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**Nathan Cummings Foundation, Other Foundation Partners  
Announce \$1 Million Matching Fund for Jewish Social Justice at  
Jewish Funders Network Conference**

*Fund will help continue historic tradition of Jewish contributions to America's social justice movements*

LOS ANGELES – A new \$1 million matching fund for social justice will help build on the dramatic growth of the Jewish social justice movement and its commitment to helping America fulfill its promise to all. Nathan Cummings Foundation Board Chair James K. Cummings announced the fund today at the Jewish Funders Network Conference.

“These funds will help continue the efforts of those seeking justice in our communities, a commitment that stretches back generations,” said Simon Greer, President and CEO of the Nathan Cummings Foundation. “The fund announced today seeks to provide new funding for existing efforts and will also help unleash the creativity of the Jewish social justice community to find new and exciting ways to combat the injustices of our era.”

“We’re proud of what this partnership represents,” said Andres Spokoiny, President and CEO of the Jewish Funders Network. “Not only will this new matching grant make a difference in an important field, but by promoting cooperation and collaboration it will strengthen the entire Jewish community as well. Projects like this prove that philanthropy isn’t a zero-sum game: over the years, JFN matching grants have brought more than \$75 million of new funding to the community, and we’re confident this new program will help bring new funders to the field of social justice.”

The fund, a project of the Nathan Cummings Foundation, the Jewish Funders Network, the Morton K. and Jane Blaustein Foundation, the Naomi and Nehemiah Cohen Foundation and other foundation partners, will target organizations that identify as Jewish or work with the Jewish community that support efforts to engage on important areas of social change.

The fund seeks to support the kind of Jewish social justice work that has helped define generations of social change – from the Jewish legal community’s partnership with Thurgood Marshall and the NAACP in the 1950s that helped end segregation, to the student-led movement to free Soviet Jewry in the 1960s, to dynamic efforts by Jewish feminists in the 1970s to end restrictions on opportunity based on gender, to recent efforts by members of the Jewish Social Justice Roundtable to work for immigration reform. Today, an increasing number of Jewish foundations support efforts to engage American Jews in the social change struggles of this era. Their work has helped create one of the most dynamic, fastest growing sectors in the Jewish

community.

To be eligible for the fund, organizations must be 501(c)(3) organizations operating in the United States and self-articulate as a Jewish initiative and/or embody Jewish values including Jewish organizations launching social justice initiatives, Jewish social justice groups conducting their existing programs and secular groups engaging the Jewish community. Ideal projects would engage people across lines of difference such as race and faith and seek to make lasting systemic and cultural change. Applications will begin to be accepted in early Fall 2013.

*The Nathan Cummings Foundation is rooted in the Jewish tradition and committed to democratic values and social justice, including fairness, diversity, and community. It seeks to build a socially and economically just society that values and protects the ecological balance for future generations; promotes humane health care; and fosters arts and culture that enriches communities. The Foundation's approach to grant making embodies some basic themes in all of its programs: concern for the poor, disadvantaged, and underserved; respect for diversity; promotion of understanding across cultures; and empowerment of communities in need.*

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