INSIDE FJC

**Tim Nicol Joins FJC’s Finance Team**

Tim is joining FJC as our Finance and Investment Analyst.

Prior to Tim’s arrival at FJC, he was an analyst with a wealth management firm. In addition to specializing in asset allocation, Tim prepared portfolio presentations and managed client requests.

Tim was the recipient of many scholastic and athletic scholarships and was a journalist covering the music industry.

We hope you’ll join us in welcoming Tim!

**BEST WISHES FOR A TERRIFIC SUMMER FROM ALL OF US AT FJC!**

FJC IS THE HIGHEST-RATED COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Charity Navigator (CN), which analyzes more than 8,000 charities, has just released its latest evaluation of FJC.

With a score of 99.89 out of 100, FJC is the highest-rated community foundation in the United States!

The report’s cover letter described just how extraordinary FJC’s rating is. “Only 6% of the charities we rate have received at least 5 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that FJC outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator differentiates FJC from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.”

FJC is deeply committed to the partnerships in philanthropy that we have created over the past 20 years. Through these partnerships we can accomplish our mission to:

- Increase and maximize the impact of charitable dollars.
- Respond effectively to the needs and interests of donors, charities, nonprofit borrowers, and other clients.
- Create innovative and customized philanthropic solutions.

Over 20 years after its founding, FJC, has some $255 million of assets under management. In 2015, FJC distributed over $40.6 million, mostly through donor-recommended grants. And, to date, FJC established over 1,000 donor advised fund accounts and distributed over $400 million in grants to charities around the world, in more than 25 countries. The FJC Agency Loan Fund has advanced over $280 million to credit-worthy nonprofits in need of cash in order to accomplish their missions.
AWARE (Assisting Women through Action, Resources & Education) is a grass-roots organization dedicated to promoting awareness and generating funds in order to make meaningful improvements in the lives of women and girls in the New York City and Connecticut communities. Each year, AWARE creates a partnership with one carefully-selected, under-resourced charity. AWARE then organizes a fundraiser, a hands-on volunteer event and an educational symposium based on the needs of the chosen organization and the population they serve. This unique model allows AWARE to shine a focused light on meaningful women’s issues.

AWARE was originally co-founded in 1992 by a group of friends -- spearheaded by Rachel Laikind Justus and Amy Frome Saperstein -- who wanted to make a difference in the lives of deserving women and girls in their own community. AWARE’s current success is due to a passionate and dedicated team of volunteers, co-led by Cassie Avirom, Kira Copperman, Ellen Friedman and Rachel Laikind Justus in New York City and Amy Frome Saperstein in Connecticut.

This year, AWARE has partnered with charities that serve local female veteran communities. In addition to hosting a multidisciplinary panel on the reproductive health issues faced by female veterans, AWARE NYC is organizing a day of pampering, dinner and theater for a group of female veterans living in supportive housing in the Bronx. The Connecticut chapter has supported this effort by serving dinner once a month to homeless female veterans, assembling diaper bags filled with newborn supplies for pregnant veterans and organizing a panel discussion featuring four female veterans from four different military branches. With donations raised from the annual fundraisers, AWARE will update an existing website to become a clearinghouse destination for comprehensive resources and information for local female veterans. AWARE has just been invited to accept the prestigious Intrepid Award at the National Organization for Women’s (NOW) 50th Anniversary Gala in June in Washington D.C.

For more information, please visit www.awarenyc.org or www.facebook.com/awarenyc.

Both chapters of AWARE are participants in FJC’s Fiscal Sponsorship Program.