



2017 Community Leader Family Award



The Rosenhoch Family

The Rosenhochs' are a family that cares. It's that simple. They are committed to improving lives today and establishing a better tomorrow for future generations. Led by parents Howard and Valerie, this is a family that gives of itself in so many ways, from fund raising to organizing, from Board leadership to hands-on volunteerism, from advocacy to philanthropy, the Rosenhochs' do it all.

Howard, a successful Lawyer, is the immediate Past President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo and a Past President of Temple Beth Zion. He recently retired as an attorney at Jaeckle Fleischmann. Howard has attended and participated in many National meetings including the American Israel Public Affairs Conference.

Valerie is past VP for Legislative and Regulatory Policy at Univera Healthcare, and was past Executive Director of Univera Community Health. She was Chair of the Yad B'Yad Board, on the Near East and West Side Health Task Force, and served on the Board of the Holocaust Resource Center. Val is a Member of the Advisory Board for the NYS Office of People with Developmental Disabilities and is a founding member of the Developmental Disabilities Alliance of WNY Family Committee and iCanShine bicycle camp.

Howard and Valerie instilled the value of community service in their sons, Alan and David, from a young age. Alan is the Business Development Manager at Invest Buffalo, where he works to bring job-creating business to the Buffalo area. A member of the Business First 30 Under 30 class of 2013, he is involved with SABAH, where he has served as a volunteer, and instructor, and Board Member,

and was named volunteer of the year. He is Treasurer and President-Elect of the Kadimah School, and is co-founder of Jewish Young Professionals of Buffalo.

Born with Down syndrome, David, who graduated from Emerson High School's Hospitality program and Canisius College's YALT program, is an inspiration to all. At Temple Beth Zion, he volunteers in the Play and Learn School for 3 yr. olds, and their Interfaith Mitzvah program. He volunteers at St. Benedict's Catholic School, Cradle Beach Camp, SABAH, and a program for soccer for athletes with disabilities, which named him volunteer of the year in 2013. David values his independence, and proudly shares a house with 6 other young men who are living with disabilities.

For their generosity of spirit, their love of all those who live in our region, and for being an example of family involvement, the NFJC proudly presents the Rosenhoch family with the 2017 Community Leader Family Award.



"...a just community begins with me!"

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