



## News Release

### **Soref Jewish Community Center Names Broward County Mayor Lois Wexler 2008 Humanitarian of the Year**

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On Sunday April 6, 2008, the Soref Jewish Community Center (JCC) will honor Broward County Mayor Lois Wexler at the 2008 Humanitarian of the Year Dinner to be held 6 p.m. at the Signature Grand, 6900 W. State Road 84 in Davie.

Throughout her public service career, Mayor Wexler has championed a number of programs and services that safeguard the health and welfare of senior citizens in Broward County. She was elected to serve on the Broward County Commission in 2004. She also served on the School Board of Broward County from 1992 to 2004.

"The Soref JCC is a most important asset in Broward County. The center contributes to the welfare of the entire community. I have been a longtime champion for services that meet the needs of our children and elderly. The Soref JCC shares that passion," said Mayor Wexler.

Her accomplishments include the 2007 Elder Services Summit. Comments and discussions that took place during the Summit were incorporated into the 2007 Updated Elder Analysis Report/Business Plan for Broward County.

Mayor Wexler also supported a prescription drug discount card, now available to all Broward County residents who have no health insurance or are underinsured for prescription drugs.

Partnering with the Florida Health Care Coalition, Mayor Wexler promoted the Paul O'Neill Pledge or "POP" program in Broward County. The "POP" program warned consumers about the dangers of illegible drug prescriptions written by doctors and misinterpreted when filled by pharmacists. It encouraged consumers to accept only prescriptions that they could read.

Mayor Wexler's involvement currently includes membership on the Children's Services Board, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the School Oversight Committee and the South Florida Regional Planning Council. Mayor Wexler also serves on the Broward Aging Alliance.

She has received numerous community awards, including the Florida Health Care Coalition 2007 Community Service Award, the National Association of Social Workers 2007 Elected Official of the Year, 2007 Champions of Children Award, 2006 Museum Service Award, and the Emergency Assistance Service Effort Foundation 2006 Humanitarian of the Year. The American Jewish Congress also paid tribute to her by bestowing its Distinguished Civic Achievement Award.

The Soref Jewish Community Center has provided scholarships and assistance to thousands of Broward neighbors for the past 29 years. Over \$3 million from benefactors have enabled the Soref JCC to provide award-winning programs, including preschool, summer camp and after school care for needy children. Furthermore, the Soref WECARE program (with Energy, Compassion And Responsible Effort) assists thousands of families and seniors each year, dispensing food and holiday baskets, and lending medical equipment. These programs provide assistance to all those in need regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background.

For more information on the Soref JCC Humanitarian of the Year Dinner contact Marcia Engelman at [mengelma@sorefjcc.org](mailto:mengelma@sorefjcc.org) or 954-792-6700.

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