Nearly 350 of Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County’s most dedicated leaders and philanthropists gathered to recognize notable community leader and visionary William A. Meyer for his longstanding commitment to Jewish life, education and the arts. The event, Celebrating Philanthropy, was held at the Cohen Pavilion at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach. Julie and Peter Cummings, Sydell Miller and Susan Shulman Pertnoy and Ron Pertnoy served as Event Chairs.

A prolific example of a social change agent, Meyer was recognized for his longstanding commitment to several vital causes including Jewish education and quality of life services through his involvement with the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County; mentorship to high school students through Palm Beach Philanthropy Tank; and arts and culture as the former chair and steadfast supporter of the Kravis Center.

Along with his wife, Denise, who passed away in 2018, Meyer also was one of the founding members of Temple Judea in Palm Beach Gardens, and helped create the grant-funding organization, Quantum Foundation. He has also provided instrumental leadership over the years to Federation’s Investment Committee, Jewish Community Foundation, Arthur I. Meyer Preparatory School and more.

Mark Levy, a past president of Federation, presented Meyer with the Jeanne Levy Community Leadership Award, Federation’s highest leadership honor that recognizes community members who exemplify a spirit of collaboration, giving and leadership.

“I am truly honored to receive the Jeanne Levy Award, named after the Matriarch of a family that has given so much to our local Jewish community and Israel,” shared Meyer. “My parents, Arthur and Sydelle, taught me the true meaning of philanthropy. I hope I have helped to make the Jewish world a little bit better.”

In addition to celebrating the guest of honor, event guests were reminded of Federation’s impactful work of strengthening Jewish life locally and around the world. For more about Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County visit jewishpalmbeach.org.