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Jewish Foundation and Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati Announce Purchase of Land for New Cemetery

(January 6, 2012 - - Cincinnati, Ohio) Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati (“JCGC”) announced today it has purchased a 23 acre property on Loveland – Miamiville Rd. in Loveland. It plans to develop the property as JCGC’s first community cemetery. The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati is pleased to join JCGC in announcing this purchase, which was made possible through a special grant by an affiliate of the Foundation to assist JCGC in the financing of the purchase.

Commenting on the new site, Jan Armstrong Cobb, outgoing Board President, stated, “Since JCGC was formed in 2008, securing a new cemetery site has been an important priority. We are fortunate to have found a property that should provide us burial spaces for at least the next 100 years. We are also fortunate to have a sufficient number of lots in our newest cemetery in Montgomery, as well as in our other more historic cemeteries, so that we will be able to defer development of the new site, and the related costs, for three to five years.” Continuing, Ms. Cobb said, “On behalf of our Board of Trustees, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to The Jewish Foundation for their generosity in helping to finance this purchase. They have been our partner since JCGC was formed and we thank them for their very meaningful investment in our community.”

Elinor Ziv, incoming Board President, stated, “All existing JCGC cemeteries have continued to follow the applicable religious traditions that applied to them prior to the formation of JCGC. The new community cemetery will be appropriately and respectfully divided into sections that follow these same traditions under the guidance of the Ritual Coordination Committee, which is composed primarily of rabbis in the community.”

JCGC is comprised of 22 Jewish cemeteries, almost all of the Jewish cemeteries in Cincinnati and Hamilton, Ohio. JCGC represents the culmination of over 10 years of community efforts to address the financial, succession, upkeep and other challenges facing many Jewish communities. Cincinnati is a leader nationally in creating this organizational model to take care of its cemeteries in perpetuity.

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