL&S principals and their wives, Ina and Joseph Landy, Jennifer and Gary Lesser, and Elizabeth and Michael Smith, and held at their law offices in West Palm Beach.

"We are extremely pleased with the outstanding support we received for this fundraiser," said

Landy. "The money will be used to fund programs for children with varying exceptionalities, including autism, Down syndrome, and cerebral palsy."

Bari Goldberg, director of the JCC Special Needs Department added that because of the law firm's commitment to improving the quality of life for those with disabilities and the community's

wonderful response, "The JCC will be able to provide the Special Needs community with a wide variety of activities for all to participate in. With this kind of support, we can make these kids' dreams become a reality."

The department's wide array of programs include aftercare, camps, cooking classes, art classes, sports classes, and family

events for children with varying exceptionalities such as autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, Asperger's syndrome, and ADD. Growing robustly from its opening in 2001 with one camper, the department now serves hundreds of families each year.

The mission of the Jewish Community Center of the

Greater Palm Beaches is to create a strong Jewish community by providing high quality Jewish programs close to where people live that connect people to Jewish life. The JCC is a beneficiary agency of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County.

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Jonathan and Bari Goldberg, director of the JCC Special Needs Department, left, with fundraiser co-chairs Ina and Joseph Landy, partner in Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith



Law firm partners and fundraiser co-chairpersons Gary Lesser, left, Joseph Landy and Michael Smith