

DONOR SPOTLIGHT: STUART CHAZIN HONORS SISTER'S LEGACY THROUGH PHILANTHROPY

From his early years as a BBYO leader, Stuart Chazin has lived a life driven by a deep commitment to fostering meaningful Jewish moments, supporting Jewish continuity, and ensuring the well-being of the Jewish community. His leadership has left an indelible mark on countless Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, and many couples in the Twin Cities owe their marriages to the Jewish singles events Stuart organized and hosted during the 1980s and 90s. As a philanthropist, leader, and advocate, his impact extends to the missions of local Jewish agencies and the vitality, safety, and strength of Israel and Jewish communities worldwide.

Stuart's most personal and enduring legacy, though, was born out of profound loss – the passing of his beloved sister, Diana Chazin Levitt,^{z"l} at the age of 30. Diana was cherished by her family and friends for her warmth, sensitivity, and wisdom beyond her years. From a young age, she exuded a magnetic kindness that drew people to her, especially children. Newly married and a devoted mother to her daughter Margo, Diana faced a devastating diagnosis of Leukemia. Throughout her illness, she displayed extraordinary strength and kindness, endearing herself to all who cared



for her. Despite Stuart's donation of bone marrow for a transplant in a valiant effort to save her life, Diana succumbed to the disease when Margo was just 13 months old.

Following Diana's untimely death in 1994, Stuart, along with his siblings Brad and Andy, their parents Delores and Milton (Mitzie), and Diana's husband Alan, sought to honor her memory by establishing the Diana Chazin Levitt Endowment Fund. Inspired by her affection for children, the fund supports scholarships for camp, early childhood education, and other programs at the Minnesota JCC benefiting children.

Stuart's annual contributions to the fund have resulted in significant growth since its inception, enabling its distributions over the years to impact the lives of hundreds of children who will never know Diana but are touched by her legacy.

This year, Stuart deepened his commitment to the mission of the fund, and to the JCC, by including in his estate plans a meaningful future gift to the fund, ensuring that its proceeds grow and benefit children in perpetuity. Through his enduring dedication and philanthropy, Stuart continues to honor Diana's memory and legacy by making the JCC's life-changing and meaningful Jewish community experiences accessible, plentiful, and exceptional, fostering a thriving Jewish community and enriching the lives of children for generations to come.

Thank you to Stuart for the foresight and the commitment to our community's children for the past 30 years, for today, and now, and for all of the tomorrows.



I learned Tikkun Olam from my father at the young age of four. He would take us to pick-up canned goods from J.E. Goldenberg B'nai B'rith members and distribute them to help feed the less fortunate during Thanksgiving. Since then, I was hooked and have been devoted to helping our Jewish families here and around the world.



I believe it is so important for the Jewish people to support one another, especially during these very difficult times. If we don't – who will? I can only do a small part, but my continued hope is that we all do our small parts to make a huge difference. If I have been able to set a good example – I have succeeded.

– Stuart Chazin