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Bennett Glazer

Bennett Glazer directs the development of the Glazer's Family of Companies business strategies, annual objectives, and financial performance requirements. He also oversees the executive management team to ensure achievement of annual goals and serves as company spokesman to external and internal stakeholders. Bennett has led The Glazer's Family of Companies for the past nine years, during which time the company has tripled its revenue, added eight new states to its area of coverage, and become a significant long term player in the alcohol beverage industry. Bennett has strong ties to DHFLA through two of its founders. Mike Levine was his grandfather and Max Glazer was his uncle. Bennett carries on the family connection and supports the organization and its mission.

Herbert D. Weitzman

Herbert D. Weitzman is Chairman/CEO of The Weitzman Group and Cencor Realty Services. In 1989, after nearly 30 years in the real estate business, Weitzman founded The Weitzman Group, a full-service commercial real estate brokerage firm that now ranks as the largest retail real estate brokerage force in Texas and one of the largest regional commercial real estate firms in the United States. Cencor Realty Services was founded in 1984 and now ranks among the top shopping center management firms in the United States, according to rankings by the International Council of Shopping Centers. Herb has long believed in the importance of giving back, and his support of DHFLA continues a tradition of volunteer leadership that stretches back decades. His civic and community leadership has been recognized with such honors as the Southwest Jewish Congress Flame of Honor award, the 1998 Spirit of Achievement Award from the National Jewish Medical and Research Center and the Anti-Defamation League Henry Cohn Humanitarian Award, among others.

Michael G. Friedman

Michael G. Friedman, Senior Vice President, CB Richard Ellis, is a champion for charitable causes, both locally and nation-wide for the past 36 years. He works as a commercial real estate broker in the Fort Worth and Texas markets with over 26 years of expertise and is the recipient of the Stemmons Service Award, the most prestigious honor given in the Dallas Real Estate Industry. Mike is currently Chairman of the board of Legacy Senior Communities. He is also serving on the boards of UNT Jewish Studies and Harvard University Real Estate Initiative. Mike formerly served on the boards of the Jewish Family Service and Jewish Federation! Mike also performs as "Smiley The Clown" for terminally ill children at Children's Hospital and Medical City. He has a Bachelor's Degree from University of North Texas and a Master's Degree from Harvard University. Mike was honored by DHFLA in 2010 and presented with the Gemillut Chesed award for his service to DHFLA and the community at large.

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President's Letter

I and the other Dallas Hebrew Free Loan officers are proud and humbled to work to better the organization, and more importantly, the community we serve. With so many people finding themselves on hard times, the demand for our services, especially our emergency assistance for rent and utilities, has steadily grown over the past year. We are working hard to “think outside the box” to provide interest free loans to as many members of the community as possible who need our help.

The late Steve Jobs, CEO and Chairman of Apple Computer, said: “Being the richest man in the cemetery doesn't matter to me. Going to bed at night, saying we've done something wonderful, that's what matters to me.” At DHFLA, I believe we do something wonderful for the Dallas Jewish Community. We provide those in need with financial help to build a secure bridge from one period of their lives to the next. Our clients come to us because unplanned personal crises and events put them in a place they did not anticipate and could not prepare for.

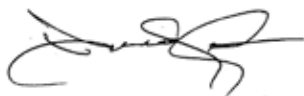
DHFLA is sometimes the only place they can turn, often with hat in hand and humbled by circumstance. We are proud to provide them a hand-up, not a handout, with dignity, respect and the loan they need to succeed on their own.

Currently at the DHFLA, we have over \$578,000 loaned out in the community, serving 132 clients. During the past year:

- We have begun the process of rewriting and modernizing our by-laws for more effective operation.
- We are in the process of developing a strategic plan for the organization that will significantly change our lending philosophy, but not our mission.
- We have restructured the student loan program and have begun accepting new applications.
- We have spearheaded a major donor program headed by Miriam Waltzer, which we see as key to our future success. She has created a named loan fund in honor of Zella Sobel, and the Waltzers are matching contributions to the fund dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000, through December 31, 2011.

We have a strong foundation, our path is clear and our mission: to assist people of the Greater Dallas Jewish community who are in need by providing interest-free loans remains unchanged.

Please join with me in sharing our exciting message with the community at large: By helping those in need in our with interest free loans, we change lives. Clients have a hand not only in their personal success when they pay back the loan [a hand up not a handout], but in the success of future clients [by providing dollars to be recycled to future clients]. In this manner the community is strengthened in perpetuity. I look forward to serving the community with you, doing something truly wonderful.



— Donald Gross

Kudos

Emily Abrams, a DHFLA student loan recipient, has had a passion for cooking and baking since she was a toddler. She began attending The Culinary Institute of America in January 2009. She received her Associate in Occupational Studies Degree in Baking and Pastry Arts in November 2010. She has continued her studies and will graduate with a Bachelor's in Professional Studies degree in Baking and Pastry Arts Management in March 2012.



A key part of Emily's studies included an externship with Chef John Maas of Wynnwood Special Events and Conference Hospitality Group in Dallas from September 2009 to March 2010. Each day consisted of executing recipes tailored to each customer. Emily also participated in the plating and service of these items and learned about each area of the company. A substantial portion of her experience at Wynnwood Special Events consisted of creating a menu and executing a 10-day holiday tea service for the Dallas Women's Forum.

Emily is very involved on campus as a Resident Assistant, Chief Justice of the Judiciary Board, a member of the Fair Trade Steering Committee, and a member of Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society. She spent her first year on campus working in the Media Relations Office, compiling press kits and assisting with video shoots. During this time, she was provided with the exciting opportunity to visit Charm City Cakes in Baltimore, MD (home of the Ace of Cakes TV show on Food Network) to assist with an American Cancer Society cake competition. Now, she currently works in the Apple Pie Bakery Cafe on campus.

Emily recently returned from a three week Food, Wine, and (Agri)Culture trip in Spain. What's next on the agenda for Emily? Her class will be putting on their Restaurant Operations event, the culmination of their work through out the program at the CIA, and then on to graduation!

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