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CAMP MAX STRAUS

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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO LITTLE BROTHERS & LITTLE SISTERS WHO HAVE MADE BIG ACHIEVEMENTS

Los Angeles – At this year’s Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters (JBBBS) Scholarship Reception, held recently at the Skirball Cultural Center, 35 graduating and former Little Brothers and Little Sisters received scholarships to assist in their post-secondary education plans. Each year, JBBBS offers financial assistance to motivated and deserving former Littles based on the scholar’s needs, ability to succeed and commitment to community service.

“We are so proud to see how these Little Brothers and Little Sisters have developed in their academic achievements and inspirational community spirit,” said Avi Wacht, JBBBS Scholarship Committee Chair.

Through JBBBS’ Big Brothers Big Sisters program, Jewish children, ages six through 18, receive one-to-one mentoring. The program matches children with trained adult mentors who teach them life-building skills and help improve their self-esteem and ability to learn. The scholarships are made possible through the generous support of JBBBS. Scholars are heading off to pursue careers ranging from accounting to the arts in such schools as UCSB, UCLA, USC, CSUN, Louisiana State University, Carnegie Mellon University and a number of other top institutions.

“The awards to our proud scholars reflect our commitment to their continued growth and development,” said Margy Feldman, JBBBS president and CEO.

Founded in 1915, JBBBS specializes in mentoring children through its core matching program and school-based mentoring program. It is also home to Camp Max Straus, a residential camp in Glendale where almost 1,000 underserved, inner-city children annually attend summer camp. JBBBS also hosts several other programs at camp, including the weekend Sports Buddies and Arts Buddies mentoring programs. JBBBS specializes in mentoring children through its wide network of volunteers and staff. Approximately 2,000 children benefit from JBBBS’ programs and services annually. For more information or volunteering opportunities, visit www.jbbbsla.org.