

# GOOD CITIZENSHIP

## Jewelry Industry Donates Over \$4 Million To Charities

(NAPSA)—One industry considers donating to charity a serious business. Four children's charities will be receiving more than \$4 million in donations to help the kids they serve. The money comes from Jewelers for Children (JFC), the jewelry industry's charity.

The group receives generous support from jewelry trade organizations, jewelry and watch manufacturing companies, jewelry retail stores, individual jewelry professionals and jewelry consumers.

JFC's four charity partners, known as the JFC Legacy Charities, are St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and the National CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Association. The JFC board of directors made a commitment to donate \$975,000 to each of the four charities.

In addition, \$150,000 will be donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation International to continue funding of wish granting in India. Also, \$100,000 will be placed in the Jeffrey W. Comment Memorial Endowment Fund, named after the late Helzberg Diamonds CEO and JFC board member, to provide for outreach to additional charities that support children.

"The members of the jewelry industry continue to shine in their generosity toward JFC and our efforts to help children. It's an honor to work with so many outstanding people who are making a



**A group called Jewelers for Children has raised more than \$18 million for charity.**

real difference," said JFC chairman Terry Burman of Sterling, Inc. "Through the efforts of our industry, we have helped countless children with medical research and care, wish granting and advocacy."

Through their Facets of Hope dinner and other programs—including JFC holiday cards, in-store collection canisters, Hero for Hope membership, charity golf tournaments and raffles—the "industry with a heart" has now raised more than \$18 million for children who are victims of catastrophic illness, life-threatening abuse or neglect.

Added Burman, "Seeing this great industry unite to support children has been very rewarding for all of us on the JFC board. Each year, our motivation comes from helping even more children than the previous year."

For more information, visit [www.jewelersforchildren.org](http://www.jewelersforchildren.org).