A Social Work Buckeye You Should Know!

Alan Engel

COLLEGE: College of Social Work

DEGREE: BSSW ’67, MSW ’69

CAREER: Jewish Community Federation

NOTABLE: Many have declared Alan Engel to be among the best Jewish professionals in the nation, noting that his excellent reputation and judgment extends across the country and on an international scale.

In 1988, Alan began serving in Louisville, KY as the executive director of the Jewish Community Federation, where he was a key player in merging the Federation and the Jewish Community Center.

Some of the work Alan is most proud of includes his being the Board Chair of the Coalition for Homelessness in Louisville. Under his leadership, the Louisville Federation, along with 11 other communities in the States, established a Consortium which brings Israel and the local communities more closely together through exchange programs in areas such as education, camping, medicine, art, and professional development. As a result, individuals in Israel and the States are better aware of each other, including the spiritual connection of the two.

With more than 20 years of passion and professionalism, Alan retired in 2010. He has an honorary doctorate degree from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, and in appreciation of his service to the community, the Alan S. Engel Partnership with Israel Professional Development Fund was also established. Alan credits his Ohio State social work education to his success.

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