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CJN'S 18 DIFFERENCE MAKERS SET EXAMPLE

2021 class shows power of giving back

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No matter where you are and no matter the obstacles you face, you can always make a difference in your community. Such was the message of the 2021 Columbus Jewish News' 18 Difference Makers celebration Oct. 28.

After a year apart due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 150 people gathered together at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus to celebrate 18 special people who went above and beyond this past year to help support the community through a once-in-a-lifetime challenge.

And, despite the community and the nation as a whole being stuck in the COVID-19 pandemic, the

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▲ Front row from left, Fran Wasserstrom, Paula Weinstein, Betsey Fettman Lane, Eydie Ritter Garlikov, Matthew Freedman, Monica Calabrese and Abigail S. David; back, John Koenigsberg, Ernie Mandell, Steve Heiser, Stuart Appelbaum, Rabbi Howard Zack, Dr. Brad Kripke, Lev Kucherski and Josh Barkan. Not shown: David Leland, Sandy Solomon and Audrey Tuckerman | Photo / David Binkovitz



Jeffrey Schottenstein, from left, his parents Jeanie and Jay Schottenstein, OSU President Kristina M. Johnson and Dr. Luan Phan presenting the \$10,150,000 check to the OSU Foundation during the Oct. 30 Buckeyes-Penn State game at Ohio Stadium in Columbus. | Photo / Twitter

Schottensteins pledge \$10M for mental health

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Columbus resident Jeffrey Schottenstein is the driving force behind and the inspiration for a new comprehensive mental health wellness program at

The Ohio State University in Columbus that he and his family announced Oct. 30.

The Schottenstein family pledged \$10.15 million during halftime of the Ohio State game versus Penn State Oct. 30 to develop what will be known as the Jeffrey Schottenstein

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Whitehall Kroger reducing kosher options

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The Kroger Co. has decided to significantly reduce its kosher offerings at its Whitehall location, eliminating full-service kosher operations, while continuing to offer pre-packaged items. Meanwhile, JewishColumbus and other leading Jewish voices are discussing next steps to address this development.

In an emailed Oct. 28 statement to the Columbus Jewish News, Amy McCormick, corporate affairs manager and division contact for Kroger's Columbus division, said that in reviewing their capital investments, Kroger had to evaluate all areas of the store for "viability and profitable use of all space."

As a result, the remodel will include elimination of the

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