2016 AJFCA Kovod Award Application
Leadership Award

1. **Full name of the agency**:
   Jewish Family & Children's Service of Pittsburgh (JF&CS)

2. **Full name and title of honoree**:
   Matthew A. Keller, MD
   At-Large Officer, Jewish Family & Children's Service of Pittsburgh Board of Directors

3. **Title of award received by honoree from your agency**:
   2016 Dr. Howard A Mermelstein Leadership Award

4. **Date honoree received award from your agency**:
   Thursday, May 19th, 2016

5. **Name, title and contact information of the person submitting the nomination**:
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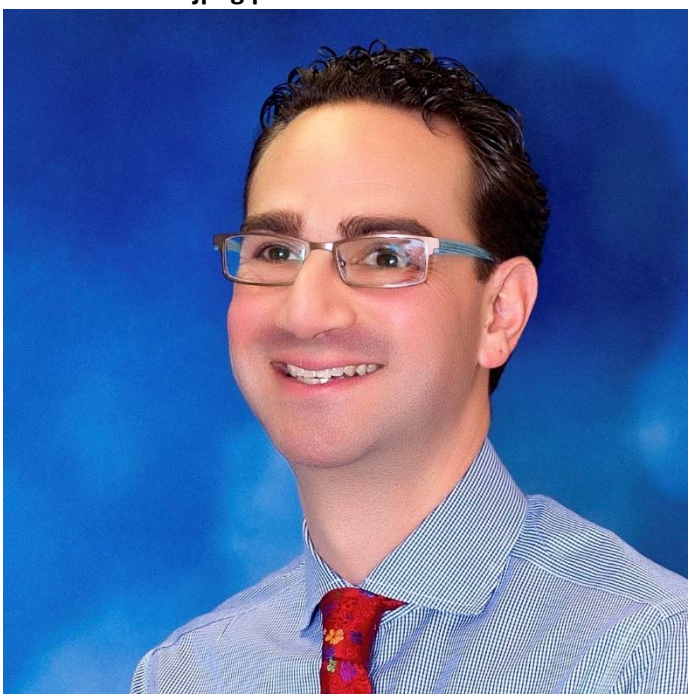
6. **Please indicate whether this award will be a surprise to the honoree**:
   No.

7. **Please attach a biography of honoree approximately 300 words in length describing the honoree's service to the agency and reasons for receiving an award from your agency**:

   Annually, Jewish Family & Children's Service of Pittsburgh presents the Dr. Howard A. Mermelstein Leadership Award to a board member displaying outstanding leadership and commitment to the Greater Pittsburgh community and dedication to the mission of our agency of supporting people through life's changes and challenges. This year, JF&CS has chosen Dr. Matthew A. Keller as the 2016 recipient of this honor.

   Matthew joined the Board of Directors of JF&CS in 2008. Among his leadership roles at JF&CS, Matthew co-chaired the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry Relocation Committee and is currently co-chairing the Endowment Campaign for the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry. He is the JF&CS lay leader representative on an upcoming community wide disability inclusion certification project. Currently he serves at the At-Large Officer.

   Matthew is also actively involved with the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. Currently, he is chairing the Local/National Funding Committee and leading a task force to create an innovative platform for young adult leadership development. Matthew is also involved with Jewish Federations of North America on a national level. He is a proud member of National Young Leadership Cabinet's class of 2012. Matthew is in his second year as co-chair of the JFNA Disability Committee and sits on JFNA's Domestic Policy and Government Affairs Council. He was

actively involved with the development and presentation of a roundtable forum on disability inclusion at JFNA'a General Assembly in 2015. He was the keynote speaker at Pittsburgh Jewish Residential Services' 2015 annual meeting, discussing "Building an Inclusive Community." Matthew's interest in public policy and advocacy was enhanced by his travels to Poland and Israel in January 2016 as one of eight nationally selected Frank Fellows with the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

8. **Please attach a jpeg picture of the honoree:**